

# MINUTES

## SARA-MANA INTERGROUP MEETING

June 21, 2022, 7 PM

Central Office & Zoom

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- Call the Meeting to Order – 7:30 PM
  - Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer: Matt
  - 12 Traditions: Not sure
  - Quorum was reached with 17 members present
  - Welcome and Introduction of New Intergroup Reps: Jimmy, The Steps We Take
- Reports
  - Chair Report: Matt – Acknowledged the success of the Founders’ Day Dinner. Central Office Board needs two people. They meet on the third Thursday each month at 6 PM. There are generally four representatives from Intergroup and General Service. Ask your group, email Matt, if there is anyone interested. A new secretary is needed, as well.
  - Co-Chair Report: Laurie – Reported on Founders’ Day Dinner. First planning meeting for the Gratitude Dinner will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are welcome. A volunteer invitation will be sent out in an email.
  - Secretary Report: Melissa – Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to the Intergroup reps for review. A motion was made to approve the minutes. They were approved.
  - Treasurer’s Report: Craig – Reported one returned \$76 check with a \$12 fee and the following report for June 2022
    - June 1, 2022, balance was \$19,319.50
    - Group Contributions totaled \$953.93
      - Expenses totaled \$7,528.94
    - Balance (\$12,749.49), less \$4,500 prudent reserve totaled \$8,249.49
  - Committee Reports
    - Finance Committee Chair Report: Ross

- Second quarter meeting took place before the Intergroup Meeting.
- Updates were made to the budget. Increase in paper and printing. Vote for Adobe InDesign for 1 user at \$20/mo was approved with a contingency that if 2 licenses are needed, it will also be approved by the Finance Committee. (Laurie stated that this expense needs to be run by the body, as an “unusual cost” per Section 6 of the bylaws. It was agreed to wait until a new Newsletter Editor is found.)
- No contribution button on the website yet.
- Budget planning for 2023 is next. Susan, as new Finance Committee Co-Chair is working on it with Chair. Committee Chair budgets are needed.
- IRS civil penalty is not resolved. The group discussed the history, as in many previous meetings, as well as the potential liabilities. Options on the table: wait and see, pay now, contact Congressman Vern Buchanan’s office, or hire a tax attorney.
  - Ann stood behind contacting the Congressman’s Legislator Liaison to make an appointment/get answers.
  - Dustin requested the discussion be moved to New Business.
- District Intergroup Liaison: Matt – Donna will attend the next quarterly meeting. She requested the hotel be paid upfront instead of reimbursed. Susan suggested that we have a backup if she is unable to attend.
- Helpline: Dustin – Working on organizing software and adding new people. Matt (a computer programmer) shared that this is not a simple program and that he is trying to help Dustin resolve issues. And they are setting up the Spanish Hotline. Recorded training made custom for our system will be made with Zoom training.

- Where & When: Samantha – Current Where & When is blue. Paper and printing has increased. Updates can be found on the website and Meeting Guide app.
- Newsletter: Matt – Two candidates for Newsletter Editor. If both agree, Matt asked the group if two would be okay to support each other. Ross shared why this is a good idea.
- Central Office Report: Todd – A/V is down until the necessary component is installed. Two reps from Intergroup are needed, preferably women for equal balance.
- General Service District 4 Report: Alan
  - (To Laurie.) Founders Day Dinner was great! 250 to 275 people attended.
  - No district business meeting
  - Delegate Area 15 Report was two hours, was recorded and will be posted on the District website.
  - Next meeting will be on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Area Assembly is July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Miami.
  - General Service will elect new officers in October. Positions open are Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- Current Practices: No past chair representative. No report.
- Old Business
  - Need a Newsletter Editor
- New Business
  - Dudley brought up Rule 62's concern about the non-profit status of Intergroup. Matt shared a brief summary of this topic and how it was resolved and a closed topic. Ross said he would send him the complete history, which is also posted on the website.
  - Various opinions were discussed regarding the IRS penalty.

- Laurie, with the due date approaching, made a motion to pay the amount in full. She felt strongly that it be paid and then reimbursed if the IRS was wrong.
- Brian said not to pay, if you don't think you owe.
- Jimmy agreed not to rush to pay.
- Todd said use the accounting group used for the IRS non-profit status for professional guidance. Susan agreed.
- MOTION by Laurie: Pay now, work to get funds back. (Seconded) [2 in favor : 10 opposed.] Minority discussion – Laurie: paying now makes sense from her experience with Medicare.
  - Anne suggested she could call Vern Buchanan's office for free support. Their staff liaison would resolve quickly. If not, then pay for advice.
- MOTION by Anne: Try to resolve through legislative rep. (Craig seconded) [10 in favor : 0 opposed.]
- MOTION by Jimmy: To hire CS&L to resolve while talking to Congressman Buchanan's office. (Susan seconded) [Voted in favor – Unanimous]
- Ross thanked Jimmy for all of his work in the kitchen for Founders' Day Dinner, with Chef Paul unavailable this year.
- Meeting Closure – Next meeting: July 19, 2022