**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

February 18, 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:** Jeannine F.

**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., Matthew H., Jeannine F., Terresa T. (visitor)

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes approved pending the addition of Mary Ann S. to the attendance list.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. did not distribute a printed report since a 2018 budget has not been approved. (This will be discussed and he indicated he hoped we would be able to adopt a new budget at this meeting.) January bills included updates in the Cincinnati Bell service. Six group donations were sent to the post office box.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  Tony A. outlined a number of items for the proposed 2018 budget. He reviewed cost details for delegates and special events. Costs for the WSBC in Albuquerque are up from 2017 and since the Region 5 Assembly is now three days, two extra hotel nights are required. Numbers for the 2018 Recovery Rally are based on 2016 costs for catering and the room charge. Other changes include a reduction in the budget for the Communications committee since the Answering Service has been discontinued. Budget shortfalls would be offset by funds from the 2017 Region 5 Convention and IG’s Prudent Reserve.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** Sharon H. shared statistics from the Communications Committee report. For the period 1/1/18 to 1/31/18 there were a total of 16 calls: eight were calls for personal recovery and returned by OA; four calls were returned to professionals. (There were four sales/wrong number calls.) Five new contacts were added from the website submission form.

**Delegates:** Jackie C. noted that she and Mary F. will represent Cincinnati IG at the Region 5 Assembly in March. There will be two more Assemblies in 2018 – a conference call in July and another “face-to-face” meeting in November. It was noted that delegates are chosen as a part of the November IG elections. Darie A. will represent Cincinnati IG at the April WSBC in Albuquerque, NM. Darie indicated she is looking forward to bringing back ideas that will help grow OA in the Greater Cincinnati area.

**Membership:** Jackie C. reported for Membership chair Barb E. noting the meeting directory has been updated to be posted on the website in March. Barb is again working to reconcile the online (oa.org) meeting list with our printed list.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. will be visiting meetings over the next two or three months to introduce members to the “Introducing OA to Healthcare Professionals” pamphlet.

**Our Common Welfare:** Tony A. reported the committee has drafted a statement which might be added to individual group formats emphasizing that our meetings are to be a safe place free from harassment and disruptive behavior. This will be reflected in changes to the by-laws.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. reported on the 2018 Recovery Rally will again be held at Terwilliger Lodge in Montgomery – Friday evening, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. He said the committee met that afternoon and he will be sending information to Sharon H. to “get the word out”. The program entitled “A New You in Recovery” will emphasize the practices that lead to spiritual, mental and physical recovery.

Vonderhaar’s will again be catering the event. A basket raffle chair is needed.

**Ways and Means:** No chair / no report.

**Questions for committees**:

Questions revolved around a number of line items in the proposed budget. Tony indicated he would bring copies of the 12/31/17 statement so members could see how the numbers lined up.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Darie A. presented a WSBC survey which is being used to help determine the agenda for the April meeting. Jackie C. will email a copy of the survey so IG members (?) can give input. She will tabulate the results and send them on to World Service.

Jackie proposed having committee chairs send their reports to her for collation and printing prior to the next IG meeting.

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9

Meetings represented – 5

Eligible to vote - 6

Delegates – 3

Alternate delegates – 2

Committee chairs – 4

Board members – 4

Visitors - 1

Meeting closed at 5:04 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.