

The Willamette Valley Intergroup's
The Eye Opener

February 2007

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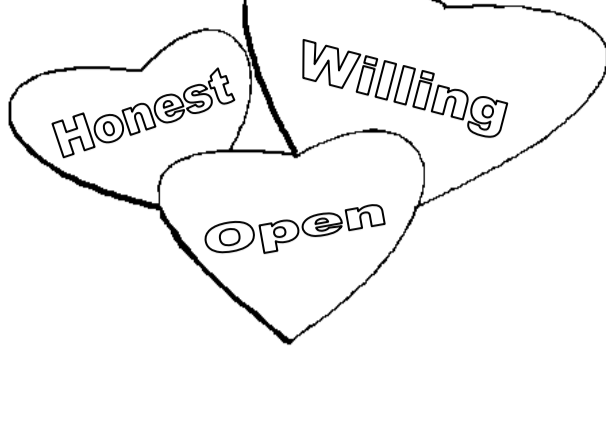
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Willamette Valley Central Office

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Where you can find AA Literature, coins, and recovery items



~ The Second Month ~

Step Two

"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Willamette Valley Intergroup Board

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Trevor M.

Willamette Valley Intergroup (WVI) is made up of elected representatives from local A.A. groups. (Representatives are usually elected at your group's business meeting). WVI serves the greater Salem area with a 24-hour phone line, sales of A.A. literature, books and coins, production and distribution of meeting lists, the Eye Opener newsletter, coordination of local Twelve Step calls, and furnishing public information speakers for non-A.A. groups and for A.A. meetings in institutions.

**Willamette Valley Intergroup
December Minutes**

Intergroup Meeting minutes for 12-18-2006

In Attendance: Don E., Chair, Bill B., Co-Chair, Laura F., Office Manager, Bill B., Pioneer Group, Fred D, Living Sober Group, Gary H., Way Home Group, Doug H., Soberfest, Angela G., 7am Downtown Group, Peggy E., Living Sober Group, Jeff D., Visitor.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions and introductions.

Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting. Correction: \$1600.00 was transferred from checking to prudent reserve, not \$16,000.00 as listed. Approved.

Treasurers Report: (Justin) Central Office had a total of \$2715.40 in donations, and \$3414.96 in outflows for the month of November leaving Central Office showing \$699.56 in the black, however, \$1600.00 of the outflows was the transfer to prudent reserve. Accepted.

Office Manager Report: (Laura) Central office had 249 contacts for the month of November. New treasurer Justin will be added to the checking account.

Volunteering at central office continues to be up and down. Central Office will be building shelves for Soberfest to store their items. Laura is working on the budget for 2007. The contract for the copy machine is coming up. It is currently being reviewed so when it is up we will be ready. Some of the possibilities is buying a inexpensive copier and do major copying at Copy Max, etc.. Laura has found a less expensive contract, but it does not include a service contract. Bill B. proposed we set up a committee to research options, the committee will consist of Bill B., Angela G, Don E. and Laura. A sign had to be put up in the window at Central Office stating "if we are closed during business hours, it is

due to not having a volunteer." A suggestion was brought up to go to groups and announce for a month that we need volunteers. Possibly hand out flyers at meetings. Central Office does have business cards available to hand out. Groups should have group reps attend meetings to keep communication between Intergroup and individual groups. Accepted.

H&I Committee, No Report.

Computers and Website, No Report.

Intergroup Report: No Report

AI-Anon Report: No Report

District 4: No Report.

Office Volunteer Coordinator: Vacant.

Phone Coordinator: No Report.

Eye Opener Report: December Eye Opener is out. Looking for contributions for January centering around the 1st step.

Outreach Coordinator: (Angela G.) Angela has asked her group for an alternate for her position. One was selected, but did not attend. Outreach is still looking to have groups from outside the Salem area that are within our district come to Intergroup Meetings.

Soberfest Report: (Doug) Soberfest is on track. A question was asked to see if the event could be added on to Central Office's insurance to offset the \$500.00 it would cost for the event. It is not probable due to the fact that Soberfest is not directly associated with Central Office. Laura will research. Accepted.

Telephone Coordinator: (Diane) not present. Possibly may need to move and leave her position. There is currently a husband and wife team covering calls from 2pm Saturday to Monday mornings. Also need more volunteers.

