

SARA-MANA INTER-GROUP MINUTES

October 15, 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:

The 12 Traditions were read by Jon K.

Introductions:

All Reps introduced themselves and their Home Group. Kyle S introduced himself as the new Intergroup Rep for the Palmetto Group.

Chair Report:

Jim deferred his report until later in the meeting.

Co-Chair Report:

Matt D. had an excused absence and no report was given.

Secretary Report:

Brian read the minutes from the September 17, 2019 meeting. A correction was noted, and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe A. had an excused absence and no Financial Report was given.

7th Tradition:

The 7th Tradition was passed.

Finance Committee Chair Report:

Ross J. reported the Finance Committee met and began work on a proposed 2020 Budget. Ross reported that Postage will be increased slightly and \$150 will be added for Helpline Training. The Committee is also researching reporting "Contributions" as part of the Proposed Budget.

Helpline:

Chris C. reported there are still four open shifts:

- Monday – 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Tuesday – 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.
- Friday – 12:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday – 12:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

A discussion was held concerning the 12th Step List. Chris is currently organizing this list. These volunteers would meet with those who call the Helpline wanting to meet with someone from AA.

It was suggested that IG Reps can bring to their Home Groups the fact that 12th Step volunteers are needed. There is a one-year sobriety requirement. It should be noted that female 12th Step volunteers are paired with females requesting AA assistance and male 12th Step volunteers are paired with males requesting AA assistance.

Ross J. expressed the Intergroup's appreciation for the great job Chris has done with the Helpline.

Where & When:

Susan gave her last report as Where & When Chair. Her last published Where & When came out October 1st which coincidentally coincided with her 28th Anniversary. Susan has done a fabulous job in organizing the Where & When and the Where & When has taken a huge step forward under Susan's leadership. The Intergroup Reps gave Susan a heartfelt ovation for her hard work and service.

Samantha M. has stepped up as the new Chair for Where & When and we know that progress will continue under Samantha. At the request of the Accessibilities Committee, it was recommended that Home Groups let Samantha know if their meetings are wheel chair accessible. We would like to get this accessibility information in the Where & When.

Newsletter:

With the upcoming holidays, Mike B. reminded everyone that holiday events for Home Groups should be submitted to the Newsletter by the seventh of each month.

The Home Group article is well received with the Lunch Bunch being the initial Home Group reporting in the September issue.

Central Office Report:

No report was given.

General Service District 4 Report:

Mick G. reported on preparations for the 2nd Annual Carry the Message on Saturday, October 26th. All are invited with the hope of getting new people involved in service.

Events Committee meets Wednesday, October 16th with discussion centering on the New Year's Eve event. It is hoped that live music will be available this year.

Mick reported he attended the Area 15 Quarterly held in Boca Raton from October 4 – 6. He reported the sad news that Jim H. who did audio for these events and recorded them, passed away recently. He will be missed.

The GSR Meeting is this Saturday, October 19th with the Workshop, led by Alan T. beginning at 9:00 A.M. and the Business Meeting at 10:00 A.M. Both meetings are open to anyone in the District.

Current Practices:

Ross J. reported he is putting together two binders which will contain the current By Laws and the history of the By Laws. One of these binders will be distributed to the Intergroup Chair and one will go to Current Practices Chair.

Old Business:

Gratitude Dinner

Jim C. reported on the progress of the Gratitude Dinner. Over 150 tickets have been sold and 7 tables have been reserved. There is a total of 24 round tables which seat 9 people and 14 rectangle tables which can be configured in a variety of ways. Tickets may be obtained at the Central Office or you may contact Jim C.

Cynthia T. continues to work on decorations and Mary M. is again doing the silverware this year. Jim C. has the monumental task of pricing nuts.

Deb from Akron, Ohio will be the Speaker. She has 32 years of sobriety and has recently been on the Speaker circuit.

New Business:

No New Business

With no further business to discuss Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian H.