

# Tri-County Meeting Minutes

Date	December 16, 2018																																												
Opened	Marian S. – 12:00p.m.																																												
Voting Quorum	12																																												
Attendance	Voting Quorum: Rosa J. 762, Michelle B. 1103, Elaine Y. 632, Matt M. 776, Ed B. 50, Amy M. 1096, Scott L. 132, John A. 164, Tom B. 113, Jordan M. 589, Paul M. 340, Marian S. Building on Higher Ground Other: Doug H. 38, Angela Rose																																												
New IR's	Amy M. 1096																																												
Birthdays	None																																												
Secretary Report	Rosa J. read the Minutes from the meeting on 11/18/18.  <b>Motioned by: Doug    Seconded by: Paul M.</b> <b>To accept the Minutes as read.</b> <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b>																																												
Treasurer Report	<p>Colleen reported that there had been trouble printing the report and provided a verbal report.</p> <p><b><u>TRI-COUNTY INTERGROUP</u></b></p> <table> <tr> <td>DEC. INCOME:</td> <td></td> <td>DEC. EXPENSES:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group 1023</td> <td>\$150.00</td> <td>Rent</td> <td>\$140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group 340</td> <td>\$262.22</td> <td>TOTAL EXPENSES:</td> <td>\$140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group 762</td> <td>\$ 60.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group 208</td> <td><u>\$200.00</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL INCOME:</td> <td>\$600.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Tri-County Intergroup account balance \$2,909.48 not including prudent reserve.</p> <p><b><u>LITERATURE</u></b></p> <table> <tr> <td>INCOME:</td> <td></td> <td>EXPENSES:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov Sales</td> <td>\$919.00</td> <td>Bright Star Coins</td> <td>\$139.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December Sales</td> <td><u>\$628.00</u></td> <td>BOA fee</td> <td>\$12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL INCOME:</td> <td>\$1547.00</td> <td>Sobriety Sentinel</td> <td><u>\$22.00</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>TOTAL EXPENSES:</td> <td>\$172.89</td> </tr> </table> <p>Colleen stated that with the accounts are separated and that by falling below \$3,000 a \$12 service fee had been charged. Colleen said the accounts have been combined to prevent further service charges.</p> <p>½ Tri-County \$1,106.07 ½ Literature \$1,106.07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$2,212.14 prudent reserve \$3,431.70 Intergroup <u>\$3,445.77</u> Literature \$9,089.61</p>	DEC. INCOME:		DEC. EXPENSES:		Group 1023	\$150.00	Rent	\$140.00	Group 340	\$262.22	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$140.00	Group 762	\$ 60.00			Group 208	<u>\$200.00</u>			TOTAL INCOME:	\$600.00			INCOME:		EXPENSES:		Nov Sales	\$919.00	Bright Star Coins	\$139.89	December Sales	<u>\$628.00</u>	BOA fee	\$12.00	TOTAL INCOME:	\$1547.00	Sobriety Sentinel	<u>\$22.00</u>			TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$172.89
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	<p>Colleen said she would email the typed report, and if there were questions to email.</p> <p><b>Motioned by: John A.                      Seconded by: Carrie D.</b>  <b>To accept the Treasurers Report.</b>  <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b></p>
12 <sup>th</sup> Step Answering Service Report	None – Mike was absent
Literature Report	<p>Rosa J. reported she is putting together a packet of some pamphlets from AA World Service. there will be an expense to Tri-County Intergroup, but no charge to meetings unless they'd like to donate. The pamphlets will be handed out at the IR meeting. The purpose is to get info to all groups not attending and encourage group participation in TCI.</p> <p>Books sales are same - steady and slow. No issues.</p> <p>Rosa reported that someone contacted her with questions about IR, but they are not present today.</p> <p>Rosa sent an email out to the group of about 90 people and only 20 had responded to stay on the list. She will begin using the new list of 20 people, but will send one more email remained to the others on the list.</p> <p><b>Motioned by: John A.                      Seconded by: Carrie D.</b>  <b>To accept the Literature Report.</b>  <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b></p>
Website Report	<p>Colleen stated the Website Chair is absent and the latest Where and When was being expanded and would be updated on the website.</p> <p>Colleen asked when the online ordering will be available on the website. Rosa said that Bob was working on this and would send out a text update.</p> <p><b>Motioned by: Carrie D.                      Seconded by: Michelle</b>  <b>To accept the Website Report.</b>  <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b></p>
Outreach Report	None – This is an open position
Activities Report	<p><b>ALCATHON</b></p> <p>John A. reported that Group 164 had provided \$100.00 and a nice basket, if other groups would like to donate a basket they should text him or Patty R. to pick up.</p> <p>John A. reported that there would be music, free admission and free food. The next committee planning meeting will be at the Bread Co. on Mid Rivers Mall Drive on Tuesday, December 18.</p> <p>John A. stated he spoke to Emily from Chuckypa, she said she was coming today, but is not present. He said that Chuckypa would be bringing a basket and asked to set up a table at the Alcathon to sell t-shirts. There was discussion about Chuckypaa but not vote taken and no one present from Chuckypaa.</p>

Carrie D. reported that Group 1023 will be bringing a basket and that she had received good feedback from the group that admission would be free of charge. Carrie stated that it is good when our purpose is being questioned. The Steering Committee made the decision to make it free of charge and it is good for both old and new members.

