

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERGROUP MINUTES

February 19, 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—read by Becca.
3. Secretary: Got information from meeting Newcomers for attendance/roster updates—we have several new IGRs tonight.
4. Introductions
5. Review & Approve minutes from previous meeting—Trevor commented he is listed as Member at Large C, but he should be Member at Large B. He would like to stand for the "B" position and leave position "C" vacant. We'll get that sorted. Peg motioned to approve, Rose 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.
6. **Advisory Board Position Reports** (pass if you have no report)
  - Chair – Matthew and Kimi have both been added to the checking and savings accounts at US Bank as WVI Chair and Treasurer, and Cathy C and Jane A have been removed. The board will be working on cleaning up and updating the back room at central office so there's more room to work.
  - Vice Chair – no report
  - Secretary – Lynn met with Sherrie again and got the rest of the files transferred over.
  - Treasurer – Kimi presented the month's bank balance sheet and asset/expense report. She stated there will be an extra \$2600 that was recently donated by the Daily Reprieve group for 2022-2023 that hadn't been deposited yet. Her transition into the treasurer position is going as smoothly as possible, she appreciates everyone's help and is always open to questions. We appreciate Kimi too! Peg asked about adding a budget column to the report, Kimi will look at that possibility. John motioned to approve treasurers report, Trevor 2<sup>nd</sup> – report approved.
  - Central Office - The board will be working on cleaning up and updating the back room at central office so there's room to work. This will include replacing a broken file cabinet and removing some extra furniture that is no longer used and takes up a lot of space.
  - Member-at-Large B – not present
  - Member-at-Large C – no report
7. **Intergroup Reps (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 [wvisecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wvisecretary@gmail.com). (Note new email address for the WVI Secretary.)*

**Peg M – Downtown Group** St Paul's Episcopal Church Monday-Friday 7:00 am, Saturday 7:30 am.  
Format: read from Living Sober on Mondays, Big Book study on Tuesdays, Wednesdays are step study, first Friday of the month is a speaker meeting. Attendance avg 25-30. They are donating a basket to Soberfest.

**Trevor M – Keizer Big Book Study** Sundays 8:00 am Salem Keizer Senior Center. Avg 30-40 people.  
Open meeting with Al-Anon members too. Child-care available. All service positions full and sponsors

available. Members go to breakfast after. Current project is a special birthday card with suggested donations according to length of sobriety time, to be sent to GSO

**Becca – Outright Mental Defectives (OMD)** LGBTQIA+ Allies--Wednesday 8pm in the basement of Blast Off Vintage – attendance avg 15-25. Saturday 8:30 pm First Congregational Church – attendance is uneven, anywhere from 2 -25. Thinking of changing venue for that one as the need for a door monitor is a challenge. Sunday 10:15 am at the Welcomaa Club with avg 6-12, always old-timers and usually at least one brand-new person. They are donating a basket to Soberfest.

**Jeri F – You Are Not Alone (YANA)** Women’s, every day at 12 pm on Zoom– open discussion except 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month is a speaker mtg. Still growing with lots of new people every day.

**Anne – Mortar and Sand** Woodland Chapel 5:30pm Mondays. Format is Step in Big Book, then Step in 12x12, then Tradition in 12x12. 15-25 avg, all positions filled. IGR position will be rotating soon.

**Tresa – Way Home Group** Mon – Fri 5:30pm First Christian Church. Big group, 25-50 avg. Open meeting with usually a new person or two. Good sobriety, kids table and sometimes even a dog or two. Format varies daily. Donated a basket to Soberfest. Several new service positions filled. They meet either in the basement or in the chapel.

**Cindy – Primary Purpose** 6am Mon – Fri. Small meeting 5-10 avg, different format each day. They get a lot of newcomers. Don’t have a GSR due to the small membership (no one wants to get up so early!) but all regular positions are filled.

**Steven – Recovery at Noon Silverton** meet daily at noon at Silverton Coffee Club downtown. 10-24 avg, usually 1 new/week. Service positions are full, just rotated treasurer position. Considering changing wording in meeting format for clarity.

**Kim – Action AA** Kim is the new IGR for this group, Tuesdays 7pm Salem Alliance Church Annex. Attendance avg 40 people. Cutting birthday cake celebrations to 1x month. They also are donating a basket to Soberfest.

**Tami – We Are Not Saints** Sunday 7pm Woodland Chapel. Attendance is robust but they need more home group members and have a few open positions. Will be holding an annual summer picnic, and are donating a basket to Soberfest.

**Larry – Men’s Underground** Saturdays 9:30am Woodland Chapel. Attendance was 46 last week, 57 the week before that. Sobriety timeranges from 24 hours to 50+ years. He has seen a lot of success with newcomers and strongly recommends this meeting for men coming in new to the program.

**Rose – On Awakening** (*written report*) 7am Online meeting, branched off from the 7am Downtown Group during Covid. 12-20 avg, still growing with people attending from all over. They plan to join AA Online District 33 and are getting a group# for GSO so they can start contributing. They have hosted potlucks in the summer and at Christmas, and a FriendsGiving potluck one year. They have hosted a 12 Traditions workshop and a 12 Concepts workshop, and are beginning a group inventory. Good stuff!

