**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

March 19, 2017

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

**Standing Rules:** Janet L.

**Step, Tradition, Service Concept:** Jeannine F.

**Attending:** Ali E., chair; Matthew H., vice-chair (via conference call); Tony A., treasurer; Mary F., secretary, Janet L., Jackie C., Dee Z., Maria W., Joe B., Sharon H., Jeannine F.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes of the February meeting were approved with the clarification of which budget proposal had been approved for 2017.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. reported the budget numbers reflect what was adopted at the February meeting. The report shows the standard bills for January and February. There is a sizeable line item for delegate expenses. This includes the Region V Assembly earlier in the month and Ali E.’s upcoming trip to the WSO meeting in May. Listed group donations are all shown as March income, but some are from January and February.

**Chair:** Ali E. noted she is still working to assemble a committee for locating an IG office and also to determine the status of a chair for the PIPO committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  No report.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** Sharon H. provided a written report including website and email updates and stats.

Telephone: Janet L.’s report indicated that for the period 1/21/16 to 2/20/17, 11 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service; three calls returned by OA. Total for the period: 14

Sharon questioned whether it was necessary to report unique page views. Determining these stats is a manual process since we are using the “free” edition of Weebly Pro.

Regarding the investigation into a new phone/answering service, Sharon reported on a program called Grasshopper. We would have to “port” our number. She recommends staying with Cincinnati Bell at this time. She also pointed out that Cincinnati Bell is no longer connected to the White or Yellow Pages.

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

March 10-12. Tony reported. There are only two region assemblies this year. During Friday’s “Ohio” meeting, the delegates discussed the Ohio Day of Sharing which will be August 5 in Columbus. On Saturday the Outreach Committee discussed “Unity with Diversity” – Tony and Ali are both on the Unity with Diversity Committee. On Sunday the delegates discussed changes to the Region V By-Laws.

Flyers for the upcoming Region V Convention were distributed.

**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. Checking to see if Leslie M. is still interested.

**Special Events:** No report.

**Ways and Means:** Joe B. reported they are looking for a new chair. The committee is in transition. Joe says he will work with whoever takes over. Joe also noted sales by the Ways and Means Committee help to support our delegates. Anyone interested should contact Ali.

**Questions for committees**:

Tony A. asked Sharon H. and Janet L. whether they had any thoughts timing if we decide to make a change in our phone system. Sharon indicated there would not be much lag time and wondered how much notice we would have to give the answering service.

Ali E. asked whether we could get a phone just for IG. It would have to be a “Smart Phone” to accommodate necessary apps. Janet L. talked about her discussions with Cincinnati Bell. She indicated she is still exploring their options before making a motion to IG.

Ali E. asked for an update on the Region V Convention. Tony E. talked about the nature of a Region Convention and reviewed the registration form. The committee is encouraging local members of the Fellowship to stay in the hotel.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tony A. moved that since Easter falls on the third Sunday in April, we might want to reschedule the meeting from April 16 to April 23. Matthew H. seconded the motion.

One “pro” offered was that the Region V Convention planning committee had already changed its meeting to April 23. A “con” stated the importance of making sure the change was well-communicated.

**8 – For; 1 – Against; 1 – Abstaining**

Ali E. asked Sharon H. to put a reminder on the website and to send an email blast to IG reps.

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 11

Meetings represented – 8

Eligible to vote - 10

Delegates – 3

Alternate delegates – 0

Committee chairs – 3

Board members – 4

Visitors – 0

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

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.