

**Tri-County Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2018**

Opened by: Colleen S. @ 1201

Voting Quorum: 10

Present: Colleen S. 1023, Carrie D. 1023, Rosa J. 762, Matt M. 776, Tamara D. 583, Tom B. 113, Scott L. 132, John A. 164, Emily E. 976, Bob M. 340, Dave O. ?, Dave M. ?,

New IRs: Matt M. 776, Tamara D. 583, Scott L. 132

Birthdays: Tom B. 26 years on 9/16/18

Secretaries Report: Read by Carrie D. (substitute secretary)

Motion to approve by Dave M.

2nd by Tamara D.

Unanimously approved by voting quorum

Treasurer Report: Provided by Colleen S. for dates 8/17/18 to 9/14/18

Tri-County Intergroup... Income: August \$472.90, September \$292.00

Expenses: August \$541.44, September \$272.12

Ending Balance for September: \$2,549.02

Tri-County Literature... Income: August \$845.00, September \$254.25

Expenses: August \$312.00, September \$2,595.87

Ending Balance for September: \$1,561.18

Motion to approve Emily E.

2nd by Ed

Unanimously approved by the voting quorum

Literature Report: Provided by Rosa J.

Ordered 1000 newcomer packets of which 300 were sold prior to arrival. There are 700 Newcomer packets left to sell. Previous cost to make 1 Newcomer packet totaled \$0.73 per each. They were being sold for \$0.50 at a loss of \$0.23 per each. Rosa has reevaluated what is included in the Newcomer packet and is now able to make 1 Newcomer packet totaling \$0.57 per each. She is asking to adjust the amount we sell them for. She is requesting 1 Newcomer packet be sold at \$0.60 per each with the \$0.03 per each overage being contributed to AA pamphlets which we could donate to The Office.

Current value of literature in stock is \$6887.20 (This is the 'sales' price, NOT what we paid). We have extra literature that will be placed in the pamphlet holder at the Campus Office as it is no longer needed in the Newcomer packets. All non AA related literature has been removed from the Tri-County Newcomer Packet.

World Services website is being revised and we currently are having to call in orders.

John A. appreciates the work Rosa has done.

No literature sales thus far since Tri-County assumed all literature from The Office. The literature sign which had been taped to the literature closet was found to be removed. It has been replaced.

Motion to approve Newcomer packet sales price increase to \$0.60 by John A. 2nd by Dave M.

Opposed by Emily E. as her group is not able to purchase newcomer packets due to low contributions at her HG as they have heavy attendance from Bridgeway patients. She would like to keep the price at \$0.50.

Rosa states the wallet sized "Acceptance is the Answer" card cost \$0.08 per each and if removed 1 Newcomer packet would be \$0.49 per each.

Colleen states she would like to keep the card wallet size card with "Acceptance with the Answer" as she feels it is very important to Newcomers.

Carrie suggested selling Newcomer packets at \$0.55 per each at a loss of \$0.02 with the explanation that Tri-County can give back. This was denied.

Motion to approved 2nd time at \$0.60 by John A.

2nd by Dave M.

Unanimously approved

12th Step Answering Service Report: Mike W. not present, report by Bob M. Bob states he receives calls from time to time requesting women and he doesn't get response from the women he has numbers for. Carrie questioned why she has never received a call when she is supposed to be on the list. Mike only has 4 women and 4 men on the list. They are not referencing women off the primary list for giving to female callers. Emily E., Rosa J., Carrie D. all willing to compile a list of women who are willing to be on the list.

Bob would like a workshop on how to do 12th step calls. Bob elaborated on issues dealing with callers. Resources are limited. Emily E. questioned whether the number has texting capabilities so callers could text. Carrie asked who all is on the 12th Step Answering Service Committee. Answer - Mike W. is the only official committee member at this time.

Website Report: Report by Bob M.

Doing great but could be doing a lot more. Bob will update as needed. More meetings have been updated, but still missing many of them. Rosa J. wants the Where and When to be available as a front and back. Bob recommends using Excel. Rosa is not able to do it. Colleen states it should be Website's job.

