

GCIS - Minutes – 11-12-20

1. Call to order .
2. Those present included John S., Carol B., Caroline E., Carolyn B, Michael B., Sheri B.
3. Serenity Prayer
4. Officer Reports
 1. Recording Secretary: The minutes for the September meeting were approved as written. Caroline asked if we could send out the minutes within a week or so of the meeting so that they could be distributed prior to the next meeting. Michael B. and John S. agreed; Mike will get out the minutes for this meeting within a week for email approval by the board.
 2. Treasurer:
 1. The donation revenue to Intergroup is currently running at about half of last year's rate. We need to put out a year end appeal. Mike B. will write an appeal letter, and Carol B. will distribute it.
 2. At the current donation rate, Intergroup and probably the Literature Office as well will be bankrupt by this time next year, if revenues do not increase.
 3. The suggestion was made to put a link on the cincinnatiaft.org web site to make it easy for people to contribute to Intergroup via PayPal.
 4. If an individual logs in to PayPal, then can click on "Send" and in the search box, type "Al-anon Intergroup Cincinnati", put in the amount, and in the "Notes" box indicate the location of the Group, District number, and Group Number. That should work.
 5. The address for mailed in donations is 2051 E. Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45241-1803.
 3. Literature Office:
 1. The office will only be open for two Saturdays a month. Tri-County center has agreed to cut the office's rent in half because of the pandemic. Thank you!
 2. Sales are averaging roughly \$150 per month. The office has not placed any new orders for literature and is selling from its current inventory.
 3. Caroline attempted to negotiate a lower internet and phone rate with GoDaddy, but to no avail.
 4. We've reduced all the costs we can. Now we need more revenue to keep the doors of the Literature Office open.
 4. Ways to recruit district reps? Do people know what a DR does?
 5. Chairperson
 1. We have not had any new meetings scheduled for several months.
 2. Looking for support and ideas for workshops. Yes, and Intergroup now has their own Zoom account, and that can be used for events.
 1. Carol B. and Mike did video the literature skit. Mike is working on producing it.
 2. Writing event? We thought in the spring.
 3. A third event might be based on “Opening our Hearts, Transforming our Losses.”
 4. A fourth topic might be “Letting Go”, especially under the circumstances!
 5. Carol did send out a message to the mailing list to try and attract some volunteers. However, we've had no responses.

6. Service work visits to other groups? Service work seminar? Lots of info in the service manual! We need more District Reps!
7. Co-Chair (Open Position)
8. Corresponding Secretary
 1. Carol B. can get a Zoom meeting arranged by contacting Carolyn D. for events or organizing.
 2. Carol has had trouble with Outlook not accepting new entries, or refusing to send out emails to certain addresses. Mike B. will work with her on this.
9. Committee Reports
10. Alateen (Donna) – not present
11. Archives/Historian – no data
12. Web Site (Caroline): Caroline has posted a note that due to Zoom bombing, we can't list Zoom meetings on the web site. Carol B. had some conversation with Theresa about posting local Zoom meetings that are not included on the WSO list. We've not seen any written communications from WSO on Zoom meetings.
13. D/R Reports
 1. DR 14 – West Side (Open)
 2. DR 15 – City Center (Open)
 3. DR 16 – North of City (Open)
14. AFG of Ohio (Theresa M.) - not present

15. Old Business

1. We need a Group Records volunteer. Access to data base is an issue.
2. Asking for volunteers to start workshops; we have three ideas.
3. Corresponding secretary will send appeal email to groups.
4. Added to the mailing list: jrjhayslip@aol.com, helen001@fuse.2net,
tutuness@gmail.com, swbogardus@gmail.com
5. Intergroup Guidelines need to be updated once every three years. Caroline will forward them to John.
6. **Next meeting – January 14 at 7 p.m. , ZOOM meeting details follow:**

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16. End with Serenity Prayer