

DALLAS INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION REP MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2024 – 8:00 PM

- Meeting opened at 8 PM by Claudia F with the Serenity Prayer & Intergroup Preamble - chair@aadallas.org
- Claudia F. introduced new board members
- Traditions were read by Mark S. – Sunday Morning Live Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Jay S.

Income:

- Lost 4744 dollars last month
- **Group Contributions:** \$5900 – group contributions are down.
- **Individual Contributions:** Slight increase due to Birthday Contribution envelopes and Grateful Givers signups.
- **Merchandise Sales:** Below expectations, \$4,000 less than budgeted.

Expenses:

- **November Expenses up for this month**
- **Revenue is around \$9200 for the year**

Samuel has some great ideas to bring in another 8 or 9k over the next year

Question: Is there a percent that each group should give

Jay S.: It depends on the group. It's up to each group to decide.

Claudia: There is a pamphlet that covers where money and spirituality meet

As board members we have no opinion on groups contributions.

Question: What is the prudent reserve target?

Jay S.: 115,000 currently it is at 90,000

Samuel: Current formula for filling prudent reserve is anything over 25,000 at the end of each quarter in operating goes to prudent reserve.

Question: Why is Ross Ave not on the contributions list?

Samuel: We have not received any contribution this year that we can attribute to that group.

Office Manager Report: Samuel F. - office@aadallas.org

- **New Groups:**
 - **T.R.A.N.S. (Transcendent Recovery Aspirants Navigating Sobriety)**
3rd Saturdays | 6pm | Closed Discussion | Transgender
 - **North Dallas Saturday Step Study**
Saturdays | 12pm | Closed Discussion | Men
 - **Keeping It Real**
Saturdays | 10:30am | Closed Discussion
- **Improved online order form: Smoother processing of payments, more literature, embedded into website instead of new tab.**

- Prepared 2025 budget with accountant.
- Added bus route access note to groups with bus route access.
- Learning more about Uber Vouchers, seeking more guidance from OKC on implementation.
- Researched AA Guidelines for Intergroups/Central Offices and identified key areas for potential growth and improvement as an organization. To be shared with the board in the 2025 Jan meeting.
- Cutting back assistant hours 40% in office to save on payroll expenses. Workload would be manageable with this arrangement.
- Exploring options for bulk order discounts from AAWS to increase bookstore revenue.

Samuel- Presentation on 8th tradition

Claudia- Thank the nominating committee

Board met last night, new members invited to shadow, great meeting, lot discussed. New board elected new board chair Dan C.

Old Business:

Thank You to the Nominating Committee for your hard work putting together a slate of nominees and a successful nomination process! Job well done!

Glenn G. - Georgetown Group

Ian M. – Chicago Group

Charlie O. – Clean Air North

Larry H. – Clean Air

Nathan D. – Rowlett Group

New Business - Bylaws Amendment : Eliminate chair positions that have corresponding area chairs.

Background: Intergroup is not part of general service structure. Intergroup may have been diluting the message from the area.

Board voted unanimously to pass.

Question: Will the area communicate anything differently?

Claudia : We have been in communication with the area chair. Seems to be agreement. Information will be brought to intergroup via Samuel going to Area meetings. We will have an intergroup liaison to area. We also have the district represented at intergroup rep meetings.

Question: How is eliminating chairs duplicating?

Claudia : We have bylaws that specifically state the committees that we need to have. Area also has the committees we are removing. We are not in the general service structure, we cooperate with the general service structure. That is not fulfilling our primary purpose as an intergroup.

Allen: The work is already being done, 90% of the time Samuel gets a call we send them to the district or the area. Information was duplicated and caused confusion in communication line.

Claudia : Intergroup is cooperating, not competing with area.

Question : If a person wanted to read the bylaws where would they do that?

Samuel : It is on the website.

Comment: GSR should be bringing this same information to the groups.

Question : Can you define the voting body for the intergroup

Claudia: Need 25% of regular attendees 16 people are 25%. It needs to pass by 2/3s.

Question : If I am an intergroup rep am I a voting member? If I am the alternate I only vote if the rep isn't here?

Claudia: Correct

Claudia Calls the question:

In favor: 26 unanimous

Motion carries

Group Concerns / Motions / Comments:

Samuel: Stamp all Big Books and 12x12's sold to the area with intergroup stamp?

Comment: Doesn't want his book stamped Dallas intergroup

Comment: I bought a brand new book not a stamped book.

Comment: Big Book Group thinks it is a violation of promotion.

Samuel: At the end of the day our common welfare comes first. If it won't serve everyone we may want to retool it.

Motion withdrawn

Comment - Alcoholics Anonymous changed the format of book and removed the cover. Can we get a show of hands of who approves?

Allen - we sell covers

Audrey - people at home group have book covers

Claudia - Dallas Intergroup sells a Big Book Cover

Comment - submit this as an agenda item to the general service conference.

Samuel when the hardcover big book was changed can we get a show of hands of what groups it affected. Most of the room had it be a non issue no official count.

Comment I don't see how this is a promotion if it is in the book it is in the AA book

Claudia - motion already rescinded

Larry - I think we may be selling more soft covered big books

Glenn - we can work on this

Group Announcements:

Allen: This Saturday December 14th is Citywide Speaker Stephanie C. from Hang together or die separately 5:30 is the potluck.

Michael: Dallas North Group Potluck on Christmas meeting at noon potluck at one please join for food and fellowship

Kim: Last report as NETA 65 Intergroup liaison. Olga R. new liaison 3 GSR orientation Jan 12,19, 26 in person and zoom. Winter ACM Feb 16th at Georgetown group. Anyone can come.

Rodger: Cornerstone group slate of zoom meeting one in person meeting on Friday night Wilsher Baptist Church at 7:30. Looking for speakers.

Mark: Lewisville Christmas at noon meeting, potluck at 1:00 Tricity has a speaker meeting January 11th at 6:30 at the Frisco Group Speaker Wayne H.

Mark: Greenville open Christmas day from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Samuel: Dallas aadallas.org will post group events email at office@aadallas.org

Claudia F: Traditions Workshop January 25th Cochran Chapel from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM Jimmy D, Sarah P, and PJ to present.

Dave: Thank Claudia F for being wonderful

- Adjourned with Lord's Prayer