

MINUTES

SARA-MANA INTERGROUP MEETING

September 21, 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: Read by a visitor
 - Welcome and Introduction of New Intergroup Reps: Paul from OMD
 - A quorum was established. Five members on Zoom and eight members in person.
- Reports
 - Chair Report: Matt gave a brief welcome
 - Co-Chair Report: No report, position is open
 - 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. August balance was \$15,140; deposits totaled \$1,433.83; expenses totaled \$1,761.95; less prudent reserve of \$6,500 the new balance is \$14,673.28.
 - Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee Chair Report: Ross – Finance Committee met last Friday to review the 12-month spreadsheet. Attempting to find a digital 7th Tradition solution for Intergroup and all groups to use.
Discussion about pending IRS penalties and lack of communication.
Discussion about officer election options – election of half of the positions on even years and half of the other positions on odd years.
Motioned by Craig, Seconded. All were in favor.
Matt: Still awaiting proof from SunTrust about the deposit discrepancy and removal of \$30 fee due to the bank's error.

- District Intergroup Liaison: No report
 - Helpline: Greg was not present, Matt presented. Training for new representative, Greg, is in progress. Those wishing to volunteer should contact Central Office.
 - Where & When: Matt (for Samantha) – There is a new pink edition of the Where & When. Website is up to date.
 - Newsletter: Matt (for Christine) – A monthly newsletter will be out next week.
- Central Office Report: Matt – Explained he attended the meeting via Zoom and due to a poor connection (for all attendees), he could not hear well and did not have anything to report.
 - General Service District 4 Report: Alan – Assembly is scheduled for October 8th–10th will be completely virtual, as will the SSAASA meeting November 19th-21st. See event calendar on www.dist4gsaa.org.
H&I volunteer opportunities are available.
Volunteers are needed for a major 400hour training event with sheriffs teaching what AA is. Volunteers will provide one-hour presentations each. Contact Jeff S. (340) 690-5431.
Next meeting is October 16, 2021.
 - Current Practices: No Report
- Old Business: No old business
 - New Business: Ross – Created an incorporation process summary. Melissa thanked Ross on behalf of the Sunrise Group. Matt commented that Ross did a wonderful job. Gary gave his reasons why he believes 501C3 would have been a better choice. Matt and Ross agreed it could be re-evaluated. Gary suggested they wait until the matter with the IRS is completed.
A discussion was had regarding the handling and communications that transpired from this issue in the previous meeting between attendees. Amends were made.

Matt – New Co-Chair needed. Position requires current or previous member of Intergroup, two years of sobriety, able to fill in for Chair, runs the Gratitude Dinner. It was asked that members make the announcement about this opening in meetings.

Matt – An adhoc committee is being considered to review and update by laws due to Gary's recommendation.

Gary requested more involvement and representation from groups in Intergroup, by giving examples of why and how to get better representation. A discussion was had and the idea of doing more visits out to meetings was made. Lisa suggested there be an announcement in the Newsletter as to what Intergroup is and why involvement is important. Ross confirmed that this was in the queue for an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

- Motion to close made by Lisa. Craig seconded. All in favor. Meeting Closure with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting October 19, 2021.