

Finger Lakes Area Intergroup

St. John's Episcopal Church
32 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Minutes of October 19th, 2024 – Hybrid meeting



2:30pm - Call to Order & Declaration of Unity

Attendance = 24: 14 IR's / Alt IR's, 4 Committee Chairs, 5 Officers (incl. FLAI Co-chair), and 1 observer.

Quorum: 30% of active voting members = 9. We had 22 of 30 voting members present = 73%
Thank you for the ongoing support of FLAI!

Area Demographic: 67 groups = 24 have IR's, 18 are inactive, 20 have no IR, and 5 too small to support an IR.

Robert's Rules: Discussion, Motion, 2nd the Motion, Discussion, Vote, Minority Opinion, revote if necessary.

Announcements:

- Newsletter – event recap.

Review & approval of previous meeting minutes:

Walt B. made a motion to approve Sept 17th, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by Matt C. Vote: 22 Approve / Unanimous = Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Kurt V. provided report / Asst. Secretary – Justin S., present

Huge Thank you to Justin S & Heidi K for covering me last month and providing my reports as needed. To that, it was mentioned that I would be seeking the approval of a printer. The reason is that in the recent months, PRISM has been having inconsistencies with meeting expectations along with the potential cost savings we would have with our own equipment. The average savings for printing would be potentially \$0.06 per sheet. I will save discussion for New Business. Also, please note that the agenda states our next meeting is today. That is a mistake, I promise you we will not be travelling back in time to do this again later. Please adjust to November 16th, 2024.

Heidi K. made a motion to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Dave M..
Vote: 22 Approve / Unanimous - Motion passed.

Treasurer – Heidi K., provided report/ Asst. Treasurer Maggie M., present

October 24 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary: Contributions = \$414.35, Expenses = \$492.22, Variance = (\$77.87)
YTD 24 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary: Contributions = \$7,594.14, Expenses = \$7,581.60 Variance = \$12.54
9/31/24 Checking Account Balance: \$1,374.86

This Includes: Operating funds (YTD Fiscal Variance) of \$12.54 plus: \$1,362.32 Surplus.

Prudent Reserve: \$2,501.94

- September was a soft month for contributions. The Newark Noon Group made a heavy contribution for the month of October and Octobers contributions are already over \$600.00. Even with the purchase of the Big Books for the VA, we are still with the expected budget for the year.
- Big Reveal: PayPal QR codes are now available on the Intergroup meeting Agenda and on the Monthly Newsletter. We have found that the transaction fee is less than that of the wee charged to us when an individual makes a online contribution through the weblink on our website.
 - If making larger contributions, consider sending those in the form of money order to the PO Box or hand delivering to the Intergroup meeting. We prefer not to pay the fees, but have chosen this option as a way for individuals to make direct contributions if they choose to do so.
- We have been approached in regard to doing similar to the GSO Birthday Donation Envelopes. More to details to follow on this as it is something to consider.

Question: Can anybody use PayPal to send any amount to FLAI? In the past we have returned contributions because the contributor is not a member of the fellowship. How will this be monitored?

Answer: Each contribution comes to us with contributor details – generally we know the person, if we do not, we can attempt outreach and have that discussion.

If there are questions about the Treasury Reports, please reach out: treasurer.flai@gmail.com.

Kurt V. made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Justin S.

Vote: 22 Approve / Unanimous - Motion passed.

Old Business: Bylaw Changes/Additions

Bylaw Amendment: Amend section 3.04 of the bylaws as suggested: Chairman of the Intergroup

Section 3.04 – Chairperson of the Intergroup

- A. The Chairperson of the Intergroup shall preside over all meetings of the Representatives.
- B. The Chairperson does not function as the supervisor of any employee of the Intergroup.
- C. The suggested minimum length of continuous sobriety for this position shall be four years.
- D. The Chairperson shall be elected, by the Voting Body of the Intergroup, for a term of two years by the Third Legacy procedure. The Intergroup Chairperson cannot hold the position of Intergroup Representative or Alternative Intergroup Representative thus cannot vote within the Intergroup Voting Body with the exception of casting a vote in the event of a tie.
- A. The Chairperson cannot also hold the position of Intergroup Representative or Alternative Intergroup Representative **(this should also say Standing Committee Chair and be bulleted as E.)** as they are the tie break vote in such a case as needed.
- B. **(this should be bulleted as F.)** The Chairperson shall have the duties and responsibilities of facilitation of the Intergroup that usually pertain to the office, including but not limited to:
 1. Being knowledgeable of Intergroup issues, management effectiveness, Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts and basic understanding of Roberts Rules.
 2. Conducting well-organized, timely and effective meetings.
 3. Ensuring agendas and presentations are carefully tailored to facilitate responsible communication and decision-making.
 4. Ensuring that committees are staffed with appropriate talent and that communication channels are clear.
 5. Fostering a proactive role for committee chairs in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities.
 6. Assuring that issues relating to the Intergroup are dealt with in a timely fashion.
 7. Being a non-voting ex-officio member of all organization committees.
 8. Being an authorized signature on the FLAI bank account.

