**Greater Cincinnati Intergroup Minutes**

August 20, 2017

**Serenity Prayer and Welcome:** Ali E. opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Standing Rules:** Ali E.

**Step / Principle:** Jeannine F.

**Attending:** Ali E., chair; Mary F., secretary

Jackie C., Janet L., Jeannine F., Sharon H., Joe B.

**Secretary’s Report:** June and July minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mary F. shared an email from Tony A. presenting an abbreviated treasurer’s report. All bills and donations received as of Friday, Aug. 11, have been processed. (Cincinnati Bell telephone bills are paid electronically.) The answering service has been paid up through July. Group donations from late June to date are listed in the August summary column on the donations report. Tony will update the budget before the September meeting to reflect increase in Public Outreach budget. While noting that group donations are down this year, he indicated we should be able to expect a boost in income after proceeds from the Region V Convention are distributed – sometime in December.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:**  No report.

Intergroup Phone Service: Janet L.

**By-Laws:**  No report.

**Communications:** For the period 6/21/17 to 7/20/17 - 10 callers were referred to meetings by the answering service; five calls were returned by OA for a total of 15 calls. Sharon H. indicated there were 1,245 unique visitors to the InterGroup website in July. She also noted the updated meeting directory has been posted.

**Delegates:** No report.

**Membership:** Membership chair Barbara E. sent an email with an attached copy of the August-September meeting directory. She noted there were no changes. Barb added that once all the Convention activity is over some of the energy might be focused on keeping Membership information (updating lists, making sure there are group contacts and reps, and working on the sponsor/speaker lists) up to date.

**Public Outreach:** Jeannine F. reported the memo she reported on last month did go out in an “email-blast”. She plans to visit meetings to further explain the 12th Step work of Public Outreach. Jeannine has applied for table space at the Liberty Township Fall Festival to make folks in that area aware of OA. She has not heard on the status of her application.

**Special Events:** Sharon H. reported for the Region V Convention Committee. At this point 180 people are registered for the event. She credits the level of outreach to the membership (region-wide) for the upturn in registrations. Jeannine F. added that committee members are getting a feel for their jobs and that the group has moved from planning to execution. Region V has approved the program that was submitted to them.

**Ways and Means:** Joe B. has ordered 36 OA Slogan Coffee Mugs to be sold in the Convention Marketplace. Cost about $135.00.

**Questions for committees**: Jackie C. asked whether Jeannine F. was aware of WSO grants covering entry fees for events like the Fall Festival. Janet L. asked whether Jeannine would like help at the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Joe B. revisited the discussion of renting space for an InterGroup office. He met with a commercial realtor and presented a list of possible sites. He indicated five of the sites met our criteria for cost and size but said he wasn’t sure whether we could bank on having meetings using the facility cover any of the rent. Ali E. said we had already determined that we wanted to pursue this. Joe said he is willing to check out these locations. Ali noted we might be able to start a new meeting in one of the areas listed where meetings are scarce. Janet L. asked about accessibility and parking. Ali said use of space (just an InterGroup office or office and meeting space would be a determining factor in the square feet required. Joe and Ali will visit these locations.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Communications chair Sharon H. reviewed the status of the switch from our answering service to a voicemail system. We would discontinue the answering service and go with Cincinnati Bell Connect Mobile. Cost would be $34.95 per month and would require a two-year contract. (We are currently paying $36.00 + per month.) The “app” is transferable.

The motion was made that IG send a notice of termination to the Answering Service and proceed with the switch to Cincinnati Bell.

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

**Credentials:**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 7

Meetings represented – 6

Eligible to vote - 6

Delegates – 1

Alternate delegates – 0

Committee chairs – 3

Board members – 2

Meeting closed with the recitation of the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted by Mary F.