**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

May 20, 2018

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Jackie C. opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Standing Rules:** Pilar F.

**Step of the Month:** Janet L.

**Tradition of the Month:** Ali E.

**Service Concept of the Month:** Darie A.

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

Janet L., Pilar F., Ali E., Ivan S., Jeannine F., Barbara E.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved pending a correction to the report on Our Common Welfare.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jackie C. reported for Tony A. The income statement and group donations report as of April 30, 2018 were distributed in the IG rep’s packets.

We have still not received a bill for the new business phone service (January – May). Sharon H. will contact Cincinnati Bell.

Cincinnati IG has not had an audit of our books in three years. Darie and Tony are setting up an audit. The Audit Committee will include other volunteers. There will be a follow-up meeting on how to handle the “excess” funds in our prudent reserve.

Jackie will forward group questions on the income statement/donation sheet to Tony. Among issues raised were questions on the Recovery Rally funds and why no donation amounts were recorded from January through March 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  No report. (Some items were discussed in treasurer’s report.)

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** The Communications Committee report was included in the packets. For the month of April there were a total of seven voicemail messages: three were calls for personal recovery and were returned by OA; one call was logged as a wrong number; one possible prank call; two sales calls. Fourteen new contacts were added from the website submission form.

Janet L. reported on the meeting schedule for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Delegates:** Jackie reported on the Region 5 Outreach Committee work. The Member-to-Member subcommittee is working on personal recovery. Jackie and Mary F. are on the Intergroup-to-Intergroup subcommittee. This group is reaching out to Intergroups that have not been sending delegates to the Region 5 Assemblies – most notably the Michigan IGs – to determine what assistance might be beneficial. The committee met twice in May via conference call. An Intergroup Renewal Workshop is being considered. After Michigan this would be available to other IGs in Region 5.

Darie A. will provide a written report on April’s World Service Business Conference for the June IG meeting.

**Membership:** Jeannine F. and Sharon H. joined Barbara E. and Jackie C. to begin a process of strengthening Intergroup and the Membership Committee. The committee is working to make sure the meeting directory is up-to-date with meeting contacts, phone numbers and location information. The WSO meeting list is being reviewed against our local directory for accuracy and continuity. While speaking with meeting contacts, they are encouraging greater participation in Intergroup (more folks becoming IG reps). They hope to demonstrate IG’s commitment to strong meetings through increased communication.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. reviewed her experience at the Washington Park Health Fair in April. She was disappointed that our table was in an out of the way location. She said most people who came up to talk to her were sincerely interested. The question of whether it was worth the expense for approximately 50 people will be explored.

Jeannine also asked for help distributing the Professional Outreach packets to meetings she has been unable to attend.

**Our Common Welfare:** Ali E. indicated there was no formal report for the last month. The committee’s tasks have been “emotionally exhausting.” Members continue working to get the safety statement out to all meetings in our area and encourage meetings to hold a Group Conscience about incorporating the suggested meeting format change. They are also checking in with the six meetings affected since their group conscience meetings.

**Special Events:** Jackie indicated she has spoken to Tony about ideas for future events. She hopes to gain fresh insights from a 2018 fellowship inventory. This will be a June IG meeting topic. The goal is to fill the Special Events chair after inventory data has been reviewed. Another goal is to plan and execute a “recovery-themed” event before the end of the calendar year.

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

**Questions for committees**:

Jeannine was asked whether she had considered radio/TV PSAs (Public Service Announcements) as a means of getting the word out. She responded she has reached out locally with zero response.

Barb pointed out the Inventories available on the WSO website. Jackie suggested these might, with modifications, be useful for the membership-at-large. Jackie asked about the next meeting of the Membership Committee. Barb said she would send out an email.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9

Meetings represented – 9

Eligible to vote - 8

Delegates – 2

Alternate delegates – 2

Committee chairs – 3

Board members – 3

Visitors - 0

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

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.