

Portland ACA Intergroup # 589 – MEETING MINUTES – July 14, 2025 5:45-7:00

Present: Peter, Shelley, Dave, Tommy, Sara, Phoenix, Lisa, Nicole, Arlene, Kimmy

Excused: Mixie, Ren

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes 6/9/25 – Approved

Treasurer's Reports – Approved

1. Regular checking account as of 7/11/25 = \$2,424.91
2. One meeting donated to the Intergroup this month for \$77
3. Reimbursements:
 - a. Mixie is designing an infographic with instructions on how to get reimbursed for pre-approved expenses and will show it at the August Intergroup meeting (it will be similar to the donations infographic made for the website)
 - b. Mixie has checks and various pre-approved reimbursements will be written out at the August Intergroup meeting. These include:
 - i. \$125 for Mike W. for the Wallace Park reservation
 - ii. \$13 for Ren for website expense
 - iii. \$1,000 for David M. for the retreat scholarship fund
4. Unresolved reimbursements:
 - a. Good Enough Club requested \$80 to support their first month of rent. Mixie just needs to receive a receipt for this to be able to pay it out at the August meeting.
 - b. Ren requested \$32.32 for the website Domain Renewal request, which was approved, and Mixie just needs to receive a receipt to be able to pay it out at the August meeting.

Literature Report

1. Literature Balance as of 7/14/25 = ~\$1,900
 - a. Adequate to cover recent \$1,100 BRB purchase.
 - b. Literature is moving well again.
2. *Post Meeting Clarification 6/14/25: Balance \$1,857; BRB invoice \$1,105*

Webmaster Report

1. Site updates: Event postings, Retreat registration went live, PHP version site updating
2. Total monthly website views in 2025:
 - a. June: 2,072 (visitors: 1,084)
 - b. May: 2,044 (visitors: 1,067)
 - c. April: 2,035 (visitors: 1,062)
 - d. March: 2,189 (visitors: 1,074)
 - e. February: 1,766 (visitors: 977)
 - f. January: 2,149 (visitors: 1,099)
3. Most visited pages in past 30 days:
 - a. ACA Meetings (832)
 - b. Home Page (347)
 - c. The Problem, The Solution & The Promises (227)
 - d. About (102)
 - e. The 13 Characteristics (98)

Meeting Reports

1. Monday - Action Coming from Love: no rep but social media inquiry re hybrid meeting
2. Monday – True Selves: no rep
3. Tuesday – ACA for Alcoholics: Lisa reports summer lull; 8 people average
4. Wednesday- Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect: Ren reports 10 - 15 people per meeting; treasury is stable; selling some literature. There's some interest in filling open service positions, but they haven't been officially filled yet.
5. Wednesday – Hurting to Healing: New rep Sara reports healthy, summer lull, but humming along
6. Thursday – Rainbow Travelers: Mixxie reports 15 people average. Elections in August - some service members will change and some will stay the same
7. Thursday – Treehouse Meeting: Peter reports low attendance, one meeting with no attendees; beginning to invite outside ACA's to visit
8. Friday – Good Enough Club: Shelley reports making rent, posting on socials and guest chairs helps
9. Saturday – Awareness, Courage, Action: Nicole reports need secretary; strong treasury; 40-50 attendees weekly
10. Saturday – A New Hope: Lisa reports 8-10 attendees; calling for more experienced ACAs to support the group on socials
11. Sunday – A New Hope: Phoenix reports lots of unrest; no clarity on future status of meeting. Suggests remove from website, wait for clarity.
12. Sunday – Fellow Travelers: Tommy reports summer lull 20-30 attendees; selling literature like crazy; expensive rent, close to collecting \$400 prudent reserve.

Events/Activities Committee

1. Portland Retreat Committee acct as of xx/xx/xxxx = \$ not reported
 - a. \$104 raised at 6/28/25 Stub Stewart Event with ~30 attendees
 - b. Registration is open, 12 registered, minimum of 40 required by 9/27/25
 - c. 50/50 raffle tickets are available for sale
 - d. Full and ¼ page flyers with QR codes handed out; please take to meetings
 - e. 3 respondents for workshop presentations
2. Fundraisers
 - a. August 2, 2025 Variety Show organized by Mike W.- N. Portland Optimist Club - Flyers are Out. Motion for up to \$200 budget for rent and refreshments. Approved.
 - b. September 6, 2025 – Field Day – Wallace Park - \$250 budget - Summer's End - BBQ, potluck, parachute?
 - c. September 26, 2025 Folk Blues & Recovery Tools, Taborspace - workshops - co-sponsored by Saturday ACA meeting
 - d. November 1, 2025 Halloween, Odd Fellows

Safety Committee

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Old Business:

1. Old business tabled to allow time for new business from guests.
 - a. Intergroup Support of New Meetings
 - i. Will solicit member interest on socials.
 - b. Promotion/Attraction Committee
 - i. Will solicit member interest on socials.

New Business:

1. ACA Safety: We are joined by Nicole, Arlene and Kimmy from Saturday Awareness Courage Action meeting to report on 7/12/25 special business meeting.
 - a. Predatory behavior by an experienced member has been reported by a new member.
 - b. Huge emotional reactions
 - c. Accused individual had been accused in 2018. Left Portland ACA meetings. Returned post-Covid.
 - d. Group conscious to ask the accused to not return to meeting; which the experienced member agreed to
 - e. Nicole was made temporary Intergroup rep to report
 - f. Would like to plan for what to do if he comes back.

- g. Discussion followed,
 - i. Arlene notes safety is a big deal and would like direction from Intergroup. She'd like to see an assigned committee.
 - ii. Lisa shares that the incident affected other groups who are left with vacated service roles.
 - iii. Tommy says WSO has a whole plan for how to handle.
 - iv. 2018 leaflet on this subject
 - v. Peter recalls AA groups voting out individuals
 - vi. Premeeting comment from Ren on Safety: I request to schedule time either for the August Intergroup meeting, or a separate meeting outside of our monthly one regarding addressing 13th stepping and predatory behavior within the fellowship. I anticipate this not being a quick or easy topic, which is why I propose having a separate meeting if we don't think we can set aside enough time next month to discuss this
- h. Motion to form a Safety Committee.
 - i. Can research response options.
 - ii. Could be a place to report problems.
 - iii. Nicole and Arlene agreed to chair.
 - iv. Motion Passed

Meeting closed 6:55 PM. Next meeting August 8/11/25.