

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERGROUP MINUTES

April 15, 2024, 7:00pm

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***Robert's Rules: no interrupting; raise hand and be recognized before speaking; state your name and your group/position when you do speak.***

1. Open with Serenity Prayer **All participants remain "muted" unless speaking.**
2. Reading: Volunteer to read Twelve Traditions-page 562 Big Book- John B
3. Secretary: Get information from meeting Newcomers for attendance/roster updates.
4. Introductions
5. Review & Approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion to approve: Sherrie. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John B. Minutes Approved.
6. **Advisory Board Position Reports** (pass if you have no report)

- Chair
- Vice Chair- has been ordering and organizing items to sell at Soberfest
- Secretary
- Treasurer – has been reconciling list of meeting names with the meeting names in accounting program, to match contributions to the correct group. Please give the **full, correct, complete group name** when contributing to central office, this will help. An IGR reminded us that individual contributions are listed as "Anonymous."

Discuss, Approve Treasurers Report – Motion to approve: Peg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken. Report approved.

- Central Office
- Member-at-Large A--**VACANT**
- Member-at-Large B
- Member-at-Large C

7. **Intergroup Rep's (IGR) Reports** (pass if you have no changes or updates)  
*If you want to make sure your report is correct in the minutes, please send a written report to [wvsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wvsecretary@gmail.com). (Note new email address for the WVI Secretary.)*

**Good to Be Here Women's Group:** (written report) We have had good attendance. Donated a Pasta Basket to Soberfest. We are giving all our extra \$'s to WVI currently.

**Living Sober Beginner's Group:** (written report) Attendance has been up and down. Always have great treats.

**Liberty Group:** (written report) We meet on Fridays at 7pm. There will be a speaker meeting and potluck on Friday April 26th. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. The speaker meeting will begin at 7pm.

**Primary Purpose:** Group needs a GSR, attendance at business meeting has been sparse. They are announcing need for central office volunteers and are giving their extra \$ to WVI currently.

**Sunday Morning Big Book:** the group still has questions around lowering sobriety time to volunteer, and training programs. Trevor has told them we are still hammering out details.

**We Are Not Saints:** Going to start a speaker mtg the last Sunday of each quarter. Attendance is good, still could use more participation. Treasurer position is open, all others are filled.

**Tuesday Night Action AA:** Group voted to approve lowering sobriety requirement to 6 months for central office volunteer positions. Have been announcing the need for more volunteers.

## 8. Sub-committee Reports (pass if you have no report)

A. IT Coordinator – previously Webmaster/Computer Administrator – Sherrie has been working on getting Google Workspace for non-profits, it has lots of options that could be useful to us. She refined the volunteer application form and converted it into a web page we can add to our home page. We can also do it with the 12-step call list, volunteer schedule and others. Microsoft 365 also has an option for non-profits that Sherrie has applied for as well. The office cell phone has been difficult, but she got it reset and ready to take payments at Soberfest. She might do a mock volunteer application and have us test it, give input etc.

B. Volunteer Coordinator – Michael M.

C. Events Chair- Rokki P – the WVI Talent Show is Saturday May 4 at 6pm. Still looking for another 3 or 4 acts. Do not have to be an AA member to participate. Accepting dessert contributions, and volunteers to help with the event! It should be fun. Check the flier for contact info and please distribute it to your groups.

D. Outreach Coordinator – Cora C.

E. Meeting Schedule Coordinator- Quent O. – will have a new meeting directory tomorrow.

F. Telephone Coordinator- Carlina W.

G. H&I Chair – John B. – has distributed packets to men interested in taking meetings into Polk County Jail, they should be up and running soon. Let him know if you are interested. He reached out to Serenity Lane and is working on getting meetings there every 2 weeks. Next, he's going to tackle the Marion County Juvenile Dept. Great work John! He also has a kit ready for use at H&I meetings with pamphlets, etc..

H. AI-Anon – **VACANT**

I. District 4 Liaison – **VACANT**

J. Newsletter – We have a volunteer, Theresa from Good to be Here Women's group.

K. Events entry on [aasalem.org/Events](http://aasalem.org/Events) – Rokki P. has taken this over.

## 9. Old Business:

- a. Bylaws update – discussion – this isn't completed yet so it will be continued. The calendar timeline is flexible. There were a lot of changes this year, including creating the new IT Coordinator position, and it will take time to accurately reflect all changes and updates. As mentioned in the Chairperson's report the board will be meeting with some members regarding their position and duties.
- b. John H and I Chair—does he have a budget to provide literature racks in county parole offices? Sherrie found the past budget for H&I was \$120/year. John is still researching the need for a budget and if so, how much.

## 10. New Business:

- a. Central Office: the board still visualizes building up a much more robust volunteer pool for regular and backup/sub shifts. This is where the actual 12-step work is done for the Willamette Valley Intergroup area, which includes up to 150 meetings per month. It's a great opportunity for service and personal growth. We are so low in volunteers right now there are six unfilled positions and the office and/or phones are closed/shut down sometimes half the week. This could mean the difference between life and death for someone in our community who needs the hand of AA to be there to help. Comments:
  - Central office is the heartbeat of Salem for recovering alcoholics.
  - Some groups used to hold business mtgs there, could we do this again?
  - Could we hold an Open House at the office? Yes! Along with trainings.
  - Can we create a list of WVI service positions along with contact info? This is all on our website, but yes, we can create a separate list for distribution as well.

b. We opened discussion around the vote to lower sobriety time to 6 months from 1 year for central office volunteers. Comments:

- Many groups were hesitant to vote without a more defined training/mentorship program in place. Several groups had already voted no.
- Several groups had already voted yes.
- Some people are still too brain-fogged at 6 months to do much of anything.
- Other people have been in the program before, sometimes for years, and by 6 months are more than ready for service work at this level.
- Could we have a “probationary period” and evaluate a candidate’s fitness for the position at the end of 90 days (or another agreed-upon period)

We agreed as a group to table the vote for now. It needs to be much more specific and have full details about the training and mentorship programs, and we do not have those details yet.

**Next WVI Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2024**

**Calendar of Upcoming Business May 2024**

- Form 990EZ or 990 Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax to IRS by May15th
- Quarterly report prepared for May Area assembly

**Adjourn the Meeting**