**Karen - Second Chance** (*written reports*) Sundays at 8:30 am at Scottish Rite 25-35 in person, appx 4 online hybrid. Looking to grow and for service positions to be filled. Good sobriety and amazing group!

ALSO- **Reflections for a New Day** online 7 days a week at 6:00 am! 4-10+ people a day. Looking to grow. Both groups will be donating baskets for Soberfest

**Kayla - Just Breathe** (*written report*) a closed women's meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 at Foursquare Church in Independence, Oregon. Great meeting with lots of sobriety and available sponsorship. We celebrate birthdays with a potluck on the 4th Tue of the month.

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

- A. IT Coordinator – previously Webmaster/Computer Administrator – Sherrie A. not present
- B. Volunteer Coordinator – Michael M. – not present

- C. Events Chair- Rokki P – the WVI Bingo event is taking place Saturday Feb 24, please come out for fun and fellowship! We still need desserts for the bake sale, and prizes for bingo winners. The next event will be the Talent Show in April or May, so get ready! There are open seats on the Events committee, please consider joining this fun group that plans our events! Rokki has also taken over updating Events on the Website from Cathy, so send her your fliers and events that you want listed on the Website Events page and she'll get them uploaded.
- D. Outreach Coordinator – Cora C. – not present
- E. Meeting Schedule Coordinator- Quent O. - not present
- F. Telephone Coordinator- Carlina W. – not present but sent written report: Barbara created an in house volunteer text group and it has helped get coverage for in house when the regular person is not able to perform their commitment. Numbers for after-hours phone calls:

1/28 to 2/18  
 76 Answered in house  
 38 calls dialed in house  
 12 Missed during in house  
 9 after hours calls  
 3 Missed after hours Dialed

All after-hours phone positions will be filled when someone volunteers to take the Thursday shift.

- G. H&I Chair – John B. Jane has given him all contact information for the people taking meetings into Marion County jails and Bridgeway, he's working on setting up meetings. He was contacted by Greg who takes meetings into OSP and referred him to District and Area. John wants to set up literature racks in parole offices in Marion and Polk counties—this will be included as new business for next month's meeting.
- H. AI-Anon – VACANT
- I. District 4 Liaison – VACANT
- J. Newsletter – Need new person starting 3/2024

9. **Old Business:**

- A. WVI wants to honor and recognize Annual Group Contributions to Intergroup (Last year they were put in the Newsletter)
  - Do IGR's want the Annual Group contributions placed on the website for a few months?
  - And/or emailed out to IGR's?
  - And/or posted in Central Office for a few months?
  - And/or put in the Newsletter in Feb and March?

**Discussion:**

Peg said this information is important for people looking to choose a home group.

Kimi reminded us that this information is always included in the treasurers report, regardless of whether it's posted somewhere else or not.

Larry said he doesn't think the information about group contributions is accurate as he's noticed errors before. He wants to check with his group's treasurer to confirm the numbers – Kimi said she will coordinate with him offline to get that resolved.

Rose said this information used to be displayed on the counter at central office and in the notebook there and that anyone was free to make a copy.

Trevor said he is in favor of publicly posting the contribution information as it can build healthy competition between groups.

**Voting:\***

suggestion #1 (website): 9 in favor, 6 opposed. Approved  
suggestion #2 (emailed to IGRs): 10 in favor, 4 opposed. Approved  
suggestion #3 (posted in central office): 9 in favor, 3 opposed. Approved  
suggestion #4 (included in Newsletter): 6 in favor, 5 opposed. Approved

\*Votes include Saturday Step of the Month group, who was not present at the meeting but emailed in their vote.

**10. New Business:**

- A. Discussion around allowing people with less sobriety time to be allowed to Volunteer at Central Office or to be an After-Hours Phone Volunteer. (Current requirement is 1 year for both):
1. Trevor's group wants to lower the sobriety time to 6 months, with the requirement of having a sponsor and having worked the steps.
  2. Rose's group favors a 6 month time, requiring a sponsor, worked the steps, having a home group, and filling out the existing volunteer form. It's important they have a firm foundation of sobriety because they are working with access to cash.
  3. Peg's group favors lowering the required time with caveats including a job shadow or training to see if they think they will be a good fit.
  4. Cindy mentioned that Albany Group 1 had their safe stolen by a volunteer, what would we do if someone was caught stealing from central office? Rose answered it would be discussed with the person, all security codes would be changed, and that person is not allowed to come back. That's about all we can do.
  5. Jaimie's group agrees with caveats of having a sponsor, having completed the steps, and receiving training.
  6. Susan is in favor of lowering the required time, but she doesn't think the caveats are a good idea, that it amounts to micro-managing people. Just because someone has a sponsor doesn't guarantee quality sobriety, and we shouldn't put conditions on service work. Let people volunteer when they feel they are ready, wherever they're at in their recovery.

The board will put together a proposal for IGRs to take back to their groups for an official vote in the near future.

**Next WVI Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024**

**Calendar of Upcoming Business March 2024**

- Presentation of the annual update of WVI Bylaws for review by membership
- Prior to 3/14 renew SiteGround and Domain Name website Registrations

**Adjourn at 6:59 pm**