

Tri-County Meeting Minutes

Date	March 17, 2019
Opened	Julie S. - 12:00 p.m.
Voting Quorum	12
Attendance	Julie S. 164 (Co-Chair), Colleen S. 1023 (Treasurer), Carrie D. 1023 (Secretary), Rosa J. 762 (Literature Chair), Angel L. 393, Laura J. 77, Greg K. 124, Mike W. Answering Service Chair, Ed B. 50, Doug L. 3814, Elaine Y. 632, Dave M. 208, Ashlie J. 976, Bob M. 340, Ron D., Tom B. 113 (alternate), Robby K. 113, Michelle M. 167, Scott L. 132
New IR's	Angel 393, Laura 77
Birthdays	Colleen 19 years
Secretary Report	Carrie D. read the Tri-County Meeting Minutes from the meeting on 2/17/19. Motion to accept the minutes as read by: Greg K. Seconded by: Mike W. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Report	<p><u>TRI-COUNTY INTERGROUP</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2">MARCH INCOME:</td> <td colspan="2">MARCH EXPENSES:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group 164</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$67.50</td> <td>Rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL INCOME:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$67.50</td> <td>TOTAL EXPENSES:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$140.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Tri-County Intergroup account balance \$6,695.87 (not including Prudent Reserve).</p> <p><u>LITERATURE</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td colspan="2">INCOME:</td> <td colspan="2">EXPENSES:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>212 Club Sales</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$603.00</td> <td>Kwik Kopy Printing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$28.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Campus Sales</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$117.00</td> <td>AAWS Publications</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,105.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL INCOME:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$720.00</td> <td>TOTAL EXPENSES:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,133.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Tri County Literature account balance \$1,329.16 (not including Prudent Reserve).</p> <p><u>BALANCES</u></p> <p>\$2,212.14 prudent reserve (50% each Intergroup & Literature Accts) \$6,695.87 Intergroup <u>\$1,329.16 Literature</u> \$10,237.17</p> <p>*Colleen has provided a preliminary budget for Tri-County AND for Tri-County Literature for the 2019 year. The preliminary was based on the 2018 expenses and she rounded these numbers up. For estimated income, she considered what the actual contributions from each of the groups were last year and rounded these numbers up. Julie questioned whether the preliminary was annual? Colleen reiterated that yes, the budget IS annual. *BOA will no longer be charging the \$12 fee - Thank you Colleen for calling. *Greg questioning WHEN we actually left the Depot Street location. He would like to see the actual numbers from 2018. Colleen reiterated that the 2019 proposed budget IS what we spent in 2018 and she did provide a 2018 report. Greg asked when is the Tri-County fiscal year? Colleen answered Jan 1 - Dec 31. Items such as the liability insurance and the web phones will not change. *Doug does not believe the budget for 2019 should be based on 2018 bc we were still paying rent at Depot plus the storage facility prior to having storage here at the Office. *Greg wants to know who votes on the budget. Colleen states the Steering Committee does but not without input from the rest of the groups and the IRs here at the meeting. *Rosa would like Outreach literature be included in the 2019 budget. Colleen will add this.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurers Report by: Mike W. Seconded by: Angel L. All ayes, motion carried.</p>	MARCH INCOME:		MARCH EXPENSES:		Group 164	\$67.50	Rent	\$140.00	TOTAL INCOME:	\$67.50	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$140.00	INCOME:		EXPENSES:		212 Club Sales	\$603.00	Kwik Kopy Printing	\$28.00	Campus Sales	\$117.00	AAWS Publications	\$2,105.00	TOTAL INCOME:	\$720.00	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2,133.00
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12 th Step Answering Service Report	<p>Mike W. (Answering Service Chair) Things are operating smoothly. *A few members have rotated and the phone is getting answered most of the time. People are calling for rides and 95% of the calls are people looking for meetings.</p>																												

