**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

January 21, 2018

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Jackie C. opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Standing Rules:** Darie A.

**Step of the Month:** Mary Ann S.

**Tradition of the Month:** Sharon H.

**Service Concept of the Month:** Mary F.

**Attending:** Jackie C., chair; Darie A., vice-chair; Tony A., treasurer; Mary F., secretary

Janet L., Sharon H., Ali E., Jeannine F., Mary Ann S.

**Secretary’s Report:** Tony A. took the minutes at the December 2017 meeting. He will work the Mary F. to get out a full report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. indicated he will send out a report closing out 2017. We have paid the last Answering Service bill.

Cincinnati Intergroup received $3,348.73 from the Region V Convention. This will show as a separate line item for Region V expenses because we used the checking account to run these monies.

We ended 2017 slightly over-budget but finish the year with approximately $9,692.35 in checking and $12,885.26 in the prudent reserve account. Any group donations received after 12/31/17 will be entered for 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  Tony A. spoke with Jackie C. regarding proceeds from our 2016 Special Events. He indicated he would defer adopting a budget until February. He said there would probably not be any major changes but this would give committee chairs a chance to make any requests.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** Sharon H. reported on the new Cincinnati Bell service which commenced operations on December 19, 2017. For the period 12/19/17 to 12/31/17 there were 22 calls; two were returned by OA. Janet L. has sent out information to the phone volunteers regarding procedures for picking up calls. Sharon commented on the possibility of increased traffic on the website due to referrals from the new service.

**Delegates:** Jackie C. will represent Cincinnati IG at the April WSBC in Albuquerque, NM. (NOTE: There has been a change. Darie A. will represent Cincinnati.) Jackie C. and Mary F. will represent Cincinnati at the Region V Spring Assembly in March.

**Membership:** Sharon has uploaded the current directory to the website.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. commented there hasn’t been a lot of activity to report. She has requested IG order a supply of the “Introducing OA to Healthcare Professionals” pamphlet. She is researching bulletin board advertising. Ali E. provided her with a link for further information and suggested Jeannine continue with her research and report at the next meeting.

**Our Common Welfare:** Ali E. reviewed the work of this ad hoc committee. Instances of inappropriate behavior in meetings have been reported. The purpose of the committee is to work with Greater Cincinnati OA groups to strengthen their effectiveness in upholding Tradition One which states that our common welfare depends on OA unity, and to ensure that our meetings remain a safe place to find recovery. The group met on Jan. 9 to work on a format for use in meetings which would address this issue. It was suggested a “safety” paragraph based on the new WSBC guidelines might be discussed during a Group Conscience for inclusion in a group’s meeting format. The committee will meet again on Jan. 31.

**Special Events:** Jackie C. reported the 2018 Recovery Rally will again be held at Terwilliger Lodge in Montgomery – Friday evening, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. No retreat has been scheduled for 2018. There were financial concerns stemming from the 2016 event and concerns about the small number of locations available.

**Ways and Means:** Jackie is working to fill this committee’s chair vacancy.

**Questions for committees**:

* Tony A. asked Janet L. whether she was happy with the new system. She will follow up for next month.
* Clarification was also requested regarding the registration deadlines for the WSBC and Region V Assembly. The deadline for WSBC is February 12.
* Tony asked whether Ali could provide further information into the nature of reported disruptive behavior. She said there have been several reports of sexual harassment and sexually inappropriate behavior. We are not the only IG with this problem. This issue is also being investigated by the Region Trustees.
* Jackie asked about opportunities to participate in discussions regarding IG Budget issues. It was suggested consideration be given to a conference call meeting to increase opportunities for participation.
* Ali asked whether an audit had been scheduled. Tony responded it has not been and will get together with Jackie. As Vice-Chair, Darie A. gets to make sure it happens.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** In November IG had voted to table discussion of the establishment of an IG office until 2018. Since Sharon H. has begun getting calls from the leasing agent, she asked whether the group felt we should continue investigating this matter. A motion was made that we not move forward with this matter. The motion carried unanimously (8 for; none against).

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9

 Meetings represented – 7

 Eligible to vote - 8

 Delegates – 2

 Alternate delegates – 2

 Committee chairs – 4

 Board members – 4

Meeting closed at 5:03 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.