

Finger Lakes Area Intergroup

St. John's Episcopal Church

32 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432
Minutes of January 18, 2025 – Hybrid meeting

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



Attendance: 23 = 9 IR's / Alt IR's, 5 Committee Chairs, 5 Officers, and 4 observer.

Quorum: 30% of active voting members = 9. **We had 20 of 30 voting members present = 63%**
Thank you for the ongoing support of FLAI!

Area Demographic: 69 groups = 23 have IR's, 18 are inactive, 20 have no IR, and 5 too small

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

Announcements:

- Newsletter – event recap.
- NERAASA – Virtual only this year. Please see the agenda and event information online. One thing to stress is that IR's may greatly benefit from participation this year. There are going to be many workshops related to service work at the committee level of Intergroup and Area. It is being held on the last weekend of February and does not conflict with Area, District, or Intergroup meetings.

Review & approval of previous meeting minutes:

Sandy M. made a motion to approve Dec 21st, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by Heidi K.
17 Y – 2 A = Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

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

We are starting the process of reviewing the meeting lists online and in person in preparation to print a new file for 2025. Please bear with us during this process and let us know if you are aware of any recent closing and/or new meetings. We will be updating the files for the website as well. There will be another IR Orientation being held soon for all those that are temps/alternate or just looking to learn. More info to follow.

Heidi K. made a motion to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Walt B.
Unanimous - Motion passed.

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

December 24 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary: Contributions = \$801.28, Expenses = \$1,964.43, Variance = \$1,163.15
YE 24 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary: Contributions = \$11,627.77, Expenses = \$11,332.62, Variance = \$295.15
12/31/24 Checking Account Balance: \$1,041.92

This Includes: Operating funds (YE Fiscal Variance) of \$295.15 plus: \$746.77 Surplus.

Prudent Reserve: \$2,752.07

Lowest Variance ever. 1 transaction did not transact until January. This will be seen next month. A review of the 2024 budget was performed – noting individual group contributions vs outside contributions followed by a review of fixed expenses. As noted by the reports, our operations were close to our budget for the year. An overview of the offsets was performed, and all graphs and charts were reviewed.

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

Kevin M. made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Dan C.

Unanimous - Motion passed.

Old Business:

Tax Exemption: Hiedi has submitted tax exemption certs to Verizon, Amazon, & GSO – all have accepted the form. There will not be any retroactive tax reimbursements, however we will receive tax exemptions moving forward. To ensure this happens **ALL PURCHASES – BIG OR SMALL** should be communicated through the treasurer. We will not reimburse members of FLAI for any tax paid. Purchases must go through the treasurer. This is a benefit for FLAI and FLAI committees, it does not pertain to the individual groups that FLAI supports.

Purchases requested through the treasurer can be shipped anywhere but must be purchased through the treasurer.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibility – Diana B. provided report

- Met by phone. Moving forward we will be meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month.
- There are only two members currently and we are seeking anyone interested in joining us!
- We would like to purchase brochures and have them sent to the office of the ageing.
- If there is anyone willing to make visits to county offices, please contact us and let us know.
- Accessibility.flai@gmail.com

Answering Service – Sandy B. provided report.

- Bells are ringing and work is being done...

Archives – Committee Chair, Kate G., provided report

- Kate discussed the organization of the archives, emphasizing the importance of not throwing out any books from groups as they are part of history. She mentioned that the archives are now in the process of labeling and categorizing boxes containing documents from various groups. Someone also shared a personal item related to Sister Ignatia and Dr. Bob from Akron.
- Susan mentioned her collaboration with Rebecca, the archivist in Rochester, on the labeling and cataloging process.
- **DO NOT THROW THINGS AWAY!** – Instead, ask us to preserve it. Our collections are growing and old A.A. memorabilia or documents may be of value to our collective history.
- If your homegroup has an upcoming anniversary, please contact us to have us table at your event to share in the history of FLAI & A.A.
 - We can also record your speakers and include those speaker tapes in our archives and even have posted to the website.

Corrections- Not present

PI&CPC – Committee Chair, Kurt V. provided report

- No FLX Digital report
- No Facebook Report
- Kurt announced that the group is not certified by Google for digital ad placements, which means their ad placements through FLX digital can no longer continue. The budgeted expenses for digital ads will be held until the committee looks into Haibu and Vivio. Kurt also reported that they received their branded

tablecloths.

Treatment – Committee Chair, Kevin presented Report

- Kevin, the new treatment chair, discussed the group's efforts to manage their books and grape vine subscriptions, and mentioned that they now meet on the second Monday of every month in the Palmyra library. Kevin also encouraged others to attend the treatment meeting and offered his phone number for further inquiries.
- Kevin also discussed the committee going around to ensure that literature racks are stocked.

Website – Committee Chair, Toby G. Provided Report

- Maintenance issues are being worked on. Currently the search bar has an error where what you type is entering backwards.
- Keeping the website up to date is a difficult task and we would love to have some volunteers that know a thing or two.

New Business:

Spanish Speaking books to Hannick Hall: Heidi has been bringing meetings to Hannick Hall and there were 2 latino women there that spoke very broken English. Would like to consider purchasing Spanish Speaking Big Books to deliver to H.H. for their clients.

Sandy B. made a motion to purchase one case of Spanish Big Books. Seconded by Dianna S.

Discussion – None

Unanimous – Motion Passed

Preservation Materials: Archives is seeking to spend \$500.00 on preservation materials as their collection has grown significantly and this is needed to ensure the safety and security of archival items.

Pre-closing announcements – Wolcott meeting is closing their doors. They have had a long run but their last meeting will be January 23rd.

Meeting Adjournment –

Kurt V. made a motion to close the meeting. Seconded by Dianna S..

Unanimous - Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 15, 2025. 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.