

# ***SARA-MANA INTER-GROUP MINUTES***

**August 20, 2019**

## **Call the Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair, Jim. A quorum of at least ten was achieved.

## **Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer:**

## **12 Traditions:**

The 12 Traditions were read by Mataare M.

## **Introductions:**

New Reps in attendance included Shannon P. from Bradenton YPG and Janet B. from Bay Group. Welcome to the new Reps.

## **Chair Report:**

Jim announced that Shelly has stepped down as Co-Chair.

## **Co-Chair Report:**

No report given.

## **Secretary Report:**

Brian read the minutes from the July 16, 2019 meeting. With no corrections offered, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Joe reported on the finances through July 2019. Joe announced that rent for the Central Office is now current. This rent is distributed between the Central Office, Intergroup and General Services.

There is an ending balance of \$11,236.

## **7th Tradition:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was passed.

## **Finance Committee Chair Report:**

The Quarterly Report is not due yet.

## **Helpline:**

Chris C. was absent. Jim C. did want to clarify that 12<sup>th</sup> Step Calls are usually generated from a Helpline Call. Through the Helpline Call a 12<sup>th</sup> Step visit may be requested.

## **Where & When:**

No report given. The new color for the latest Where & When is white.

It was pointed out that the Central Office hours on the new Where & When are incorrect. It should read the Central Office hours are 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 .M., Monday through Thursday.

### **Newsletter:**

Mike B. expressed his appreciation to the GSR for their contributions to the Newsletter.

Mike B. suggested that a member of a Home Group be invited to submit a 100-200 word article on their Home Group. They might want to give a history of the Home Group, special events, upcoming Speakers, etc. If you wish to contribute to the Newsletter, please have any contribution submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contributions may be sent to [newsletter@asrq.org](mailto:newsletter@asrq.org).

Jennifer M. related that she has been submitting Anniversaries for her Home group to the Newsletter and it has received great reviews. Members always love to see their name in print.

### **Central Office Report:**

Matt D. reported the Central Office Board met last week. It was revealed that there are some software issues and it appears as if there are problems with the current inventory. Jo Ann is working on a solution.

The Central Office is consolidating their current three bank accounts into one account.

A reminder was given that credit cards are no longer being accepted for Central Office donations.

An Alternate is still needed for the Central Office Board. Please communicate this to your Home Groups. And get back with Jim C.

### **General Service District 4 Report:**

Mick G. reported GSR met on August 17<sup>th</sup> with over 30 in attendance.

Jeannie T. is now the Accessibilities Chair. If anyone has accessibility needs, please reach out to Jeannie.

October 26<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carry the Message event. Volunteers are needed. Alan T. is leading this event and Planning Meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the Central Office.

The next GSR Meeting is September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Alan T. also requested that an Intergroup Rep be available to give an Intergroup Summary at the GSR Meeting. Matt D. and Brian H. will coordinate.

### **Current Practices:**

Doug gave kudos to all those currently attending the Intergroup Meetings and for the success of the Newsletter. He remembers when a quorum of ten could not be met at the meetings.

### **Old Business:**

#### **By Laws Revision**

The revised By Laws as written by Ross J. were distributed with the previous minutes to be reviewed by Intergroup Reps. A Group Conscience with an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present must be achieved for the Revised By laws to become effective.

**Group Conscience 19-02**– Matt D. motioned and Kitty G. seconded, for the revised By-Laws to be approved as presented. **All present voted “Yes”. Motion passed.**

Much appreciation is given to Ross for his hard work on this endeavor.

### **Gratitude Dinner**

Jim C. opened discussion on a possible date for the Gratitude Dinner. Choices in November included the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. After discussion, November 16th was chosen as the date for the Gratitude Dinner.

**Group Conscience 19-03**– Craig B. motioned and Kitty G. seconded, for the Gratitude Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019. **All present voted “Yes”. Motion passed.**

### **New Business:**

Craig B. expressed concern at the use of Styrofoam cups for coffee at meetings. John will research the cost to change to paper cups at the Central Office, but each Home Group will have to make this decision on their own.

Intergroup Reps were asked to take back to their Home Groups that the Where & When Chair position will soon be open.

With no further business to discuss Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian H.