Old Business: There have been instances of people that have issues with Intergroup procedures approaching members about them away from Intergroup meetings. It was asked that if people have issues with Intergroup procedures to please address them at the monthly Intergroup Meetings the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm at Central Office. Laura's increase was looked at and the budget reviewed. She is currently being compensated \$700.00 a month based on 20 hours a week, conservatively. That is roughly \$8.00 an hour. Reviewing the budget, we can offer her an increase of \$150.00 a month, bringing the new total to \$850.00 a month. It was decided that we need to maintain the office and recognize Laura's efforts for the past 2 years service. Payroll taxes are paid quarterly.

Discussion: 2007 budget. Saving on rent and copier. Possibly compensating Laura in a lump sum, instead of monthly increase. Was to be taken to groups. Motion given to accept. Unanimous vote.

New Business: Open positions, Chair, Secretary. Bill B. was nominated as new Chairman. Accepted. Don E. was thanked for his years of service. Gary H. was nominated for Secretary. Accepted. Bill B. was thanked for his service as Secretary. Addressing the IRS, in 3 years we failed to fill out a form, even though we paid the taxes. Problem was corrected, but may be penalized for the missed years. The issue was brought up about the need to have a limit on individual contributions to Central Office. It was decided that at this point that there is no need to have a limit.

Motion seconded.



WVI December Treasurer's Report

CASH FLOW		
	12/1/2006 through 12/31/2006	
Category Description	12/1 - 12/31/2006	% of Total
INFLOWS		
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		
It's Live Saturday Night	70.00	3.18%
7 AM Downtown Group	394.60	17.94%
Conscious Contact	40.00	1.82%
North Santiam Group Of AA	46.00	2.09%
Pioneer Group	36.58	1.66%
Tuesday Night Step Study	55.50	2.52%
We Are Not Saints	10.00	0.45%
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	652.68	29.68%
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
Anonymous	404.10	18.37%
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	404.10	18.37%
SALES		
Book Cover	10.00	0.45%
Greeting Card(s)	15.00	0.68%
Literature	640.55	29.12%
Medallions	340.00	15.46%
Misc.	42.00	1.91%
Soberfest	31.00	1.41%
Special Orders	14.00	0.64%
Stickers-Decals	6.00	0.27%
Tape&CD Sale T-Mar Consignment	44.00	2.00%
TOTAL SALES	1,142.55	51.95%
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$2,199.33	100%
OUTFLOWS		
COPIER	140.94	5.20%
INVENTORY PURCHASE		
Al-Anon Literature	29.80	1.10%
Literature 1,	185.74	43.71%
Medallions	200.80	7.40%
Special Orders	81.07	2.99%
TOTAL INVENTORY PURCHASE	1,497.41	55.20%
PAYROLL		
Other PAYROLL	555.45	20.47%
TOTAL PAYROLL	555.45	20.47%
RENT	456.00	16.81%
TELEPHONE		
TOTAL TELEPHONE	63.03	2.32%

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$2,712.83	100%
OVERALL TOTAL	- \$513.50	100%
ACCOUNT BALANCES - As of 12/31/2006		
Bank Accounts		
Checking	5,078.87	
Money Market	3,508.29	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$8,587.16	

A Special Thank You
from Willamette Valley Intergroup
To all who contributed in 2006! Bless you all!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Howard C.
February 1, 1994

Charlie
February 1, 2004

Savannah H.
February 1, 2004

Melissa L.
February 3, 2001

Tony R.
February 3, 2004

Sherri K.
February 5, 2002

Max E.
February 5, 2003

Roxann E.
February 7, 2003

Al P.
February 9, 2004

Fred H.
February 10, 1990

Joe M.
February 10, 1990

Butch B.
February 10, 2002

Karen
February 12, 1999

Floyd T.
February 13, 2004

Joey J.
February 14, 2001

Joyce N.
February 14, 2003

Tonya
February 17, 2002

Liz J.
February 18, 1996

Joe R.
February 18, 2002

Gayle
February 25, 2002

Peggy C.
February 27, 1988

Davina S.
February 27, 2002

Nathan R.
February 27, 2002

James L.
February 27, 2003

Frank P.
February 28, 2000

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sobriety birthday date to Eye
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97301.*

November 2006 Assembly

A brief ride up Interstate 5 took us to the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, the site of the November, 2006 Area 58 quarterly assembly. A quick meal was followed by the Friday evening meetings including especially the GSR school and Area Committee meeting. Yet another quarterly assembly had started!