Heidi K. brought the motion to the table as Super Majority was present. This was seconded by Matt C., with a unanimous vote of confidence. Motion Passed.

Secretary Printer:

Kurt V. made a motion to allocate a budget of \$400.00 from surplus to purchase printer. Seconded by Heidi K.

Discussion: Where will the printer be kept and stored and what happens when you are no longer the secretary?

Response: The printer will be kept in my home office where I perform the majority of my secretary duties. All inventories I have are currently separated and organized to minimize and avoid budgeting errors. The printer will be the property of Intergroup and therefore will go to the next secretary when my term is over. It will be the responsibility of the acting secretary to ensure the safety of the asset.

No further discussion took place

Vote: 22 Approve / Unanimous - Motion passed

Tax Exemption Bylaw Amendment Discussion:

D: What's the timeline?

R: They know we are held up with bylaw rules with timeline in regard to proposal, discussion, and voting given the 60-day turnaround. we may not have much more time to fit it into their application window.

D: Regardless of the application window or our voting structure, we should make this amendment anyways as we can always reapply for the tax-exempt status and if that occurs, we will be ready. Also, it is a great provision to have regardless of the application being approved or denied.

D: We're for it. With the potential to have 3 years' worth of back taxes refunded to us, its worth a shot.

D: This all sounds great!

Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibility – Absent

Answering Service – Committee Chair, Dave M., provided report.

- Quarterly report is in.
 - All call sheets have come back from volunteers, and we had 18 calls in total. 16 seeking meeting time/location information and 2 calls from individuals seeking support.

Archives – Committee Chair, Kate G., provided a report.

- Display is set at the District 200 day of sharing
- The archives committee is asking for a 3-week advance notice to a groups event for the display to be present
- We are thrilled to have Susan as the Archivist – She has everything so neatly organized and inventoried.
- Still seeking temp-safe, humidity controlled storage space.

Corrections- Committee Chair, Andrew S. provided report

- There are people going into all the county jails as well as Five Points Correction Facility once per week.

PI&CPC – Committee Chair, Kurt V. not present, Justin S. provided Kurt's report via email

Facebook Insights

Running Ad YTD: Reach – 50,057, Clicks - 1,979, CTR - 0.04%

Page Performance up 146%

FLX Digital Insights

September

Impressions: 23,884

Clicks: 569

Clicks are Decreasing now. Our Click Through Rate (CTR) increased to 2.38% which is down 0.4% from August.

If you have any questions, please contact Kurt at picpc.flai@gmail.com

Treatment – Committee Member, Jim H. provided report.

- Thanks everyone who help the meetings and the committee

- Met a woman at Cadence Square who was very passionate in regard to her recovery this person has 7 children and 13 grandkids, and our message has helped her to regain her sobriety and reunite with her family. This experience is a prime example of the ripple effect our service work has on families and community alike.
- Hats off to those that make this work possible.
- Both Chair and Co-chair positions will be up vote committee vote in December. Please attend our meetings for more information.

Website – Absent

Ad Hoc- Day of Sharing, Barry L gave report

- Things are really coming together down there. Committee Chairs are asked to attend to report on the role of each individual committee and the work you do.
- Someone has set up a tent at the church for “overflow”, if needed.
- Food will be prepared by Ron B.

Ad hoc- Budget, Maggie M., provided report

- The budget was resented last month, now is the time for any discussion prior to next months vote.
 - No discussion was brought to the table.
- This is being taken as excellent news. We are looking forward to the vote.

New Business: Day of Sharing/Budget for 2025

Discussion: Livingston Area Intergroup Book Contribution

The LAI has donated 3 cases of 1st edition reproduction Big Books. 1 Case was given to Yatesville for Day of Sharing. The other two cases will be present at the November Intergroup Meeting for further discussion on dissemination to committees.

Meeting Adjournment –

Justin S. made a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by Matt C.

Vote: 22 Approve / Unanimous - Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 16th, 2024. It will be a hybrid. Doors open at 2:00pm, Zoom Room opens @ 2:15 and will be locked by 2:45...Please be on time to minimize distractions and interruptions during the meeting.