Outreach Report: Patrick M. not present

Bob M. and Tom B. discussed whether the Krumbly Burger meeting is still accurate on the Where and When. Tom B. states the Krumbly Burger meeting IS correct and weather permitting that *specific* meeting is at Cuivre River State Park. It is the Website that is incorrect.

Activities Report: Janice C. not present

Colleen expressed concerned bc the Alcathon is upcoming very quickly. Colleen reached out to Jerry G. to request his band play at the Alcathon. Colleen has reached out to Patrick (Outreach) asking for assistance. John A. feels this is very discouraging to see only 60-70 people show up at the picnic. He feels the staging was poor and that we are headed in the same direction with the Alcathon. Perhaps we should “change management” of activities at this time. Emily E. feels there is a conflict to get people to the Alcathon because of the YPAA committee activities. She feels the food and fellowship with the Alcathon is better but the “party” & “dance” portion is better within the YPAA scene. Colleen’s idea is to make the event a potluck, we supply the meat, soda, water, Monsters, and no charge at the door in an effort to draw people in and get interest going.

Scott frequents North County and states their Activities committee and Activities chair in NC attended our Alcathon last year and recognized a similar happening in their district. They have gone out to recruit young people in AA to help grow the attendance. Then we can “attract” rather than “promote”. Colleen to call Janice and ask for a report. John A. & Bob M. are willing to step up and help on that committee.

Sobriety Sentinel: Mike not present – he mentioned to Colleen via email that he did order and distribute the September Sentinels. Colleen will email to Carrie to be included with the meeting minutes email.

Unfinished Business: Modified Tri-County Bylaws to be tabled as not many have taken this back to their home groups for feedback.

Old Business: Colleen attended the Campus Office meeting last month. Cheri Z has also stepped down from Literature at the Campus office level in addition to the Tri-County intergroup.

Next month, October, Tri-County Intergroup will has 4 open positions. Chair, Alternate Chair, Co-Chair, & Secretary. Colleen will remain Treasurer.

New Business: Ed asking what is the best vehicle to announce group birthdays. Group 42 will have 50 years the 1st week in October, group 54 will have 50 years the 4th week of October & group 5 will have 75 years closer to the end of 2018. Bob M states they should be in the Sobriety Sentinel. Groups can email requests to sentinel@tricityaa.org.

Emily E. Group 976 announced Nov 17 will be annual bonfire, potluck, with AA & Alanon speakers.

Emily E. asked of Tri-County, “at what point does Tri-County choose to dissipate? With low attendance, low participation and no one attending bc strong personalities scare others off.” She is concerned there are many out there who are persuading their groups to not contribute. She pointed out there has not been a ‘manager’ for a year and people do not understand WHAT the difference is between a group secretary and an IR. Ed agrees even he does not understand the difference between the Intergroup and the Steering Committee.

Colleen states Steering Committee is responsible for the business side – paying rent, choosing location. The committees (activities, outreach, literature, etc.) is the IRs and their committee participants.

John A. has been coming for 6 or 7 months and has noticed we have become more structured and “personalities” have become better.

Tamara wanted clarification that she is representing HER home group only.

Rosa states the bylaw amendments has gone to the backburner for her, but when literature is back up and running she will refocus. Her opinion is that the bylaws are online and people need to read and make note of changes needing to be changed. This is the time/place to make the changes. Those of us who are regulars need to step up and man the committees. She requests we all email her their thoughts on what should be done. Bring forth ideas of activities, what literature to sell, job duty definitions, etc.

Bob M. states the bylaws are “what we are trying to do and if we read them it will help us. If sick groups are out there that are in the mind to not support us.”

Emily asked if we have a voting quorum to conduct business. - yes

Bob M. would like to see more participation from groups.

Motion to close the meeting by Carrie D.

2nd by Tamara

Unanimously voted to close

Meeting closed at 1:22

Next meeting on October 21, 2018 @ 12 noon