

Portland ACA Intergroup # 589

– MEETING MINUTES –

September 8, 2025 5:45-7:00

Open with 2nd Tradition Prayer

Introductions: Peter, Mixie, Ren, Sara, Shelley, Phoenix, David, Tommy, Geoff

Trial of online meeting option: Lisa

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes 8/11/25 – Approved with Corrections in **bold** below
 - a. 2. Fundraisers a. Field Day \$250 budget **paid to Mike**
 - b. 2. Fundraisers b. September **27**, 2025 Folk Blues & Recovery Tools

Treasurer's Reports – Approved

1. Regular checking account as of 9/8/25 = \$1,287.78
 - a. GEC 1st month's rent \$80 check made
 - b. Second signer protocols in place, regardless of bank account authorization

Literature Report - Approved

1. Literature Balance as of 9/8/25 = \$1,636
 - a. \$1,483 order of BRB and NH placed to take advantage of current lower pricing.
 - b. Coins and other literature stock is adequate.
 - c. No orders for the new "Connections" book yet.

Webmaster Report - Approved

1. Site updates: Contact Form, Meeting Listings, New Safety Page, Intergroup Treasury Infographic update, Event Postings
2. Other page updates: About ACA, Service Positions, Sponsorship, Affirmations and Prayers, Tony A., Resources & Links, Literature
3. Total monthly website views in 2025:

a. August: 2,551 (visitors: 1,697)	e. April: 2,035 (visitors: 1,278)
b. July: 2,216 (visitors: 1,497)	f. March: 2,189 (visitors: 1,315)
c. June: 2,072 (visitors: 1,310)	g. February: 1,766 (visitors: 1,152)
d. May: 2,044 (visitors: 1,266)	h. January: 2,149 (visitors: 1,375)
4. Most visited pages in past 30 days:

a. ACA Meetings (1,071)	c. Home Page (354)
b. The Problem, The Solution & The Promises (360)	d. Fall Retreat 2025 (109)
	e. About (89)
5. Old Business:
 - a. Domain name private emails are unavailable on current plan with NameCheap
 - b. Decided not to pursue creation of a safety committee at this time, email creation on hold
 - c. Choosing not to share WhatsApp and Discord groups on the website. These groups aren't official or moderated. Okay for informal use.
 - d. New Safety page created. Would like review from Intergroup to pursue any suggested changes

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Meeting Reports

1. Monday - Action Coming from Love:
 - a. Phoenix reports 15-17 ppl, candle light, more roles filled
2. Monday – True Selves: no rep
3. Monday - The Breathe Building: no rep
4. Tuesday – ACA for Alcoholics:
 - a. Lisa reports steady 10-15 ppl, making rent, no literature
5. Wednesday- Gentleness, Humor, Love, and Respect:

- a. Ren reports steady 15-20 ppl, rent increasing, needs rep and other roles
- 6. Wednesday – Hurting to Healing:
 - a. Sara reports strong attendance, roles filled, strong treasury but not donating yet.
- 7. Wednesday - The Loving Parent: no rep
- 8. Thursday – Rainbow Travelers:
 - a. Mixie reports 15-20 ppl, 3 ppl share the secretary role, new members, coin making events
- 9. Thursday – Treehouse Meeting:
 - a. Peter reports new core group, lots of newcomers, need service roles filled, revised phone list to highlight home group members
- 10. Thursday - Chapter Nine-
 - a. The Family Afterward: no rep
- 11. Friday – Good Enough Club:
 - a. Shelley reports 1st biz meeting, roles filled, paying rent,
- 12. Saturday – Awareness, Courage, Action: no rep.
 - a. David says attendance is still down, need service roles filled
- 13. Saturday - Speaker Meeting: no rep, no biz meeting, no committee
- 14. Saturday – A New Hope: no rep,
 - a. Lisa says new folks, no service (except treasurer). Needs support from trusted servants.
- 15. Sunday – A New Hope: no rep
- 16. Sunday – Fellow Travelers:
 - a. Tommy reports they are crushing it, avg 4 newcomers a week, still need set-up person, still selling a lot of literature

Events/Activities Committee

- 1. Portland Retreat Committee acct as of 9/08/2025 = \$ 9,144.60
 - a. October 10-12, 2025 Canby Retreat Center
 - i. \$8,000 total cost due 9/27/25
 - b. Registration
 - i. 32 registered, 7 outstanding payment
 - ii. No day use over concern about minimum financial needs
 - c. Workshops
 - i. 4 workshops selected
- 2. Fundraisers
 - a. September 6, 2025 – Field Day – Wallace Park - 30+ attendees; \$70 earned, \$40 raffle tickets sold;
 - b. September 27, 2025 Folk Blues & Recovery Tools, Taborspace - workshops by Phoenix and Trish, music by other ACA's, new flyer created and distributed
 - c. November 1, 2025 Halloween, Odd Fellows

Safety Resources - Tables to Special Meeting

Special IG meeting 8/15/25 follow up

- 1. Dissemination of Information Ideas
 - a. ACAOregon.org
 - b. Have a workshop at the fall retreat about safety and healthy groups
 - c. An Intergroup table at the retreat with a rep there to answer questions
 - d. Visiting groups or contacting groups about IG and safety resources (tabled regular mtg topic)
 - e. Mixie will be contacting groups about Intergroup, the retreat, and how to make donations to IG, so she can add this to the topics
 - f. Statement on Socials
 - g. Remind people not to air grievances or hearsay through socials
 - h. Remind people that it isn't sanctioned by IG or WSO
- 2. Outstanding Items
 - a. Continue meeting as a group as a special intergroup meeting every couple weeks.
 - b. Alternate reporting channel?
 - c. Develop workshop

Old Business:

1. Intergroup Support of New Meetings currently IG provides new meetings with BRB, no other support is formalized; Brigid sought additional support which was provided.
 - a. Unanimity that we do not need to formalize anything at this time, we can handle requests one by one
2. Promotion/Attraction: Original suggestion was for IG members to visit other meetings informally. Be available to answer questions after, but not disrupt the meeting.
 - a. Mixie and Shelley had expressed interest.
 - b. Mixie is unable to commit to this plan, and, is undertaking a massive effort to communicate treasurer business to all of the groups they can reach, will promote retreat.
 - c. Intergroup table at retreat, and available for other events.
 - i. Ren, Lisa, Shelley interested

New Business:

1. Lisa mentions that we aren't really Oregon, we are Portland, curiosity around this.
 - a. Tabled conversation re Structure of IG and committees.
2. Lisa mentions social media is not Intergroup, not meetings
 - a. Tabled conversation re How to use socials

Close Meeting with the ACA Serenity Prayer

God (Higher Power) grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change the courage to change the one I can and the wisdom to know that one is me.