Saturday morning brought the district/intergroup reports and GSR/DCM sharing. After the luncheon we participated in the service committee roundtables. A Service Manual workshop and everybody's favorite, the Ask It Basket, rounded out Saturday afternoon. After the evening banquet we enjoyed the Traditions Play by the infamous Hilltop Players. A sobriety count-up was followed by the featured AA speaker, Anne M.

We spent Sunday morning from 8 AM to 12 Noon in the Area 58 business meeting. After area officer reports and area service committee reports, we got down to the real business of the Assembly, the motions. Six motions tabled from the previous assembly were dealt with as well as three new motions introduced at this assembly. For the first time in recent history, no motions were tabled and nothing is being carried over to the next assembly. Finally, officers elected at the September assembly and incoming committee heads were installed. The final gavel fell shortly after noon and we left this assembly with a sense of accomplishment.

District 4's attendance at this assembly remained high with about 12 representatives which gave our district one of the larger representations at this assembly.

Many thanks to District 4 for allowing me to participate in this assembly.

Yours in service, and loving it,
Fred D
District 4 Alt. DCM

Get the Word Out!

Get the word out regarding events and news by emailing your information to Web Master Dave at salemaaweb@yahoo.com. The website is looking great and is getting viewed regularly...so put it to use for you!

Email Eye Opener Submissions!

Share information, experience, hope, and strength! Email articles, etc. to the Eye Opener: wvi_eyeopener@yahoo.com.

**District 4 Reaching Out
Meeting Notice**

March 10, 2007
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
1486 SW Levins, Dallas, Oregon
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Oregon area 58 District 4 Committee meeting will be held in Dallas in the month of March in order to reach out to its outlying areas. Polk county A.A. groups will host this meeting. Come join us! For more informatuon call Bob M. (coordinator) at 503.623.4092.

**District 4 Seeks
Alternate Secretary, Alternate Treasurer**

If you are interested in either position, please join District 4 for their monthly meeting at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for Central Office

Do you have four hours a week that you can spend in service? Contact Laura at 503.399.0959 to get started. Shifts are four hours long. Duties include answering the phone, retail sales, and general office tasks.

Items Needed for Central Office

Central Office will gladly accept donations of copy paper, postage stamps, coffee, and chocolate!

**2007 PRAASA
(Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)
March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Portland!**

PRAASA is an annual assembly held in one of the fifteen Delegate areas that comprise the Pacific Region. PRAASA is held during the first weekend of March – this provides an opportunity to discuss issues prior to the General Service Conference in April. As a PRAASA participant, you have a priceless opportunity to form lasting friendships with AA's from the nine western states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington) and the Area 79 - B.C./Yukon!

In 2007, the Assembly will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River—Jantzen Beach from 1:00 p.m. on Friday, the 2nd, until Noon on Sunday, the 4th. Registration forms and further information are available at Central Office and online at www.praasa.org.



January Calendar

SATURDAY 3

Grapevine Speaker's Meeting
First Congregational Church
700 Marion Street NE.
Fellowship & refreshments: 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 8

District 4 Committee Meeting
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
1444 Liberty SE, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 10

TTCO (Take the Cotton Out) Speaker's
Meeting
Faith Lutheran Church
4505 River Road N, Keizer, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY 12

H & I Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

Friday 16 - Sunday 18

Soberfest
Chemeketa Community College
Building 50

MONDAY 19

WVI Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY 23

Soberfest Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 28

TTCO Committee Meeting
Central Office
687 Cottage St. NE, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 24

KIS-S (Keep it Simple Speaker's
Meeting)
Morningside Methodist Church
3674 12th Street SE, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 24

Corvallis Speaker's Meeting
Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis
8:00 p.m.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Meetings posted at:
<http://www.dhh12s.commeetingschedule/htm>

For links to other Intergroup websites visit
www.aa-oregon.org/aameetings.htm

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