

Minutes of Ohio NicA Intergroup June 2, 2012

I. Meeting opened at 12:20 PM with the Serenity Prayer

II. Roll Call and Meeting Updates

Cincinatti/

Cleveland Saharid Club (Brookpark)/

Tommy J reported by phone that the meeting isn't as strong as he had hoped, but there are several regulars and they intend to keep it going.

Columbus Amethyst Meetings (2)

Elizabeth B from Stow reports that Gretchen is no longer there. Elizabeth will call them for the new contact info.

Columbus St. Luke's Meetings (2)

Euclid Meeting/ Shirley F.

Shirley attends both the Euclid and Lakewood meetings. Reports that the Euclid Meeting (since 1984) has about two regulars.

Stow Meeting/ Lee C., MJ M, Jules C.

Lee reports the Stow meeting is thriving with avg. 10 attending regularly, but can be 5-15.

Lakewood Meeting/

Shirley reports The Lakewood meeting is at a low ebb with 4-8 attending.

Parma Saturday Morning Meeting/ Jim G.

Jim reports the group is steady.

Parma Monday Night Meeting/ Linda C

Linda reports the meeting had about 15 people to celebrate its 28th Anniversary. The meeting usually has 4-5 people but can have up to 10.

Warren Meeting/ Tom S., Kay T.

Tom reports the Warren meeting is improving with 6-7 regulars.

Youngstown St. Elizabeth Meeting/ Tom S.

Tom reports this meeting is struggling with 1-2 attendees on average.

Youngstown Dick Bailey Hall Meeting/ Tom S.

Tom reports this meeting is steady state with 6-7 regulars.

The Ohio Meeting List and Intergroup Contact List were updated.

III. Old Business

Minutes of the February 4, 2012 meeting were read and accepted as written.

MJ reported that NicA World Services project "Best of Seven Minutes" book is in need of a coordinator. Jules C. expressed interest in helping with it.

IV. New Business

A. Ohio Intergroup

Bylaws: Jules C. led a discussion on the proposed revisions to the Ohio NicA Bylaws. Changes were made. Tom S. moved that the Ohio Intergroup Bylaws be accepted with changes. The motion was seconded by Lee C. and the motion was passed. Special thanks were given to Jules for leading this effort.

Treasurer Report: Lee C. reported that the Intergroup currently has a balance of \$346.29. Lee reported that included recent donations from the Warren, Youngstown and Parma groups totaling \$150. Thank you to those groups! Tom S. moved that we donate \$100 to Elizabeth B and Lee H for the "Voices of NicA" CD project. Jules C. seconded, and the motion was passed. Tom S. also moved that we donate \$100 to World Services to help with the 2012 Conference and the NAWS office move to Dallas. Jules C. seconded and the motion was passed.

Ohio NicA web site www.ohio-nica.org: Jules C. reported that our arrangement with Serenity Planet (our host) is now more favorable, assuring us the most space at the lowest cost. She reports that she has updated the entire site to improve graphics and content. She encourages each of us to please visit the site and make sure our meeting info is correct. She reported that Feb-June 2012, we averaged 39 hits per day with the meeting list being the most viewed. She has added Intergroup information including minutes, easily downloaded for your convenience. If your group wants to share group anniversaries or special events, just contact her and she can put a flyer or information on the site. Jules checks the email account daily and shared examples of recent e-mails to Ohio NicA.

Ohio Archives: Jules is still collecting meeting history forms. She encourages each group to collect 'scrapbook' type items for her such as info on people in the group (bio's, obituaries, tributes, photos etc.) to add depth to the meeting's history.

Ohio Fun/ Event/ Retreat? Ideas discussed included the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad, the Gatehouse at Stan Hywet, and a picnic at a park pavilion. The group concurred that a 12 Step workshop would be wonderful. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

MJ reported on the Outreach Workshop held in March and distributed several fliers that can be used to promote Northeast Ohio meetings and NicA total meetings (face to face, phone and internet).

B. World Services

2012 NAWS Conference Albuquerque, NM April 20-22. Ohio Intergroup Delegate Tom S. reported on the conference. There were only 42 attendees. Some stats reported included that in 2011, there were 73 NicA meetings in Afghanistan and 162 in Iraq! And that NicA holds 600 meetings a week in 29 countries. (For comparison purposes, there are about 400 AA meetings A WEEK in Akron.)

Tom stated that gender neutrality issues were discussed; NicA will retain “His” but a statement will be added to the newcomers booklet and a final vote on that text will happen next year.

The 2009 Ohio NAWS Conference CD was discussed; it was unanimously approved following changing the music to be original and softer. Elizabeth and Lee H. are working on that. Congratulations especially to Elizabeth B, Lee H and Jules C for their work on this project.

A Newcomers Booklet is in process and available on the national website (www.nicotine-anonymous.org). Copies were distributed. It isn't finished yet, but it still useful!

Tom reported that the 2013 conference will be held in Long Beach, CA and the 2014 conference will be held in Ocean City, New Jersey. Tom said that finances are tough. Most people on the board are VONR people (NicA Internet meetings) and they have cut costs by having some phone meetings instead of face to face.

VI. Other/Future

Future meetings are Saturday, October 13, 2012 and Saturday, February 2, 2013 at St. Matthew's in Parma at 12 noon.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJ M