**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

March 18, 2018

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Jackie C. opened the meeting at 4:04 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Standing Rules:** Ali E.

**Step of the Month:** Jeannine F.

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

**Service Concept of the Month:** ???

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

Janet L., Sharon H., Matthew H., Jeannine F., Ivan S., George S., Ali E.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes approved as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. did not again distribute a printed report since a 2018 budget has not been approved. An amended budget based on feedback will be discussed and he indicated he hoped we would be able to adopt a new budget at this meeting. February bills included updates in the Cincinnati Bell service.

**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 2/1/18 to 2/28/18 there were a total of four calls: three were calls for personal recovery (two by the same person) and returned by OA; two calls were returned to professionals. (There were 48 total calls, of which 44 were hang-ups, four as listed previously.) Nine new contacts were added from the website submission form. IG website updated to remove holiday meeting changes

**Delegates:** Jackie C. and Mary F. represented Cincinnati IG at the Region 5 Assembly in March and will submit a written report at April IG. There will be two more Assemblies in 2018 – a conference call in July (Mary and Jackie will attend this call) and another “face-to-face” meeting in November. It was noted that delegates are chosen as a part of the November IG elections – current delegates include Jackie, Mary, Matthew and Tony, while alternate are Darie and Ali. Cincinnati IG’s input for April WSBC agenda was submitted on Mar 22.

**Membership:** March-April updates to meeting list by Barb E included men’s focus OA meeting on Wed at 10am. It is also on WSO website. While the focus might be on men’s issues, anyone who has a desire to stop eating compulsively should be permitted to attend.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. visited 9 of 31 meetings to introduce members to the “Introducing OA to Healthcare Professionals” pamphlet. She also shared cost proposals for billboards (paper and digital). Given the cost, a discussion and decision would need to happen before committing to these.

**Our Common Welfare:** Ali reported the committee scheduled group conscience discussions at 6 meeting most affected by the harassment problem. Outcome of these meetings will be to implement OA WSO guidelines for dealing with the disruptive behavior and the adoption of a recommended “safety statement” into the group’s format.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. handed out registration flyers, shared that Denise O. from Indianapolis would be the lead speaker, and explained the purpose of the “Night of Expression” Friday night activity.

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

**Questions for committees**:

Sharon asked for an electronic copy of the Recovery Rally flyer (Jackie will send). Janet asked for clarification of the Recovery Rally’s Apr 16 deadline for registration submissions and what would happen if someone could attend if the event was not sold out – guidance was to call Matthew to arrange for addition to registration list.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jeannine asked for a Publicity Outreach committee budget increase in order to fund participation in a health fair in Washington Park in OTR on April 28 – motion was adopted. Tony A. asked to pass the budget proposal with the amendment for the Public Outreach committee increase – motion was adopted.

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 11

Meetings represented – 10 (5 reps represented them)

Eligible to vote - 10

Delegates – 2

Alternate delegates – 2

Committee chairs – 6

Board members – 4

Visitors - 0

Meeting closed at 5:02 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Tony A. on behalf of Mary F.