

## April 12, 2018 INTERGROUP REP MEETING

**OPENING:** Jo opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

**TRADITIONS READ:** Lisa read the Traditions.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Groups represented: 44
- People attending: 72
- Districts: 3

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack L.:** Passed the basket.

- Shared the first report from the new system (Feb2018). Next month we will start from the Mar2018 Report and eventually share a Balance Sheet.
- Drivers of negative numbers were from new inventory costs and contractor charges (new accounting fees for example).
- Meeting with accountant on Tues., 17Apr to see if we can get a Balance Sheet in place.

**OFFICE REPORT: Jo M.**

- Working on Governance based on our Bylaws; these are already in place between our Office manager and the Board and we want to record it as policy. Once finished we will share it with the reps.
- The UT Southwestern 2nd year school students work with Intergroup in Psych rotation. We would like to do the same at Baylor Nursing School. They do say they require their nursing students go to 2x meetings a year.
- **Action:** Please let Jo M. know if you have a contact at Baylor Nursing School.

**INTERGROUP OFFICE REPORT: Lincoln S.**

- **Group Rep Emails** - Lincoln has sent 3 emails to reps – please notify him if you have not received and we will get you on the list.
- **Suggestions for improvement** - We hosted a voluntary breakfast a few weeks ago where we received some suggestions on how we could improve how we do things. As a result, I am trying to attend as many meetings as I can with you -- Intergroup Reps - at your groups. I am currently running about 4 new groups a month.
- **Accounting / POS system changes** – As a result of the migration of our previous systems to the new systems we have not heard any negative feedback.
  - We now have permanent new Accounting and Point of Sale software. This enables us to be able to email group treasurers when we receive their payment and making a record of this. Our next contributors report will be cleaned up but much improved from prior reports.
  - The Online bookstore is no longer working. When we converted to the new Point of Sale system, we created a new price sheet (PDF format) with standard pricing. This is available to all groups for ordering literature.
- **Speakers**
  - Volunteers are half-way through reviewing the speaker list, and have already removed a third due to being inactive.
  - When a group calls asking for speakers, we provide 3 names and explain it is a starting point; we suggest that the groups go to hear speakers at to other groups.
  - Have not started on the 12th step list which is often used for Nightwatch. Needs to be reviewed for requirements and accuracy.
- **Office** – Is now rearranged, and looks and smells nice.
- **Volunteers** - We need more volunteers in all areas of Intergroup office and committees
  - Talk to SPONSORS at your group to see if they can direct their sponsees to Intergroup.
  - Volunteers for Events - Northlake College hosted a health fair and the group that was supposed to help could not be reached at the last minute. Stu was ready to perform even though it was late notice.

- Sobriety requirements for Intergroup office - 6 mos. If there is someone who wants to do service work we will find an opportunity for them.
- **Actions:**
  - If you feel it is appropriate, we would like to have your committee chairs contact info so we can call them when we have those opportunities.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS** – The Board introduced themselves as chairs of the following committees (Stu R. was unable to attend the meeting).

- **CPC/PI: Stu R.** – As Lincoln mentioned, there was a Northlake College event where the hosts called 12 hours before the event. If you know someone that wants us to do an event for them, tell them to call us as early as they know about it.
  - I would like to compile a list of people who would like to go to these events at churches, colleges, health fairs. It is usually a four hour commitment with teams of 2.
  - Coming up: an 8-10 hour event on the weekend in Lewisville. More info to come.
- **Jails/Judicial/CFC: Jo M (for Freda W).**
  - The GSR for the Last Chance Group at Powledge men’s prison (Palestine, TX) has written Intergroup asking for support by sending volunteers. Their meetings are every Saturday at 11am and you must have TDCJ clearance to participate. Contact Freda W. if you are interested and she will put you in touch with the team coordinator. Remember...if a volunteer doesn’t show up for a meeting...they don’t get one. They also requested literature and that is being arranged to be taken by one of the volunteers who goes there.
  - Volunteers are still needed for Lew Sterrett teams. There is a separate county application process which is much quicker than the TDCJ process. Meetings are every night of the week at 6pm for both men and women units.
- **Newsletter: Camille K.** – Newsletter to be published within the coming weeks. Asking for people’s group anniversaries and histories so we can include them in the newsletter before these events.
- **Special Events: Joe G / Tom A**
  - **71<sup>st</sup> Intergroup Anniversary** – will be held on 15Sep18 at Northway Christian Church on Northwest Highway at Preston Rd. There will be a Speaker at this event. Save the Date!
  - **Intergroup Chili Cook-off** – to be held on 03Nov, 11a – 3pm at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on Royal and North Dallas Tollway. We will also have a cornbread cook-off!
  - **Action:** Contact Joe or Tom if you can volunteer! We need all types of volunteers! 11a - 3pm. -
- **Special Needs: Jo M.**
  - On Fri., 13Apr at 7:45am Jack L. will tell his story to the regular men’s meeting at Highland Springs. We take a meeting there every Tues at 11am. Their gratitude makes you ready to go back.
  - Will retirement home want more speakers in coming months? Probably not however we will pursue with social worker if she can put out the word to other retirement centers; must be working through a SW or a MW there.
- **Treatment Facilities** – Baxter B. - The Treehouse in Scurry, Texas (near Kaufman) needs people to bring meetings. Please let Baxter know if you are interested.
- **Nightwatch** – Jo M. – Keith is meeting with his committee tonight so he will not provide a report.

**Texas State Convention - John R** (*Texas State Convention Liaison*) – will be held on 22Jun-24Jun through 12p (noon) at the Westin Hotel in Irving. John brought flyers and asked Group reps to take to their group saying it was not too early to announce. We will also bring flyers to the groups. **CONTACT JOHN AT:** 972 824 3988 or rasor63096@yahoo.com.

## **GROUP INPUT/CONCERNS**

- Simply AA (Irving) has its 13th anniversary on July 24, 2018 at Woodhaven Church Hall
- Freedom Group Mesquite now has an 8 pm meeting
- North Texas Roundup will take place on Aug 17-19 at the Doubletree Hotel in North Dallas at Valley View Lane and Midway Rd. Reserve tickets at [www.northtexasroundup.org](http://www.northtexasroundup.org) or call Doug at 972 896 7011
- Cornerstone Group will host a Founders Day Celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Food will be served at 12:15p and Willard M from Austin will speak @ 1 pm.

**The meeting adjourned at 9 pm with the Lord's Prayer.**