

INTERGROUP MINUTES

I-21-12

ATTENDEES:

Anne, Pete (Secretary), James (Treasurer), Bruce, Terry, Vanessa, Frank (Wed. Group Opener), Ed (Wednesday Rainbow Group Rep.)

GROUP REPORTS:

Sunday Saratoga – No report

Sunday Colonie – Attendance 6-10 & finances stable, no known positions covered including treasurer.

Monday Clifton Park – Attendance 5-6 & covered positions unknown.

Tuesday Men's – Attendance high, consistent. Finances above prudent reserve. No report

Wednesday Noon- Looking for a representative, attendance 8-12, finances stable. Pastor of church retiring; effect on meetings unknown

Wednesday Rainbow – New group representative, attendance increasing, finances stable/improving

Thursday Saratoga – Stable attendance and finances.

Friday Serenity – Stable Finances, attendance, has several open service positions.

Saturday Shamebusters – Strong attendance, maybe lower, possibly fluctuating; most service positions are covered, seemingly stable finances. Inconsistent service coverage.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes from July and September available. Read and accepted.

TREASURY REPORT:

Read and accepted, including ownership transfer of the website.

PHONE COORDINATOR REPORT:

Hotline Report –

November: 13 calls

December and January: 5 calls

Volunteer resigned for Thursdays, covered by another fellowship member. Another volunteer joined helpline covering Sundays.

Read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Intergroup open positions – chair, vice chair, community contact, Intergroup reminder.

Contact church about Intergroup room assignment, Pete will contact Alan about contacting Pine Grove church.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion about what to do after numerous expressed attempts to bolster Intergroup attendance.
 - Discussion about groups expressing dissatisfaction with Intergroup decisions, though most groups have not had a representative at Intergroup.
 - Expressed that this has been a long-standing pattern - people stepped down from their positions after holding the positions for a long time. Then others picked up and were not replaced in recommended time due to difficulty in maintaining steady Intergroup attendance or quorum.
 - A 'service gap' of old timers and newcomers- many old timers have abandoned doing regular service for Intergroup after regularly seeing little support. Expressed feeling that there needs to be some level of "forcing a change".
 - Tradition of "attraction rather than promotion" discussed, and that attempts by some trusted servants' announcement/request for greater attendance at Intergroup may have been perceived as shaming.
 - Most groups are not represented at Intergroup as per information gathered during group reports.
- **Motion made to close Intergroup.**

Discussion that this is the way people get help, get a chance to reach out for help, and a concern that people will not be able to. Also discussed that 13 people called the helpline in November, that this indicates a need for Intergroup's provisions.
- **Motion adjusted to hold a vote for Intergroup to close at next Intergroup.**

Discussion how to transition out of it in order to have a "responsibile withdrawal".
Discussion about transferring responsibilities to groups if Intergroup is voted down.

 - **Motion adjusted to have a "special Intergroup" next month to make a final vote on Intergroup closing. Motion passed.**
- **Motion to announce this at meetings. And to discuss , at the next Intergroup, on February 18, 2012, the process of informing groups about the responsibilities which will need to be carried out by the groups, should Integroup be voted to close, and if these provisions are to continue . (Website, Helpline, Schedule) Motion passed.**

Announcing -

1. Next month's vote to continue or shut down Intergroup
2. Services provided: Schedule, Helpline, Web Site, Outreach
3. If voted no – responsibilities will need to be carried out by groups if they are to continue.

 Next Intergroup February 18, 2012.