**Minutes – GCIS Board Meeting – 1/9/25**

1. Those present included Carolyn D., Linda L., Laura, Caroline & Steve E., Michael B., Lisa, Mary Beth D., and Kristen V.
2. The meeting began with the Serenity Prayer.
3. The minutes were reviewed. Mike moved to accept the minutes, and Steve seconded. Approval was unanimous.
4. Alateen
   1. 12 people attended the last meeting!
   2. A new sponsor has joined to help out.
   3. Ohio will host KOMIAC this year in late July.
5. Literature Office
   1. Will be open first 3 Saturdays of the month, 9-12.
   2. Web address is cincinnatiafg.org; email links are there.
   3. Intergroup donations are appreciated!
   4. Weather might preclude opening this Saturday.
   5. Answering service has 7 volunteers.
   6. Changes can be emailed to [grouprecords@cincinnatiafg.org](mailto:grouprecords@cincinnatiafg.org).
   7. Web changes can be emailed to [webmaster@cincinnatiafg.org](mailto:webmaster@cincinnatiafg.org).
   8. Calendar changes can be emailed to [directory@cincinnatiafg.org](mailto:directory@cincinnatiafg.org).
6. Outreach
   1. Laura has taken this responsibility. She is looking for help.
   2. Wants to contact outside institutions.
   3. Laura had one contact from a mental health institution in Minnesota asking for literature. It was suggested that Laura contact Intergroup in Minneapolis.
   4. Mimi would be a good contact. Linda has her contact info.
   5. Billboards? Bus stops?
7. Should we move to meetings in a physical location?
   1. Mix of meetings in person and on line? This would encourage some team building and help people meeting each other. Location?
   2. Mary Beth encouraged in person meetings, and supported a mix.
   3. Laura also supported a mix. Could the in person meetings be a hybrid? This would depend on availability of a laptop and internet access at the location.
   4. Steve noted that the convenience of the online meeting has been a big help.
   5. Caroline noted that lack of volunteers came from online meetings with less contact.
   6. Mike noted the history of our in person meetings. Location?
   7. Laura asked if an announcement could be put on the web site asking for volunteers and announcing the in person meetings.
   8. Would a cell phone hot spot suffice?
   9. Linda will check with Tri-County on availability for one Thursday meeting a month. The wifi there is good.
   10. Mike will call Church of the Savior, where his home group meets.
8. Kristen will be the new treasurer!
   1. What software should we use? Quickbooks is $30/month, and is online. Kristine would prefer an online service, rather than something installed on her laptop.
   2. Freshbooks was cheaper than Quickbooks. Sage did not publish prices.
   3. Quickbooks would be an easier transition. Carolyn prefers it, and Caroline uses it for the LO. The LO files the Form 990.
   4. Mike moved to purchase a Quickbooks subscription; Caroline seconded. The motion passed. Carolyn will proceed.
9. The issue of Intergroup having their own EIN number is tabled until March.
10. Carolyn asked for patience with her aphasia after her stroke.
11. Linda asked about access to email lists; Mike will add her to the permissions list.
12. Laura asked to give Linda flyers to distribute when she makes her rounds to District 14.
13. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 13.
14. The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.