

SARA-MANA INTER-GROUP MINUTES

MAY 21, 2019

Call the Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by the Chair, Jim. A quorum of at least ten was achieved.

Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer:

12 Traditions:

Samantha read the 12 Traditions.

Introductions:

Inter-Group Reps, Chairs and Officers signed in and introduced themselves.

New Inter-Group Reps:

Shelly B. introduced herself as the new Inter-Group Rep for The Sobriety Group of AA.

Chair Report:

Jim introduced Brian as the new Secretary. Jim deferred the rest of his report to the meeting.

Co-Chair Report:

Kate announced that she has received a scholarship to Florida State. Therefore, she will have to step down as Co-Chair.

Secretary Report:

Brian thanked Matt for getting last month's minutes printed. The minutes for the April 16, 2019 were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe reported on the finances through May 21, 2019. Statements from SunTrust were provided with the written report. There is an ending balance of \$13,977.32 through May 21, 2019. Expenses for May included a \$500 contribution to the General Service Office and two payments to Frontier for the phone and internet totaling \$273.74.

Joe was also able to pick up the Newsletters this month. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

7th Tradition:

The 7th Tradition was passed.

Finance Committee Chair Report:

No report given.

Helpline:

Chris reported that 34 of the 42 shifts have been filled. Chris mentioned that he received a list of names of volunteers that had called into the Central Office. The problem was he did not receive them for at least a week after they called to volunteer. Chris strongly recommended that volunteers contact him directly using the info given each month in the Newsletter.

Chris announced that the New Meetings App is now up and running. The Meeting App and the website are inter-connected.

Work has begun on the 12th Step calls. Volunteers are needed to fill these shifts.

Chris also mentioned that the Central Office switched from Comcast to Frontier last month.

Where & When:

Susan reported that 5,000 new Where & When's were just delivered and they are pink in color. Susan asked that any changes for future Where & When's may be emailed to info@srqaa.org.

Susan reported that a new volunteer, Evan, has been instrumental in getting the Meeting Guide App up and running.

A question was asked about the cost of printing the Where & When. It is about \$0.13 per copy. It was decided to print only 5,000 at a time in order to incorporate more changes and keep it up to date.

Newsletter:

Mike thanked everyone for their contributions and requested they keep sending in Anniversaries, Articles and any other contribution. In particular, if your Group is doing anything special for the 4th of July be sure to get it into Mike for publication before June 7th. Mike also pointed out that the new Intergroup Grid is included in the latest issue.

Central Office Report:

Doug reported for Chris that the Central Office Board met the previous Thursday. The new summer hours are in effect:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday - Sunday Closed

Open for Intergroup, 3rd Tuesday 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Open for General Service, 3rd Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Summer hours will remain through the end of the year and may become permanent.

General Service District 4 Report:

Mick reported that the Saturday attendance for General Service Meeting is forty plus with the attendance at the Workshop before the Meeting reaching over twenty.

The Accessibility Committee needs a Chair.

The Founders Day Dinner on June 8th is ready and ticket sales are going well. It will be held at the Sarasota Community Church. Doors open at 5:30 P.M., Dinner at 6:30 P.M. and the Speaker is at 8:00 P.M.

The Delegate's Report will be Saturday, June 15th at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Fellowship begins at 11:00 A.M. Potluck Luncheon is at 12:00 Noon and the Delegate's Report is at 1:00 P.M. Shirley P. is the Delegate for South Florida Area 15, Panel 69 and she will report on information from the General Service Conference.

Current Practices:

Doug reminded us all in his unique way that a quorum is achieved with ten attendees.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Ross reminded us that we need to seek a new Co-Chair. The main duties of a Co-Chair include Chairing the Gratitude Dinner Committee and standing in for the Chair in his absence. The position requires three years of sobriety. Jim asked for volunteers to stand. Shelly B. stood and she was unanimously approved. Shelly and Kate will coordinate the transition.

Walt announced that the Central Office Board is in need of one volunteer. An Alternate is also needed. Three years of sobriety is required. Check with your Home Groups and contact Jim if you are interested; (904) 322-1869.

Jim explained that the Central Office is very similar to a business. They purchase and distribute literature, coins and have to deal with Staffing. The Central Office Board helps to run this business. They meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M.

Joe A. spoke a bit about the Florida Conference for Young People in AA (FCYPAA). FCYPAA has its own website and they meet at the Central Office every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

With no further business to discuss Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian H.