

CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT

November 5, 2009
General Monthly Meeting

DIRECTORS:

Chairperson SherAli J.
Vice-Chair John E
Secretary Paul R
Treasurer Mike B
Board members- Garrett D, Paul A (absent), Brian C, Bill B., Jim D (absent)

Also Present
Jim K, Office Manager

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE –The Reason for Central Office was read and the long form of the 12 Traditions was passed and read by attendees.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

36 people were in attendance.

- New representatives: Randy C. - Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition, Maureen A- Just The Black Print, Connie Z. - Attitude Adjustment, Jeff A.- L.Q. Sober in the Park, Dick M. – Sunrise Celebrators, Ben P. – Friday Night ABC Club, Mary C. – The Stepping Stones, Averil M. – Sunday Morning Perez Plaza.

MINUTES – Paul R read the minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mike B presented the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending 9/30/2009 and past 3 month period. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Financial Report was approved as amended.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Reported on the following:

- Please sign in at the door. This is used for calling with the meeting reminder and also for election eligibility determination. Make certain the information is correct.
- Please take Desert Lifelines to your meeting location if the rep isn't here tonight.
- Thanks to Douglas K. for Step 11, Toni T. for Tradition 11 and Anonymous for Concept 11.
- Volunteers for December are Brian C. for Step 12, Anonymous for Tradition 12 and Douglas K. for Concept 12. These need to be submitted to Jim K. by 11-10-09.
- Book of the Month is As Bill See's It soft cover for \$6.50 instead of \$7.75.
- Jim K. reported back from the annual Central Office/ Intergroup managers meeting. There were 133 people in attendance with quite a lot of important information shared in presentations and workshops.
- Our bid to host the 2011 wasn't approved as the Tucson, AZ bid won out due to better hotel rates, we will try again.
- Jim K. set up a skeleton web site with 8 years of seminars and a decision was made to set up a web site with Jim K on the committee.
- Several ideas were presented for increasing funds: publishing a "Meeting in a Pocket", increasing the price of literature, having raffles for trips to local conventions or even the Hawaii Conference and

using a credit card for Central Office purchases to get airline miles for use in attending AA business seminars.

- Another workshop mentioned asking people calling Central Office for meeting information if this was for their first meeting as it would be a useful opportunity for 12-step work.
- The Big Book on CD (abridged version- first 164 pages plus appendices) should be out by the end of the year, price should be around \$19.00. They are also exploring the idea of a 70th anniversary edition of the Big Book.
- Over 21,000 people have already registered for the International Convention in San Antonio as of Oct. 2nd.
- Please keep mentioning Faithful Fivers at meetings.
- Central Office received \$793.50 from Madd Dog Daze and \$939.00 from the Desert Men's Banquet.
- Desert Lifeline is read in N.Y. at General Service Office and they like the input that are made with steps, traditions and concepts written by local AA members.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Per Bill B. there are 246 paid reservations for the Gratitude Dinner. We need tickets or money in by Wed. The meeting on the 25th went well and volunteers are committed.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Garrett D. welcomed new members and asked that we keep working to get the word out for new Intergroup members.

OLD BUSINESS

- Votes we tallied for the proposed changes in the By Laws for Central Intergroup of the Desert and the changes were all passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board elections are coming up in December.
- A discussion occurred about the 7th tradition being passed at the intergroup meeting and it was decided to keep passing the basket.
- GSR, representative, Gay advised us of Servathon scheduled at the ABC club in Indio on 11/14/09 from 9:00am to 3:00pm where information about General Service will be shared.
- DCYPAA had no report.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES – COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS:

- Toni T. had a question on the statement often used at meetings, “will newcomers in their first 30 days of sobriety please introduce yourselves, this is not to embarrass you but for us to get to know you better” as to the origination of this statement. She was advised to contact N.Y. office for information.

SEVENTH TRADITION WAS PASSED

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

Next Intergroup Meeting: December 3, 2009

Next Board Meeting: November 19, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul R-
Secretary