

**Piedmont Intergroup
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2018**

Attendees

Alice – Co-Chair; Website coordinator
Shannon – Secretary; Thur pm Advent rep
Susan B – Region 8 rep
Dominic – Wed pm CLT rep

Jim – Event Coordinator
Patty – Tues pm Cornelius rep
Rosemary – Sun pm CLT rep

OPENING

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

CHAIR MOMENT

Agenda Review/Revisions:

A motion was made by Susan B, seconded by Rosemary, and approved by all to make the SOAR 8 report a standing report for all Intergroup meetings, beginning with this meeting.

Alice asked that the item “Other Events” be added as a discussion item for New Business.

Summer Social should not be considered a Standing Report; the item was moved to Old Business.

Step, Tradition, Concept #5: Alice read the fifth step, tradition, and concept of OA.

Roll Call/Introductions: We went around the room where everyone introduced themselves and their role.

Approval of April Minutes: The minutes of the April 14, 2018, meeting were reviewed. Various grammatical edits were requested; it was agreed that Shannon would make all requested edits. Shannon made a motion for approval of the amended minutes and Susan B seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, as amended.

STANDING REPORTS

SOAR 8 Report: Susan B made a motion to make the SOAR report a standing report. Rosemary seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Shannon read the report on behalf of Richard. The Reach Line account was closed on April 30, 2018. Income collected for April 2018 was \$15.00. Airfare (\$364.02) was paid for the Region 8 Rep, Susan B, to attend the Region 8 (SOAR) Business Assembly in October in Mobile, Alabama. Ten *Newcomer Packets* and a *New Meeting Startup Kit* were purchased from WSO by the Intergroup to be provided for the new Hickory meeting for a total expense of \$54.00 (this includes the \$10.00 agreed upon at the April PI meeting). As of March 31, 2018, the Intergroup account balance was \$1493.73, with a \$400 prudent reserve and \$691 discretionary dollars. Jim made a motion to approve the report and Susan B seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fundraising Committee Report: Shannon read the report on behalf of Richard.

Susan W, Susan B, Shannon, Alice, Bev, Lee and Richard participated in a phone conference to discuss fundraising. The committee is proposing a fundraising goal of \$2500 for 2018, realizing the result will be God’s will in response to our actions. The committee proposes to expand the current customary 50/50 raffles at

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UNITY Day, IDEA Day, and the Summer Social to be larger raffles/silent auctions. The committee will actively solicit donations of a greater variety (jewelry, scarves, book marks, purses, program books, handmade items (needlework, handmade cards), gift cards (Target, bookstore, gas station, Walmart, grocery, amazon) or services (massage, computer service, gardening, manicure, car wash, house cleaning, etc.)). Anyone with items or services are asked to send an email to chair@piedmontintergroup.org The committee and additional volunteers are continuing to discuss the set up and execution of the events. The first silent auction fundraising will be at the Summer Social on July 14. A flyer regarding the silent auction was distributed via email to all Piedmont Intergroup members. In the future, the committee may also propose a “Sponsorship” or “Capital Campaign Drive” in which PI members give a one-time cash donation at meetings for specific initiatives/events. The committee suggested that these special funds be solicited on special OA dates such as OA’s birthday in January.

Shannon will draft a letter to share with the Fundraising Committee that asks meeting contacts to discuss at their meetings whether fellows would be willing to ‘pass a can’ occasionally to take up collections for specific events/initiatives. The collection would be in addition to our 7th Tradition donations collected at area meetings.

Info Line Report: No report.

Meeting List Report: The May 2018 meeting list was sent to all Piedmont Intergroup members via email. The only change between the April and May reports is the editing of information regarding the Thursday p.m. York, SC meeting.

Website Report: Alice has received some stories from people who attended the NC State Convention and is posting those stories on the Piedmont Intergroup website.

Group Outreach: Alice and Susan W visited the Hickory meeting recently.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Social: Items are needed for the silent auction at the Summer Social. Everyone is asked to share this request at their meetings. Susan B provided a flyer to all PI members listing the types of items they’d like to have donated. The flyer should be shared with groups, too. Jim shared another flyer with the group – a draft flyer advertising the event. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 5/16, after the Charlotte OA meeting to discuss the Summer Social.

