**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

October 16, 2016

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Ali E. opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

**Standing Rules:** Ali E.

**Step and Service Concept:** Ali E.

**Attending:** Ali E. (chair), Matthew H. (vice-chair)

Janet L., Mary F., Carole C., Marilyn A., Sharon H., Sue M., Karla S., Phil B.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes of September meeting were distributed and reviewed. Minutes accepted as corrected to note that the serenity pens ordered by Ways and Means were for the retreat.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ali E. read Tony A’s. emailed report. Monthly bills for October (Cincinnati Bell and the answering service) have been paid. There were five group donations totaling $412.80 which will be processed. A full report will be given in November including all activity between the September meeting and the end of October. It was also noted that the discrepancies in the August budget report were indeed the result of errors in the Excel spreadsheet.

**Chair:** No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget:**  No report

**By-Laws:**  No report

**Communications:** Sharon H. provided a written report.

Telephone: For the period 8/21/16 to 9/20/16 - 20 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service with no calls returned by OA. Total for the period: 20

 Intergroup Website (9/16/16 t0 10/13/16): 3,998 page views (increase of 866) and 1,494 unique visitors (increase of 427). Monthly update of website included posting of current meeting directory and posting of the Treasurer’s Reports.

 Intergroup Email: Four new contacts haven been added to the OA Fellowship Contact list; sent email blast to IG reps (1) and the Fellowship (3).

**Delegates:** Ali E. and Matthew H. represented Cincinnati IG at the Region V Convention in Detroit. They were able to get information on how the event was run and what Cincinnati will need to host the 2017 event. Ali E. was literature chair for the event. Left-over books will be offered for sale at the retreat.

**Membership:** Mary F. reported for Barb E. The Meeting Directory is current as of 10/10/16 including information on the discontinuation of the Tuesday new members meeting and the closing of the Monday JEEP meeting. (Sharon H. noted it has been uploaded to the website.)

 Two meetings from Batesville, Indiana will join the Cincinnati IG. Changes to the directory will be posted as details are finalized.

**Public Outreach:** Ali E. noted we still need a chair for the committee and then outlined some of the work which could be taken on by this committee.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. noted there would be a Step 12 Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Mary F. gave an update on retreat registration. Ali E. indicated the call has gone out for volunteers to help with the event.

**Ways and Means:** Ali E. reported for Joe B. She listed a brief inventory of items that would be for sale. Joe B. will set up the Ways and Means/Literature table but needs volunteers to help run things during the event. (She reminded the group that proceeds from Ways and Means sales go to our delegates’ fund. We do not make money on literature sales – we sell it at cost.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Aglamesis property issue is “on hold”. In an email Joe B. indicated things are in flux regarding which offices will actually be available.

Regarding the answering service, Janet L. indicated there is still not enough information regarding our options. She asked whether anyone had any experience with “Connected Office Voice”.

**Questions for committees**:

1. Sue M. asked whether it would be possible for “walk-ins” to attend the retreat. (There was no firm answer; something along the line of “probably not”.)

2. Is there any requirement to be Public Outreach chair? Ali E. indicated there is not any requirement. The committee chair is appointed by the Intergroup Chair.

3. The question of “why an office” was revisited. It was indicated such a space could be used for literature storage and possibly as a home for some groups. The accessibility issue was restated. Sue M. suggested a needs assessment of the membership. Phil B. asked whether there was a set criterion for any space we might look at for this purpose. Ali E. said we have to consider what we need and why. This will be placed in new business next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

There was an informal discussion on the topic of upcoming Intergroup elections. No one has to “come off” the board at the end of the year but it was suggested the group look into possible term overlap in the future for continuity. According to the By-laws, nominations are to be taken in October and November with the election to be held in November. (Nominations offered were as follows: Chair – Ali E.; Vice-Chair – Matthew H.; Treasurer – Tony A.; Secretary – Mary F.) Sharon H. indicated she would send out an email blast to IG reps reminding them of elections.

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 10

 Meetings represented – 10

 Eligible to vote - 9

 Delegates – 1

 Alternate delegates – 1

 Committee chairs – 2

 Board members – 2

 Visitors – 0

Meeting closed at 5:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.