

WINNIPEG INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – February 7th, 2022

Call to order:

A regular meeting of the Winnipeg Intergroup Association was held by Zoom and in Central office, Winnipeg, Manitoba on **February 7th, 2022**. The meeting convened at 7:00pm.

Chairperson Gordie T. Committee Members of Intergroup in attendance were Brenda Pink (Office Manager) , Howard T (Treasurer), Mark (TAS), Richard [Area80 Chair], JoAnn L. [Archivist], Intergroup Representatives in attendance **16**. [see attendance chart, one group missed]

Approval of agenda/ minutes: Accept Agenda for February, moved Bob, seconded Harley, all in favour - carried. Accept Minutes of the January 10th, 2022 meeting of the Winnipeg Intergroup Association, as emailed, printed and distributed to the Intergroup Representatives – moved Howard, seconded Bruno, all in favour - carried.

Committee Reports

Chair: Gordie welcomed everyone and begged for mercy as he is filling in on the secretaries role! In that regard he mentioned those IG positions still open; 'SECRETARY, Pi/CPC, Treatment, Corrections, Remote... Please go back to your groups, rooms and seek out those old'er timers and 1yr+ newbies to step up and get involved! **Sponsors, please promote 'service' in this regard!**

Also attended Area80 January assembly and verbally reported on behalf of WIA's new IG committee...

Held 3 in person meetings with Brenda as I become familiar with the inner workings of the office and the WIA as a whole! Employment contract; signing authority; office safety; FOCO sub-committee guidelines forming a good part of the discussions!

Secretary: no report.

Treasurer: Howard submitted the **Financial Report to the end of December 2021**

His comments about the report follow: a written report (from last month) is basically the same for the end of year – so with nothing different to report it was not sent again.

At the end of the 2021 Financial Year – it would have been a loss of (approx.) \$7,500 had it not been for government support – that is the size of the deficit forecast for 2022. Noted that the increase Salary expense in Dec 2021 and Jan 2022 – was so outstanding/accrued leave could be paid out in an orderly manner.

Howard moved the Financial Report to the **end of December 2021**, available to Group Reps by e-mail and at the meeting, be accepted as read. Seconded Jacqueline - all in favour – carried.

No further discussion

Central Office: Brenda's Report for January 2022 → 167 calls came in this month: 4 wanting on line meeting info, 6 rural inquiries, 3 wanting a sponsor, 2 wanting Bridging the Gap and 4 callers were calling from jail. 3 people just wanted to talk, 2 wanted help for someone else and 2 were from First timers. There were 3 12th step calls. 48 people walked into the office.

48 e-mails were sent including 8 to Updates about meeting changes, 8 about orders, a 12 step request, and 5 about meeting locations.

7 city Groups and 3 rural groups sent in a contribution. Total contributions for the month were \$2153.78 which was \$387.21 less than January of 2021. Book sales were on par with last year with the exception of Grapevine books. We didn't sell any. Putting Gordie and Howard on as authorized signers on the accounts went through.

On Thursday the 20th e-transfers were not coming through. Called the bank and they said the problem was not bank related. Friday the 21st Quick Books would not open. Went on line seeking help. Think the "help" was a bogus company. Called the bank and put a stop on line banking. Took the computer in to Memory Express for a complete clean. Had no working computer until Tuesday 25th when it was re-installed and all the passwords were changed. Worked from home on Monday 24th. The online banking was unlocked on Wed 26th after sending them a scan of the receipts for the cleaning work. Tuesday the mouse and keyboard were not working properly. By Wed. the 26th all was working fine. We had not been hacked and no virus was found.

Grapevine is having free shipping for the month of February. AAWS is implementing reduced shipping charges starting Feb 1st.

The University Group started a 22 week Step Action Series yesterday every Sunday morning 9:30- 11.00 at 525 Wardlaw Ave. Gratitude Day is set for Saturday March 5th on Zoom. It's the 50th Anniversary of Gratitude Day.

Changes to the meeting Schedules:

- AAAction have added an in person Women's meeting Sunday at 4:00. They have added a Saturday Noon Zoom meeting.
- The Group in Rivers has an in person meeting Wed. 7:00 at 339 Main St.
- The St Vital Group have added a 6:30 pm Zoom meeting.
- The Transcona Discussion have a Zoom Meeting on Monday, an In person meeting on Wed and have suspended their Friday meeting.
- The Charleswood Camels have suspended all their in person meetings.
- The Alano Group have added a Saturday Noon Zoom meeting until February 19th.
- The Winnipeg Women's Group have no in person meetings. They zoom it only.

Brenda moved the report be accepted as read. One question arose regarding calls from inmates. Where do calls get directed to and what info is given the inmates? Brenda responded by advising callers get directions to closest meeting; our AA website; and Bridging the Gap details.

Also noted was Winnipeg Group's continuing work with new women's agency, Eagle Lodge.

Telephone Answering Service (TAS): Mark reported the January thru March 2022 TAS Schedule was distributed (with thanks to Dennis). Questions or offers of help → contact Mark at jensen.b.mark@gmail.com

Continued discussion on issues with call forwarding. Mark and Dennis aware and looking for answers as always!

Confirmed that IG reps were also the TAS rep for their own group. There are approx. 15 groups involved in this activity.

Treatment: Serge reported to the IG Committee that he will have to leave Treatment Liaison due to home Group commitments ... he would look forward to nominating again in the future once the current commitment to his home group is finished!

Manitoba Keystone Conference Chair: Karly reported – nothing to report. No need for Committee to meet in January – hotel is secured for 2022 in the event that in-person can go ahead.

Contact Karly M to volunteer on the Keystone Committee or for additional details:
karly.martens@gmail.com - or - keystoneconferencecommittee@gmail.com

Area 80 Web Report – Gary attended last meeting January 30th. There is a new Web Chair (Janice), and - engaging a (paid for) web master is in progress.

Contact Janice L at webchair@aamanitoba.org to volunteer or for issues pertaining to the Area 80 web site.

Area 80: Questions about Area 80 activities can be directed to area80chair@gmail.com

Area 80 Chair Richard gave a brief update. Will send those notes to IG as attachment...!

Group Reports: No reports at this time ...

Old Business:

1. 2022 Election –

Open positions – call for nominations - none

- **Secretary -**
- **Treatment**
- **Remote Communities Liaison -**
- **Corrections Liaison**
- **PI/CPC Liaison**

Interest in participating in the Intergroup Committee can be submitted as follows:

- Phoned in to Manitoba Central Office (Brenda (204) 942 0126 - or -
- e-mailed to Central Office aambco@mymts.net

2. Literature Pricing – has not been adjusted in 3 years – it may be timely to be reviewed in light of the deficit budget that was presented tonight.

Chair Gordie has done some detective work on this and will make an initial presentation this month! For general 1st discussion in March!

3. **WIA 2022 Directory** – assuming all updates are now in– the WIA Directory will be sent out this week.

New business/discussion:

1. **IG Sub-Committees (Area 80 – FOCO)** – this is a group of volunteers who are not elected and who do not vote at IG Committee meetings. They provide support to the Central Office manager and the IG Committee on various projects and tasks that may arise.

Further explanation / task insight on the website and FOCO sub-committees was given. Guidelines need to be produced to insure direction / efficiencies and success.

2. Good detailed information discussion was held on in-person meetings and vaccination requirements on a group to group basis. As is the case with AA traditions each group being autonomous allows each group to follow public health orders at the minimum or maximum!

Next meeting: 7:00pm Monday, March 7th, 2022 by Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at **7:53pm** with the Declaration of Unity.

Minutes submitted by: Gary C. and Gordie T.