

MINUTES

SARA-MANA INTERGROUP MEETING

October 19, 2021 at 7 PM

Central Office & Zoom

[Zoom ID: 733 4126 4918 PW: 912785]

- Call the Meeting to Order: by Matt
 - Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer: Matt
 - 12 Traditions: Dusty
 - Welcome and Introduction of New Intergroup Reps: Dusty – Sunday Beginners, John – Midway, Dudley – Rule 62, Maureen – Homes Beach Women, John – Kensington Park
 - A quorum was established. 13 members present
- Reports
 - Chair Report: Matt gave a brief welcome
 - Co-Chair Report: No report
 - Secretary Report: Melissa read the minutes from the previous meeting. Craig motioned to accept. Ross seconded. All approved
 - Treasurer's Report: Craig gave the Treasurer's report. September balance was \$14,673; deposits totaled \$2,468; expenses totaled \$902; less prudent reserve of \$6,500 the new balance is \$16,273.
 - Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee Chair Report: Ross – Thanked Gary for improvements in Finance reports.
Bylaws will be updated once incorporation matter is resolved.
Gary suggested that Gratitude Dinner could be a fundraiser for Intergroup.
Ross stated that Intergroup is on target to breakeven and won't be necessary this year. The group discussed a virtual or live outdoor speaker

event at a later date, since November is too close. A willing leader and committee would need to be formed.

***ADDENDUM TO INPERSON MEETING – Per Ross**

As a corporation, we are required to name a person with a Florida address who would accept service of process. We had the Central Office employee agreeing to serve in that position but then he notified us that he no longer wished to perform that function. As a result of that, we hired a professional company, Sunshine Corporate Filings, LLC as our Registered Agent. That change has taken effect. The cost was \$35 to the state of Florida to change our registration and an annual fee of \$35 for the professional service. That's \$70 this year and \$35 per year thereafter.

This action was taken after polling the members of the Finance Committee. Our vote was unanimous in favor, excepting one abstention.

- District Intergroup Liaison: No report. Matt questioned the need for this position in the future.
- Helpline: Greg – (Central Office Rep, not Intergroup). Answering lots of calls with Ring Central. Still missing some calls, but picking of a majority. A training session was held for dozens of volunteers. As we get better at the new system, more volunteers will be needed. Time slots available 7 AM to 12 PM; 12 PM – 4 PM; 4 PM – 7 PM, and overnight. Anyone interested in volunteering call Chris at Central Office. It will be advertised in the next newsletter. App has a training tutorial. There will be Zoom – recorded trainings for future. There are no sobriety requirements. Gary asked if groups could volunteer for Helpline on a monthly rotation. Greg said that has been done in the past and could be reinstated in the future.

Veronica suggested texting Meeting Guide App to callers and everyone ask for volunteers at meetings.

- Where & When: Samantha – Website and Meeting Guide App are updated. Latest printed Where & When is pink, and as up-to-date as possible. Meetings are fluctuation from in person to Zoom and the App

and website are kept up-to-date. There was a continued discussion about formatting to highlight what Central Office and Helpline are best used for and QR Codes.

- Newsletter: Ross (for Christine) – October newsletter, although late, is printed and ready for distribution to groups.

- Central Office Report: Greg – There is one spot open for GSR/Intergroup Liaison alternate. The meetings are once a month. Central Office is working on budget. During COVID, Central Office fixed up the new location and has remained busy and running well.
- General Service District 4 Report: Alan – New Years Eve event will take place at church on 12th and Beneva. There will be dinner, dessert, music, raffle, and special speaker. Volunteers are needed.

H&I needs Mother & Infant sponsors. Anyone interested can reach out to H&I Committee

Sherriff's training has been going great. Grateful for lots of volunteers helping to train 170 police officers.

Next assembly is scheduled for January 14 to 16th at the Hyatt.

Grapevine has a new podcast. New 30-minute episodes are available every Monday morning. Go to AAGrapevine.org/podcasts.

Accessibilities Chair position will be open at the end of the year.

Next meeting is October 16, 2021.

- Current Practices: No Report
- Old Business: Dudley asked what the status was for 501C4 and IRS penalty. Matt shared that Intergroup is currently a 501C4. A UNA would allow Intergroup to change to 501C3 and submit postcard filings. At the time (during COVID), and with professional guidance, 501C4 appeared the best option.

Ross shared that he has not heard from IRS after submitting an appeal form. There has been no response from IRS since. He spoke with an accountant to help try contacting IRS

again, since failing to reach a representative after multiple tries. With no means of getting through to a representative, he is waiting to hear from IRS.

Matt added that Intergroup has proof that the non-payment penalty is in error, since IRS was paid and we have proof of payment. The penalty has or will most likely be dropped.

Samantha suggested that newsletter write an article about the incorporation and IRS penalty to inform groups.

- New Business: Ross – A motion was made to nominate Chef Paul as Co-chair for Intergroup. It was seconded and approved.
- Motion to close made by Lisa. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting Closure with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting November 16, 2021.