Literature Report	<p>Rosa J. (Literature Chair)</p> <p>* Recently spent about \$2100 on books, largely on Big Books. These items were delivered to Colleen who has brought the literature to the Office. Pamphlets have been reordered and the old pamphlets will be rotated out. She also ordered 500 of the “I am responsible” cards and “What does it mean to be anonymous?” cards which are being distributed today. Please take these back to your HGs to distribute as desired. Rosa has been trying to meet people on Saturday/Sunday mornings to distribute the literature they have ordered. If they are not available on Saturday/Sunday she is attempting to meet at other times during the week.</p> <p>*Colleen asking if there are any proposals to newcomer packets? Rosa is asking if Tri-County can donate the new comer packets to groups needing them. She believes this will help with our outreach efforts. Julie suggests we take this back to our home groups for feedback. Greg asking for clarification if any group representative can come to pick up New Comer packets for free? Rosa confirms, yes, this is the proposal. Julie believes this is a great opportunity to outreach and show what we are here for. Bob is concerned about this proposal and feels there is nothing wrong with holding groups accountable for paying for their own packets. He does not want to see the packets wasted and if groups have to pay for them they will perhaps not be as careless with them. Ashley reports her group has stopped buying them bc their group is not able to purchase due to the large number of Bridgeway women in attendance who cannot afford.</p>
Website Report	<p>Bob M. (Website Chair)</p> <p>*A new website committee member has stepped up - welcome Ron!</p> <p>*Minutes have been added to the website. These currently date back to October. If we have others, please forward to him.</p> <p>*He has received a call on the hotline asking whether meetings offer childcare. He does not currently see this on the website or whether meetings are wheelchair accessible or provide sign language. He was going to update the paper Where & When, but would like to give groups a chance to update through the website first.</p> <p>*Bob has found a Bowling Green, KY AA technology workshop. He is asking us to consider sending one or two individuals to learn. This will take place 9/20-22/19. He is asking expenses to be covered for hotel, registration, and perhaps travel. Julie is asking Bob to collect further information regarding this workshop.</p> <p>*Bob would like to have an IT individual separate from the website person. Ron states this individual would be responsible to evaluating the current technology we have and what would best suit our needs now and in the future.</p>
Outreach Report	<p>None - Please spread the word to your groups that this position is open!</p> <p>*Rosa gave an explanation that the Outreach chair would be responsible for helping pull our districts together. Ed states his conception is that the Outreach Chair would be responsible for going to meetings physically to get the word out, to attract individuals from groups to come to Tri-county to participate, to do a lunch and learn, etc. so we have a better representation of all the groups we are making decisions for. This is a huge time commitment for one individual. We, as a group, need to discuss what our expectations would be of the chair person? This needs to be clear prior to expecting an individual to step into the role.</p> <p>*Doug is asking to consider that technology is hugely part of outreach and perhaps we should look into technology to aid with this effort ie satellite locations for Tri-County.</p>

Activities Report	<p>John A. (Activities Chair) *Annual Picnic is upcoming. He has yet to collect information on how last year was handled. Based on feedback from last year, this year's event is expected to be shorter, family friendly, with ballpark reserved, etc. Proposed dates upcoming. Please let John know if available to help.</p>
Sobriety Sentinel	<p>Mike G. (SS Chair) not present to provide a report. *Colleen has spoken with Mike and he is going to start sending updates monthly to steering committee. *He has been getting lots of stories, activities, etc, and is requesting MORE! Keep it up!</p>
Unfinished Business	None
Old Business	None
New Business	<p>*Julie would like to hear reports from individuals who handed out packets to the groups. Her experience has been that some groups are very small and therefore do not participate, other groups thought Tri-County was 'de-funked'. Greg has found a group with only 3 home group members, 2 other large meetings expressed they didn't see what Tri-County does for them or how they could contribute. Bob reiterated that Tri-County IS providing services in the form of a Where & When and a place for new comers to find meetings. Julie reiterated that we have to lead by example and it is attraction rather than promotion that gets people here. Tammy states one thing really lacking is people "just don't know" and that it is a lack of knowledge. They don't know what happens in this room. Rosa appreciates the point that Tammy made and states that she tried to get the point across and out there in the packets but it hasn't made a mark. In other districts the Intergroup does PI-CPC and activities, but in our district the districts are doing it. *Colleen states she has started attending the District meetings to give a report of what's happening at the Tri-County level hoping to get the word out. *Bob is going to post on the Tri-County website "What Tri-County Does for You" *Mike W. states he has been coming to these meetings for 27 years and the conversations have not changed. The people who are not participating do not understand the service work structure or they DO and have chosen not to participate. There are a lot of meetings that are small and do not have all the positions the larger groups have. The meetings that are large have chosen not to participate. They don't do Tri-County, they don't do district, they don't do service. He has participated in outreach in the past and the same issues exist. Mike believes true outreach happens by sponsorship and telling our sponsees to choose home groups that have the 3 legacies! The difference between a St. Louis and a Chicago type area....those meetings are huge and the people fight over who gets to be the GSR, secretary, etc.</p>
Close	<p>Motion to close the meeting at 1:13 by: Julie S. Seconded by: Ashlie J. All ayes, motion carried.</p>
Next Meeting	April 28, 2019 @ 12 noon (in lieu of April 21 st , the 3 rd Sunday, being Easter)

