

MINUTES *REVISED*

SARA-MANA INTERGROUP MEETING

February 21, 2023 - 7 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3275613906>

Central Office

- **Meeting Called to Order** – 7:07pm
 - Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer
 - 12 Traditions: Was read by 12 Intergroup Reps. 2nd Concept was read.
 - Quorum was reached with 16 members present, 3 attended on zoom, 19 in total.
 - Welcome and Introduction of New Intergroup Reps: No new reps.
- **Reports**
 - **Chair Report:** Susan – Introduced Kitty Central Office Interim Chair and Todd Central Office Interim Co-Chair, introduced Angie General Service Chair. Susan spoke to Intergroup Representatives the importance of taking issues we discuss back to their home groups, discussing in their business meetings to get an informed decision and returning the information to Intergroup for our next meeting.
 - **Co-Chair Report:** No Report – Dante G. has been voted in as Interim Co-Chair.
 - **Secretary Report:** AJ – Please sign in and check your phone number is correct and clearly print your email address for email distribution of the minutes. Minutes from the January meeting have been passed out for review by the group reps. Minutes have been approved unanimously.
 - **Treasurer’s Report:** Lisa – Copy of the Report was passed out for review by Intergroup reps. Lisa presented the month of January 2023 revenue and expenses. Please see report attached in email. Treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

* Intergroup Total Revenue - \$2,452

* Operating Expenses totaled - \$1,085

*BMO Bank Balance as of Jan. 31st, 2023 - \$17,738

*Less Prudent Reserve and Gratitude Seed Money Total - \$6,500

* Closing Balance totaled - \$11,238

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○ Committee Reports:

- **Finance Committee Chair Report:** Gary – Much discussion on the increase of our Prudent reserve and Gratitude Dinner seed money. Motion was made to increase Prudent reserve to \$6,000. Motion was 2nd voted on by the body and approved. Motion was made to increase seed money to \$3,000. Motion was 2nd voted on by the body and approved.
- Gary presented samples of how to distribute excess funds. **Please see attachment in email titled Sample Contributions.**
 - Gary met with Chris from Central Office to review their 2023 budget. Their “break even” budget includes the Central Office fund drive revenue of \$30,000. The drive began in November and has \$5,900 as of Feb. 14th a significant shortfall of the goal. This will cause financial hardship on Central Office. A contribution of 50% - 60% of our excess funds is recommended for Central Office.
 - General Service Office (GSO) has an operating deficit of \$855,023 as of Nov. 30, 2022. Last year at this time GSO had a surplus of \$1,166,815. A contribution of 20% - 30% of our excess funds is recommended for the General Service Office.
 - Gary also spoke with Treasurer of District 4 Jim H. he provided a copy of their budget. A contribution of 5% - 10% of our excess funds is recommended for District 4.
 - Gary asked the Intergroups reps to discuss these recommendations for excess fund distribution with their home group and voice their group’s suggestions at our next meeting March 21, 2023.
- **District Intergroup Liaison** – No Report

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- **Helpline:** Dustin – Dustin was not in attendance, Dave H. reported that the 12-step call list is fairly filled.
- **Where & When:** Joe – He has acquired a Windows computer and now has access to Publisher. No need to purchase the conversion software we approved last month. The file for the Where & When is accessible and Joe is updating all contact info for all other services in the publication.
- **Newsletter:** Calvin – Mention to the home groups that if they want to submit an article they can do so at Newsletter@AASRQ.org
- **Central Office Report:** Kitty – Central Office fund raiser is way behind. Asked all groups to get the word out and contribute to the fund drive. 3 Board members have stepped down. There is a need to get IG reps to step up and fill the board seats. Rumor of a motion to merge Central Office and Intergroup, this was a document dated 1990. (This document was for information purposes only.) Susan, Angie, and Kitty voiced this is not true. There is no talk of merging the two.
- **General Service Report:** Angie – The first service manual meeting took place. There will be meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. This is also available on Zoom. More info is on the website. Big book work shop will be held March 31st and April 1st Tickets are \$25. Flyer and QR code are available on both websites AASRQ.org and Dist4gsaa.org There will be an increase in price for all AA literature, books and IP's Starting April 3rd
In the H&I budget they take AA books to facilities; these books can be taken home by the people when they leave the facilities.
- **Current Practices:** No report.

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- **Old Business:**

Sharon K and David S were nominated and ratified as new Central Office Board members. Intergroup Central Office Board Rep. Bylaws are vague. AA couple of people have approached Susan to serve on the Board. Susan feels that the reps for the Central Office Board should come from the Intergroup committee.

Keith nominated Marilyn R. to serve on the Central Office Board this was 2nd and approved unanimously. Sharon M was nominated to serve as alternate Board Rep. this was 2nd and approved. Dante G. was voted in as Co-Chair for Intergroup.

- **New Business:**

- Meeting Closure – 8:21pm. **Next meeting March 21, 2023**