Scott stated that he was bringing questions from his homegroup about the decision to make the Alcathon free of charge. The examples are free admission, \$600 for the band. In the past the Alcathon was paid for by baskets, 50/50, and donations. Scott questioned if the Activities Committee was given the power to make these decisions with no vote from Groups?

Colleen stated the Activities person resigned, and the Steering Committee discussed whether or not to have the Alcathon. The decision was voted on by the IR. The idea was to get more involved in making this event a success since the move and less rent, planning that the baskets and 50/50 would make up for the expenses.

Carrie D. stated she doesn't remember a discussion about recouping the costs, but remembers discussing making the event accessible and allowing for donations by those that can afford them.

Scott stated he remembers a vote at the meeting to have the Alcathon, but did not remember a vote if the event would be free or not. The next meeting there was a flyer announcing the event would have free admission.

Colleen stated that the flyer presented at that meeting was a draft and was then voted on.

Carrie D. stated that due to the resignation of the Activities Chair they got a late start on planning the event.

Scott stated that he agrees with the Alcathon, just has concerns with the financial decisions.

Ed stated a band cost \$600, his group didn't agree to that. The Groups did not get to vote; he said the IR doesn't dictate to the groups. Ed asked whether we had a sound system or did we pay for a band.

John A. stated they do have a sound system and he looked at the by-laws and the Steering Committee can make decisions, and the reason was to provide a free event.

Rosa J. read the Minutes from October, and stated she doesn't see a specific vote, but doesn't think they would have moved forward without a response from the Group.

Ed stated that with the finances of IR dwindling, he would have thought that such a big expense would have been sent back to the Group for approval. He thinks we need to think about these things in the future. The Alcathon never makes money, years ago there were marathon meetings, and speakers every hour on the hour, and the event wasn't about making money or spending money on a band or caterer. The accounts had to be combined because of dwindling finances. He mentioned an Outreach Committee.

Tom stated that when he had one year sober he attended a picnic and didn't have .50 cents for even a soda and he was so grateful to have this type of fellowship available. New Year's

	<p>Eve is a drinking holiday, an event for new comers. He stated there are squabbles of nickels and dimes, the event is not meant to be a money maker, but a place for the newcomer.</p> <p>John stated the Activities Chair way back said they were going to make money and they said just break even. He said the Outreach Chair had moved away and isn't available. He thinks that the music is paid for and that planning was last minute and they didn't have time.</p> <p>Paul stated that three years ago he had six months of sobriety and look forward to the Alcahthon, and maybe he expected more, there was no band, and people started cleaning up while people were still dancing. It was a drag and he said if AA people aren't having fun he is going to go where people are having fun.</p> <p>Marian said, not speaking for her Group, when she had six months sober and had to help for the picnic it helped her; she doesn't know if the event is supposed to make money. She said people need a place to go and it could keep someone from drinking.</p> <p>Colleen said it is a done deal and the Steering Committee has the authority to make that decision.</p>
Sobriety Sentinel	None
Unfinished Business	None
Old Business	<p><b>OPEN POSITIONS</b>  Secretary  Chair  Co-Chair  Outreach</p> <p>Marian asked if Ed wanted to fill the Chair position. Ed stated he had too much going on outside.</p> <p>Ed stated he had relayed to Patty that the location should be reserved by Labor Day because October is too late, and they lost the Activities Chair and ran out of time.</p> <p>Ed stated that he had gotten on the website several times and the meeting minutes were not updated. He also tried to order literature and it didn't work.</p> <p>Colleen stated she would let him know when the Treasurer's Report was posted.</p> <p>Colleen stated that if we don't have a Chair we won't have a meeting in January.</p> <p>Amy M. volunteered to fill the Chair position, which will be brought back in January.</p> <p>Michelle stated that we have known for a long time this position would be vacant and no one has stepped up. What happens if no one fills the position, she asked if IR goes away?</p> <p>Ed stated it could go on a volunteer basis and flow down to the Groups, if no one steps up it could "hibernate".</p> <p>Carrie D. volunteered to fill the Secretary position.</p>

	<p><b>Motioned by: John      Seconded by: Doug</b>  <b>To appoint Carrie D. to Secretary</b>  <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b></p>
New Business	<p>Colleen stated someone contacted her and said the shelving at the storage unit at the Office is falling, and the cost to repair is \$300, and said the expense could be shared for \$150 each.</p> <p>Carrie asked for clarification, because the shelving doesn't appear to be falling.</p> <p>Colleen read the email that said they have to prop stuff up.</p> <p>Michelle asked if this expense wasn't covered by the rent. Colleen said she didn't think so.</p> <p>Rosa said the closet rent is \$100 and the meeting space rent is \$40, and asked if we are paying for rent why would we need to pay for repairs?</p> <p>Doug stated he works here and doesn't see a shelving issue.</p>
Close	<p><b>Motioned by: Carrie D. Seconded by: Ed</b>  <b>To adjourn the meeting at 1:05p.m.</b>  <b>All ayes, motion carried.</b></p>
Next Meeting	January 20, 2019