

Minutes of Ohio NicA Intergroup October 29, 2011

Meeting Opened at 11:45 at Cracker Barrel located at Rte's 44 and 76.

Present: Tom/Youngstown and Warren; Jules, Elizabeth, Lee, MJ, Vivian and Alice/Stow.

The Ohio NicA Intergroup is excited to welcome Vivian and Alice from Stow as new Intergroup members! Thank you for your service!!

I. Group/Meeting Updates

MJ reported that the **Canton** meeting closed in July 2011. It was down to three people, two of whom would not take on meeting responsibility. It was no longer feasible for MJ to run a weekly meeting by herself without any backup.

MJ reported that Cate M. in **Athens**, OH is closing the Athens meeting. It is down to just Cate, and she has had health issues.

MJ reported that Intergroup has ceased contact with Bob J. and the **Columbus**, OH St. Luke's Tues. and Fr. Meetings. Those meetings have been the subject of many complaints by employees of state organizations with an interest in tobacco prevention and cessation activities. MJ sent an e-mail to National asking for the meetings to be removed from the national web site and for counsel on how to handle the problem. No reply yet.

Tom reported that the **Warren** meeting and two **Youngstown** meetings are struggling but still active and he has no intention to close any of them.

Lee reported that a **Brookpark** meeting may be opening and he would learn more information about it for us.

II New Business

Future of Intergroup

There was a long discussion about the future of the Intergroup. With the closing of Athens, the hoped for closing of Columbus and Dave being the only (partially) interested Intergroup rep from Cincinnati, it appears that remaining Ohio NicA meetings, Intergroup and potential Intergroup members are now located north in the Akron, Youngstown and Cleveland areas of Ohio. It was decided to schedule the next Intergroup Meeting in the Cleveland area in the hopes of being more convenient for Cleveland group members to become active. Jules volunteered to contact the Parma Saturday AM meeting to discuss this, and Lee and Jules volunteered to attend Cleveland area meetings over the next month or so to promote the Intergroup.

Seven Minutes Project

At the 2011 World Conference, Tom S. offered Ohio NicA to assist with reviewing back issues of *Seven Minutes* to flag good stories for a new NicA book called "The Best of Seven Minutes." Back issues were mailed to MJ, who distributed them at the meeting to those attending. Everyone is to distribute (if assigned) and review the issues they took, fill out the forms, and get them back to MJ by the end of November. Thank you for your service!

Treasurers Report

Lee C. reported that the group has \$268.20 in our account, and reviewed expenses and income since the last Intergroup meeting. Website hosting and domain name fees are paid through the end of 2011. Many thanks to Warren/Youngtown for a generous \$100 Intergroup donation and the last Intergroup meeting for contributing \$55 in a 7th Tradition collection.

2012 World Conference in Albuquerque, April 20-22, 2012

Tom S. reported that he will attend the Albuquerque Conference in 2012 and will be happy to be a delegate.

Next Meeting: Saturday February 4, 2012, hopefully at the Parma Saturday Meeting location.

Meeting closed around 3 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJ Maling