**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

July 16, 2017

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

**Standing Rules:** Jeannine F.

**Step / Principle:** Mary Ann S.

**Tradition / Principle**: Jackie C.

**Service Concept / Principle:** Janet L.

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

Jackie C., Janet L., Jeannine F., Mary Ann S., Rob N.

**Secretary’s Report:** Secretary Mary F. reported she had not completed the June minutes. They will be submitted with the July report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Tony A. presented an abbreviated treasurer’s report. Two bills were paid in July – the telephone answering service and Cincinnati Bell. There were three donations. The available balance in the primary checking account is $6,441.50; the available prudent reserve savings account balance is $12,883.98. A full report will be given at the August IG meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  No report.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** Janet L. gave the telephone report. For the period 4/21/17 to 5/20/17 - 23 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service; eight calls were returned by OA for a total of 31 calls. For the period 5/21/17 to 6/20/17, there was a total of 31 calls - 29 referred by the answering service; two calls returned by OA.

Sharon continues to be in communication with Cincinnati Bell regarding the process to transfer our answering service / telephone service.

**Delegates:** Tony A. participated in a Region V conference call “assembly”. He reported on different aspects of the Convention. As of July 15, there were 131 registrations Region-wide. Only 18 were from our Greater Cincinnati Intergroup. The Region V Assembly in November will be in Merrillville.

**Membership:** Mary F. reported Barbara E. indicated there is one change to the meeting directory – the Monday night Lebanon meeting has closed. Ali E. again noted Barb is willing to continue taking care of the directory even though she is not able to attend IG meetings. They will discuss what other duties need to be taken care of and how this will be handled.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. shared a memo she is working on for an “e-blast” about spreading the word to health care professionals. Various methods of purchasing the OA Professionals Packets were discussed. Ali indicated funding would be discussed under the heading of “New Business”.

**Special Events:** Matthew H. distributed registration brochures for the Region V Convention and indicated volunteers are still needed. He asked reps to encourage the folks in their meetings to get registered. It’s too easy to wait until the last minute and find there are no hotel rooms. Jackie C. emphasized that if not enough rooms are booked, we will lose meeting rooms thereby limiting session availability. She will use the cincinnatioa.org website to issue Convention updates.

**Ways and Means:** Ali again mentioned that Joe B. is retiring as chair.

**Questions for committees**: Mary Ann S. asked about the availability of scholarship money for the Convention. Tony indicated there are still funds available. She also asked about the change in the phone system. Janet L. said no date has been determined.

Janet L. pointed out the new Friday morning meeting in Bridgetown.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None submitted.

Chair Jeannine F. moved that the funding for PIPO be increased by $300.00 (to a total of $500.00) for outreach activities. This was seconded by Mary Ann S.

Ali E. asked for pros and cons. Jeannine offered the first pro – She indicated use of the professional outreach packets provides an easy way to do 12th Step work to grow the Fellowship. Jackie C. presented the first con – Perhaps the group should consider offering three packets to each meeting rather than five. Mary Ann S. (pro) reminded members that the primary purpose is to reach out to those who have not heard of OA. It was suggested that the moneys be made available. Some meetings may already have copies and some could afford to purchase their own. Rob N. pointed out the fine line between outreach and promoting ourselves. Chair Ali E. called the question.

**7 – For; 0 – Against; 1 – Abstaining**

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 9

Meetings represented – 7

Eligible to vote - 8

Delegates – 3

Alternate delegates – 0

Committee chairs – 3

Board members – 4

Meeting closed at 4:58 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.