

Minutes of Ohio NicA Intergroup October 2, 2010

Meeting opened at 11:30 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Present: Cate/Athens, Bob and Joe/Columbus, MJ, Elizabeth, Peggy and Lee/Stow

Announcements: Millersport meeting was canceled. Further information not available but Intergroup aware that attendance had been problematic for years. Card of appreciation sent to Ruthie. Cards of support also sent to Tom, because of personal losses, and to Nancy/Stow member who is battling cancer.

Minutes of 3/6/09 were read and approved.

New Business:

Treasurers Report: Balance is \$341.40 which consists mainly of contributions from individual groups to pay for Domain Name fees and website dues. Motion to send NAWS \$75 contribution made and passed following discussion. \$25/meeting for space rental to St. Lukes approved.

Ohio Meetings List: New/updated Ohio meeting list passed out following review by MJ and NAWS. Possible new meeting in Dayton – Interested party called Elizabeth who then sent meeting start up information and other materials to him. Communications Chair, Lee, will follow up. Possible new meeting in Pittsburgh per Jim G./Parma, which might wish to be allied with our Intergroup because of it's closer proximity vs. Philadelphia.

Ohio Website: Motion made and passed to take funds for the outstanding website and Domain fees from the Intergroup Treasury. Jules is asking for any additional pertinent information about individual groups to be added to the website, ie information about parking, exact meeting location in a building etc. She would also like any feedback about the website design, will be adding a file to display the latest Intergroup Minutes and will explore the possibility of adding Mapquest info about each meeting location.

Ohio Meetings: Volunteers needed to write article about each group's history and anniversary date for the Ohio Archives. MJ will be developing format for the article and send this to each group representative to return with info.

Ohio Intergroup Archivist: Jules volunteered to be the Ohio Intergroup Archivist.

Ohio 7th Tradition Info: Jules presented work in progress regards NicA Self-Support/Financial Brochure which will detail ways of contributing to NAWS 'Give and Live Donation Program', Ohio Intergroup, and Individual Meetings. There were also a suggestions that we develop anniversary contribution envelopes similar to AA, that contributions to 7th Tradition baskets at meetings be the price of a pack of cigarettes/week, or/month and that meeting formats include suggestions about contributions to NAWS and/or Intergroup.

Ohio Outreach: Jules presented newly developed pamphlet for Ohio, Internet and Phone NicA Meetings. Decision made at Intergroup Meeting to contact all phone groups listed in pamphlet to insure details are up-to-date and the meetings are on-going. Elizabeth will be presenting at the State of Ohio Health Educators Conference 10/19 information on Nicotine Anonymous. Elizabeth acknowledged the assistance given by Gretchen/Amethyst-Columbus in this matter. Dates for Public Outreach opportunities given out with specifics about the Great American Smokeout, 11/18/11, New Years Resolutions 12/31/11, and 'Clean Breath' for Valentines Day 2/14/12. Additional information including available files on the website, 'how to' e-mail those NicA PSA's and how to find lists of local radio stations to send info to.

Ohio Events: Members asked to consider possible workshops, retreats, fun day events. Stow might develop a one day conference in their area in the spring, given the large number of groups in northeast Ohio which might participate, and report back the next Intergroup meeting.

NAWS 2010 Conference April 23-25, 2011: Tom unable to make the Intergroup meeting and will report at next next meeting. 2011 Conference Baltimore – Jules and MJ will be attending.

Other Business:

Meetings: Elizabeth is working on developing a pamphlet to describe all face to face, phone and internet meetings. To insure the accuracy of phone meetings individuals at this meeting committed to phoning all meetings listed. Lee will contact Monday groups, Jules/Tuesday, Elizabeth/Wednesday, Cate/Thursday, MJ/Friday, Joe/Saturday and Peggy/Sunday and all will report back to Elizabeth regards status.

Pen Pal: Cate reported about snail mail penpals. Little information was available about managing the program but requests are relatively infrequent and answered by her.

Literature: Updated Literature form available on the website.

Future Meetings: Columbus at St. Luke's Methodist Church March 19th (snow date 3/26th), July 16th and October 8th 2011.

Meeting Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Your Humble Servant;

Cate