

<i>Date</i>	January 16, 2021
<i>Opened</i>	12:00 pm by Julie S.
<i>Voting Quorum</i>	14
<i>Attendance</i>	Julie S, Chair, John A., Vice Chair, Laura G., Treasurer, Donnie W. IR 164 & Acting Secretary, Nancy Literature Chair, Andrew H., Sobriety Sentinel Chair, Tom B. Activities Chair, Pennie G 12 <sup>th</sup> Step Chair, Bob M. Tech. Chair, Ron D. IR 1118, Amy M. 1103, Randy IR 113, Larry B., IR 77, Jeff C., ALT IR 484, Ian S. IR 50, Ken C. IR 340, Kathleen IR 1023, Wendy L. IR 976, Eugene IR 632, Nancy IR 762, Ed Acting IR 392, Mary Anne S. IR 1122, Jason IR 777
<i>New IR's</i>	Julie read Statement of Responsibilities of Intergroup Representatives.
<i>Birthdays</i>	Wendy L. ,7 Years on 12/28, Kathleen W., 16 Years on 12/26
<i>Announcements</i>	Pennie: new Big Book Study meeting at ARCH (Addiction Recovery Community Resources), 502 S. 5th, TH 6:00pm.
<i>Secretary Report</i>	John A., Vice Chair and Acting Secretary, presented Minutes of Meeting of December 19, 2021. Motion to Accept by Ron D., 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen W., passed unanimously.
<i>Treasurer Report</i>	Laura G., Treasurer, presented Report for the year ended December 31, 2021. Rounded to the nearest dollar: Intergroup income totaled \$5616 for the year, <del>and</del> expenses were \$5632, for a net reduction of \$16, bringing the Cash Balance to \$6695 for the year in addition to \$4144 held as a Prudent Reserve. Literature income totaled \$13,328 for the year and expenses were \$12,862, for a net increase of \$466 in the Cash Balance for the year. Laura noted that the \$150 seed money for Alcathon was not used and was returned to the treasury. Also, Laura made verbal arrangements to meet Amy at the bank to complete proper signature cards. Motion to Accept report by Wendy L., 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ron D., passed unanimously.
<i>12- Step Calls</i>	Pennie, our new 12-Step Chair emailed introductory greetings to group members and recruiting people for the committee. Calls are getting answered.
<i>Literature Report</i>	Nancy, our new Literature Chair, is handling technical set ups including banking transactions and literature closet inventory. Big Books are ordered and will be delivered in February.
<i>Technology Report</i>	Bob M. purchased a new microphone to improve ZOOM audio. Bob attended the technology workshop at the area assembly. Bob recommends checking out the new EAMO Website that is very user friendly, with helpful Ask Button in lower Rt Hand corner. Bob received inquiries regarding use of old or recently approved Preamble (on the Tricounty website) but needs direction from the IR's. The AA Meeting Guide app (also on TricountyAA.org) has fabulous updates. One click away to join meetings!
<i>Activities Report</i>	John A. Alcathon was amazing although attendance was down. Slated AA speaker had to cancel, but the last-minute new speaker gave a talk that prompted a standing ovation! Thanks to Sue and the committee! Balloon animals, kids, Dancing! Income and expenses were both \$1,774, so the event broke even! Detailed Alcathon financial report submitted. It was a family friendly sober event with phenom Electric Slide dancing! Tom B., the incoming Activity Chair related: "excited to serve at the discretion of the Intergroup."
<i>Sobriety Sentinel</i>	Andrew H. February Sentinel – 600 copies are printed. The Sobriety Sentinel PDF is now both emailed to the IR's and posted on the Tricounty website.
<i>Old Business</i>	Julie – Consider a traveling Intergroup meeting or moving the meeting to a more central location like Wentzville. Significant discussion followed. Amy M. made motion, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Larry B.: to have steering committee do more research on moving the location of the Intergroup meeting and exploring potential related expenses. Motion passed unanimously. <u>Earlier in meeting</u> , Julie distributed a new sheet for IR's to vote on preferences for a possible new time, or day for Intergroup Meetings. 11 IR's

	voted for the IR meeting to remain on Sunday at noon. Julie stated that Committee Chair budgets will be due in March. This so the Chair and Treasurer can develop a proposed annual budget to present to the Tricounty Intergroup in April.
<i>New Business</i>	<p>There was discussion to revise the Tricounty Bylaws regarding Chair and Vice Chair terms, outlined in Article 6, page 5, items e &amp; f. Currently, the Vice Chair is elected on odd years, and the Chair is elected on even years. Discussions included:</p> <p>a) History: The perceived intended benefit of changing to alternating years was to prevent having both officers leave at the same time.</p> <p>b) The perceived disadvantage of the alternating years scenario is the currently seated Vice Chair either could not stand for Chair due to already having a job or would have to resign from the Vice Chair job in order to run for Chair. A Vice Chair would have to wait one year after the end of his term to run for Chair, which is especially awkward since most service commitments would take 2 years.</p> <p>c) It was mentioned that District 14 elects both the DCM and Alt DCM in the same year as do many other AA Districts. The benefit of simultaneous two-year terms is that the Vice Chair can learn from the Chair and be better positioned to assume the Chair position after two years.</p> <p>This discussion was tabled until a Red lined copy of potential changes is provided at the February Intergroup meeting..</p> <p>Julie – stated to only use Intergroup email for Intergroup news and not for personal opinions. This was in reaction to email discussion of whether the Tricounty Intergroup site should display the recently adopted AA Preamble or not. The Preamble issue was discussed by our delegates at Annual Service Conferences over a period of 5 years. The Intergroup members discussed whether to publish the AA Preamble on the site or not. Amy made a motion to remove the Preamble from the Intergroup website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Anne - in favor 6, opposed 7, so motion failed. There was discussion on whether to post the old Preamble as the “Tricounty Preamble” rather than the AA Preamble. Ron/Julie requested that IR’s ask their groups whether or not to keep the AA Preamble on the website.</p>
<i>Close</i>	Eugene made motion to close, 2nd by Larry. Meeting closed with the Declaration of Unity at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie W.  
Acting TriCounty AA Secretary