Region 8 Business Assembly – October 2018 – Little Rock, AK: See report attached as Appendix A.

NC State Convention: Alice brought a copy of the CDs of all of the speakers from the convention. She is donating the CD set to the intergroup and she is willing to go to area meetings to let the meetings listen to the speakers. Each speaker length is about 40 minutes.

Support of Hickory meeting: This topic was tabled; to be discussed at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Events – ALICE, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY HERE?

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7th Tradition – **I DON'T REMEMBER US DISCUSSING THIS.**

Upcoming Dates:

- 6/9/18 – Next Intergroup Meeting
- 7/14/18 – Summer Social, Charlotte
- July 2018 – Lunch & Learn, Raleigh (Triangle Intergroup)
- 10/12/18-10/14/18 – Region 8 Business Assembly, Little Rock, AR
- 11/17/2018 – IDEA Day (International Day Experiencing Abstinence)
- April/May 2019 – World Service Business Conference (WSBC), Albuquerque, NM¹
- 8/20/20-8/22/20 – Region 8 sponsoring the World Service Convention² in Orlando, FL

VISITOR/NEWCOMER QUESTIONS

None

CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Serenity Prayer.

¹ Susan B is going to look into whether there is potential funding from WSO for the intergroup to send delegates to this conference.

² World Service Convention is a recovery event that occurs every five years.

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Appendix A

SOAR 8 Assembly report

April 20-21, 2018

I attended virtually, via Skype. This was the first time the Region offered virtual attendance and there were some glitches. The first was that I didn't realize it was Central Time. I was not able to connect on Friday night but don't think I missed much.

I wasn't patched in at the very beginning on Saturday but don't think I missed much. The Trustee reports that World Service is discontinuing producing literature in Spanish. If a member or group wishes to purchase, World Service will direct them to a service body that is producing them. That would be true for literature in any language other than English. She also let us know about the 2nd edition of The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous.

The vice chair, who oversees the website, reported The Unity with Diversity (UWD) Committee has compiled a list of "special circumstances" and can put you in touch with people who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope while facing the same issues. Twelfth Step Within (TSW) Committee has a list of night owls, members who are willing to sponsor on-line, relapse mentors, and the means for you to request workshops and speakers. The Public Information/Professional Outreach (PIPO) Committee needs volunteers to carry the message in July in Orlando, FL at a meeting for health professionals.

Region 8 will be hosting the World Service Convention at the Renaissance Hotel (Orlando at Sea World) in Orlando, FL August 20-22, 2020. This event only happens every five years, so plan NOW to attend. We will also need lots of volunteers. Your first opportunity for service is to come up with a THEME for this convention. Our Trustee, Linda, has brochures outlining the contest. Submissions are due by 15 June 2018. Following that, we will need volunteers for each of the committees required to put together an event of this magnitude (500 - 1,000 attendees).

I found out that the region offers funding to intergroups to send delegates to WS as well as sending reps to the Assembly. This is something we can look into until we are fully able to fund these positions.

Here are the guidelines for requesting funds to send a representative to the assembly. The application can be found on the website.

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Rep Funding Guidelines

1. Priority will be given to Intergroups which have never been represented at an Assembly, and to Intergroups which have not been funded in two years.
2. Intergroups which request funding more frequently than every two years will be considered on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the Rep Funding Program.
3. Funding shall be limited to expense of transportation and one-half the double occupancy rate for a maximum of two nights. Transportation should be by automobile if possible, or air/bus/train at the lowest rate.
4. Funding shall be limited to one Rep per Intergroup. However, other members may share transportation.
5. Advance funding may be requested, or funds will be given to the Rep upon arrival at the Assembly. *Voucher* (in this appendix) will be required for either transaction. Unused funds and reconciliation of Advance must be returned to the Region Treasurer within six weeks after Assembly.
6. Application for Rep Funding is requested sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly; however, applications received at a later date will be considered.
7. An application requires the signatures of two Intergroup officers.
8. An application requires copies of the most recent financial reports of your Intergroup.

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Motions passed to the Region P&P manual to clarify reimbursements.

The Spring Assembly in 2019 will be hosted by the Goldcoast Intergroup in Southern Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B.

Region 8 Representative