**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

February 19, 2017

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Ali E. opened the meeting at 4:08 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Standing Rules:** Jackie C.

**Step, Tradition, Service Concept:** Mary Ann S.

**Attending:** Ali E. (chair), Matthew H. (vice-chair), Tony A. (treasurer), Mary F. (secretary)

Janet L., Jackie C., Mary Ann S.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes of the January meeting were approved with the stipulation that they be amended to clarify items in the Special Events report. A compilation of notes from the December 2016 meeting (taken by various members in the secretary’s absence) was presented. Those attending were asked to review this report and note any changes or corrections.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. will present a report next month after the approval of the new budget. He indicated there was a back-log regarding group donations.

**Chair:** Ali E. noted the need to schedule an audit. Matthew H. suggested that it be held after the Region V Convention due to time constraints. Ali asked that it be schedule before the April Intergroup meeting if at all possible.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  Tony A. distributed two potential budgets for consideration under New Business. One included numbers resulting from a possible spring event (i.e. Recovery Rally); the other did not. Event scholarships are not included in either proposal. Line items in the proposed budgets are arranged to reflect changes in last year’s by-laws regarding committee structure. Tony noted increases in the answering service ($1,200.00 to $1,600.00) and Post Office Box ($66.00 to $70.00) rates as well as our liability insurance (606.00 to $627.00). He indicated we would be “overspending” regardless of decisions on scheduled events.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** Sharon H. provided a written report including website and email updates and stats. She is currently updating the Intergroup email contact list.

Telephone: Janet L.’s report indicated that for the period 12/21/16 to 1/20/17, 15 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service; four calls returned by OA. Total for the period: 19

**Delegates:** Tony A. and Ali E. will be representing Cincinnati IG at the Region V Assembly

March 10-12.

**Membership:** Mary F. reported for Barb E. The current meeting directory has been forwarded to Sharon H. for posting on the website.

**Public Outreach:** No report; still looking for a chair for this committee.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. suggested we forego the Recovery Rally and Fall Retreat for 2017 due to the Region V Convention commitment. He would like to see a survey of the fellowship on workshop ideas.

**Ways and Means:** No report. We are looking for a new chair. Anyone interested should contact Ali.

**Questions for committees**:

Matthew H. asked Tony A. whether income from the Region V Convention could be considered a potential revenue source. Tony answered that such funds might be used to offset deficits in the 2017 budget.

Mary Ann S. asked about updated email/contact information.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Tony A. asked whether anyone had been appointed to head up the search for an IG office. Ali indicated no one had stepped forward up to this point. Mary Ann S. suggested an email be sent to all IG reps for them to announce at their meetings. Matthew H. noted Ali E.’s contact information should be included in the email.

**NEW BUSINESS:** *(The group expressed a willingness to stay beyond the usual hour so the following items could be resolved.)*

1. Matthew H. moved that we suspend our two local special events (the Spring Recovery Rally and the Fall Retreat) until 2018 because the Cincinnati Intergroup is hosting the 2017 Region V Convention. Janet L. seconded the motion. After discussion the motion carried.

**6 – For; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstaining**

1. Tony A. moved that Intergroup “accept the proposed 2017 budget that reflects the status of the Special Events calendar for 2017, either with or without a Recovery Rally or Retreat as voted on by Intergroup.” *(NOTE: This was clarified 3/19/17 to mean the budget proposal without special events.)* He noted the decision to suspend the Recovery Rally and Retreat would reduce the amount “over-budget”. Matthew H. asked whether there could be a line item for proposed income from the Region V Convention. Tony A. said he would add that. Janet L. inquired as to whether we would incur expenses as a result of hosting the Convention. Tony responded that Region V will advance funds. Chair Ali E. called the question. The motion carried.

**6 – For; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstaining**

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 7

Meetings represented – 5

Eligible to vote - 6

Delegates – 3

Alternate delegates – 0

Committee chairs – 3

Board members – 4

Visitors – 0

Meeting closed at 5:54 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.