

CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT
INTERGROUP MINUTES
November 1, 2007

Jerald W. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members

Chairman: Jerald W.
Vice Chairman: Kate U. -Absent
Secretary: Wendy B.
Treasurer: Fran G.

Directors

Bertha G
John E. -Absent

Ginny P.-Absent
Kara S.

Also Present: Jim K., Office Manager

28 people were in attendance

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Jerald read the Reason for Central Office and passed around the 12 Traditions to be read by attendees.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ATTENDEES: Jack-Winners Circle at St. Paul's Church in Palm Springs on Wednesday 7:30PM

MINUTES: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes for October 4, 2007 were approved with the following correction: Kathleen C. is no longer a board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Fran presented the Monthly Financial Report for September 30, 2007. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Financial Report was approved as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Jim reported on the following:

- A. Please sign in at the door. This is used for calling with the meeting reminder and also used for the election eligibility determination. Please take any Desert Lifelines to your meeting location if the rep isn't here tonight.
- B. Thanks to Judi M. for Step 11 and Joe A. for Tradition 11. Mark A. volunteered for Step 12, Daniel for Tradition 12 and Paul G. for Concept 12.
- C. Book of the month is the 12x12 Soft cover-usually \$6.00, this month \$5.00.
- D. The Big Book is now available in Zulu.
- E. We've updated the men's 12 step list. Lots of the numbers have been disconnected. We could use some more men for the 12 step list. Please take some forms with you and announce it at the meetings. You can also sign up online at the Central Office website-ainthedesert.org.
- F. AA Grapevine website has been redesigned. Also, there is a new CD available-Attitude Adjustment: AA Grapevine Stories About Change.

- G. AA is developing a video for young people. You can upload the videos at the AAWS website which is: www.aa.org, then click the link in the lower right corner.
- H. Please tell your groups that if possible monthly donations to Central Office are preferred rather than quarterly. We had a loss last month and had to dip into our reserves.
- I. New meeting schedules will be here in a few weeks. We are selling almost twice as many as we used to since we lowered the price down to \$.50. The website is updated frequently.
- J. The Oklahoma City trip was great. 173 Central Offices were represented. 2008 will be in Edmonton, 2009 in Rochester, and possibly in Palm Springs for 2010. Some of the highlights were:
 1. Most Central Offices have a 6 month prudent reserve.
 2. Newsletter-Most Central Offices have trouble getting volunteers to contribute. Crossword puzzles are VERY popular.
 3. Some Central Offices are all volunteer. Most Central Offices provide drinks and snacks, some have TV and internet for their volunteers.
 4. Some of the results from the survey they did of many Central Offices were that 40% of the offices sold Drunk Junk (Bumper stickers, jewelry, key chains, cups, etc.) and 47% of the offices sell Hazelden.
 5. Outreach-one office reported that their contributions from groups went from 16% of groups to 98% of groups with outreach.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Fran G. reported on the following: Central Office lost \$3,000 since we were not able to have the Gratitude Dinner fundraiser. Since people are not spending the money on the Gratitude Dinner ticket, if anyone would like to make a donation direct to Central Office it would be greatly appreciated. This \$3,000 loss is a big hit for Central Office. We are still trying to make some arrangements with the Club at Shenandoah Springs (formerly Tri Palms) to secure that we can have our Spring Fest in March of 2008. If anyone knows of any location we may be able to use that will hold 300 people, that has a kitchen, and that is cost effective please contact Fran through Central Office at 324-4880.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Paul G. reported that we currently have approximately 470 meetings a week and very few have an Intergroup representative. (Tonight's attendance is 28) Please announce at all meetings you go to that every meeting should be represented, and that this can be a fun and enjoyable commitment. Try to include more things in your report such as the new CD's that are coming out for young people and not just stats and numbers that tend to lose a lot of people's interest.

WEBMASTER: Jim K. reported on the following:

Stats for October
Highest # of sessions in one day-149
Highest # of hits in one day-2,387
Average sessions-113
Average hits-1,637
Total sessions-3,504
Total hits-50,745

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The first Secretary Workshop will be in February not January 20 because of football play-offs. New date not yet determined.
- B. Kathleen C. has resigned from the board. We had a former board member volunteer but upon review of the by-laws, she did not qualify due to she has not been off the board for two years. The Board went back to last years election and considered the people that qualified to stand, and were

willing to stand. The Board has approved Paul G. Upon motion duly made and seconded a vote was taken among the Intergroup representatives. Paul G. was approved and is now a new Board member-Congratulations Paul.

NEW BUSINESS: New elections to the Board will be next month. We have 4 positions to fill. We will put out a list of all Intergroup representatives that are eligible to stand. A copy of the by-laws are included tonight with the agenda which has an explanation of what the duties and qualifications are. You must have been an Intergroup representative for at least six months and have attended at least 4 Intergroup meetings and must be present at December election.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES - COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS: It was brought up that one of the groups took a vote and felt that there should be a valley wide vote whether Central office should sell Hazelden. After a brief discussion it was brought up that we have no way of reaching all the groups in the valley. Our only link is through our Intergroup reps, and there are only 28 reps present tonight out of over 400 groups in the valley.

H&I/G.S. Dist. 9 REPORTS: None

SEVENTH TRADITION: Passed

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING: December 6, 2007@ 7:00 PM
NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 15, 2007 @ 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy B.
Secretary