

# MINUTES

## SARA-MANA INTERGROUP MEETING

March 21, 2023 - 7 PM  
Central Office

- **Meeting Called to Order – 7:01pm**
  - Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer
  - 12 Traditions: Was read by 12 Intergroup Reps. 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept was read.
  - Quorum was reached with 19 members present, 5 attended on zoom, 24 in total.
  - Welcome and Introduction of New Intergroup Reps: We welcome Ben from the Happy Cookie Hour. Dane from Monday Night Mens, and Cassidy from the Rose Group.
  
- **Reports**
  - **Chair Report:** Susan – Welcomed New IG reps. Angie, district 15 chair was welcomed to the meeting. We have come a long way in a few short few months. The Spanish community has representation in the meeting and will step up for the AA Spanish Helpline. There will be a meeting on Saturday with the District, Intergroup, and Central Office Board to discuss how we can better serve our local AA community.
  - **Co-Chair Report:** Dante – He shared some of his story through AA and has been sober since 1991. He has a history in Service and has been a GSR several times in different states. He moved here to Sarasota Bradenton area 2 years ago. His Home Group is the 63<sup>rd</sup> Group in Bradenton.
  - **Secretary Report:** AJ – We sent out revised minutes from the February meeting which will be on record. Motion to approve minutes was made and approved.
  - **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa – Copy of the February 2023 report was passed out. There was a discrepancy with outstanding checks from last month which did not reflect in the report. This has been corrected and is included in this report.

\* Intergroup Total Revenue - \$2,140

\* Operating Expenses totaled - \$1,795

\*BMO Bank Balance as of Feb. 28, 2023 - \$17,537

\*Less Prudent Reserve and Gratitude Seed Money Total - \$9,000

\* Closing Balance totaled - \$8,537

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- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Finance Committee Chair Report:** Gary – Approval for the Gratitude Dinner seed money and Prudent Reserve increases was reviewed. This is reflected in the Treasurer’s report.
  - **District Intergroup Liaison** – No Report
  - **Helpline:** Dustin – We have all volunteer slots for the help line filled. We will be working to set up the Spanish helpline that forwards to Spanish speaking AA members. Geraldo is willing to set up the Spanish volunteers and will meet with the groups to coordinate the Spanish helpline. Claudia is also bilingual and is interested in joining Intergroup. Jimmy commented on the importance of keeping your 4-hour commitment on the Helpline so no calls go to voicemail.
  - **Where & When:** Joe – All AA Meetings online are in the same order as the printed meeting list. Every group, meeting time and date have been updated. New Where and When printing of 5,000 copies has been ordered.
  - **Newsletter:** Calvin – March newsletter has been printed and distributed. Deadline for articles is the first week of every month. If anyone wants to submit an article, they can do so at [Newsletter@AASRQ.org](mailto:Newsletter@AASRQ.org)
- **Central Office Report:** - Board agrees to finalize 2023 financial report at April’s board meeting. Todd A. is the new Chair and Dave S. Is the new Co-Chair. Fund drive has collected \$7,500 in January, February and part of March. Fund Drive will be extended till **May 31, 2023** Any question you may have please contact Todd, [ToddA2017@outlook.com](mailto:ToddA2017@outlook.com)
- **General Service Report:** Angie – Geraldo was nominated as Alt Rep for Central Office Board. General Service will have a meeting April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am to discuss the Conference Agenda items. The Area Assembly meeting will be in Boca Raton

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April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> The H&I book drive has been very successful. The Big Book workshop has sold out. AA service Manual study group will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 5pm in the meeting room at Central Office. Please visit the websites for more info. [AASRQ.org](http://AASRQ.org) and [Dist4gsaa.org](http://Dist4gsaa.org)

- **Current Practices:** No report.
- **Old Business:**

Gary opened discussion for the distribution of our excess funds. AA groups had 3 options on the table. Option A: 60% to Central office 30% to GSO 5% to District and 5% to Area Intergroup Committee. Tom made motion to accept option A. motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Much discussion on topic. Motion was passed unanimously. 3 minority opinions were expressed and discussed. This did not change the vote. Option A was approved.
- **New Business:**
- Meeting Closure – 8:11pm. **Next meeting April 18, 2023**