

The Willamette Valley Intergroup's
The Eye Opener

June 2006

Central Office Has Moved!

WVI is now located at 687 Cottage Street NE,
between D and Union Streets.

Hours:

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Telephone: 503.399.0599.

Thanks to All Who Helped With the Move!

Without the help of the following people in cleaning, consolidating, moving, packing, power washing, rug shampooing, sorting, spackling, taking down, putting up, or providing boxes, trailer-hauling and trucking this move would have never been completed. Thanks to you all!

Andy K., Bill B., Carol, Danny W., David M, District 4 Committee, Don C., Don E., Doug H., Gary H., Greg J., Israel, Joan C., John, KISS Committee, Laura, Maria R., Moving Committee, Patrick P., Patti P., Peter H., Soberfest Committee, TTCO Committee, and Woody.



Stay Informed!

Spend one hour at the Intergroup meeting on Monday, June 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the NEW Central Office location, 687 Cottage Street NE

Willamette Valley Intergroup Board

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Vacant

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Vacant

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Doug H.

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Vacant

Trustee
Vacant

H & I Committee Chair
Walter R.

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
April Minutes**

Don E. Chaired the meeting; the meeting was opened with the AA Preamble, Traditions and the Serenity Prayer.

In attendance were: Don E. (Chair), Laura F. (Office Manager), Angela G. (Outreach), Walter R. (H & I), Doug H. (Soberfest), Dave S. (Web and Meeting Lists), Angela C. (Intergroup Liaison), Sallee D. (Al-Anon), and GSR's Alan D., Patty P., Bill B. Visitors were Jerry Q., Leslie L., Sandy S., Fred D., Billy M., Anita C., B.J. And Bill B., Paula F., Mike W., and Michael B.

Reviewed last months minutes. Soberfest was thanked for their donation to Intergroup. Corrections from last meeting notes: 6 months sobriety and 2 years since last conviction to go into Marion/Polk county jails for meetings. Soberfest retained \$1084.00 in seed money for next year, not \$184.00 as previously recorded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Laura F. reported that sales were above budget for March and that Central Office was financially in the black at the end of the month. She also reported that Central Office had 283 contacts for March, 873 Y.T.D.. And we have 3 new volunteers. Patty P. reported that she had been doing monthly audits for Central Office and that everything has been looking good.

H & I Committee: Walter R. reported that Bridgeway Treatment Center was doing well with volunteers; however, they

still need more volunteers at Salem Hospital (3 years sobriety required).

Webmaster and Meeting Lists: Dave S. reported that the City of Salem may be shutting down the Open.org site and that we may need to find a new server. Woodburn has been dropped off the meeting list. The group thanked Dave for his 6 years of volunteerism at Central Office.

Eye Opener: Laura reported that they are still looking for more articles to put in the Eye Opener.

Intergroup Liaison: Angela C. reported that she will be moving out of the area which will open the positions of District and Intergroup Liaison. They had a visitor come to their last meeting and speak about the Grapevine.

Al-Anon: No new reports.

KISS: No report.

Outreach: Angela G. had reported that a lot of people had volunteered to go into meetings, but had not contacted her yet. She also asked groups to get the word out about what Central Office does for the AA community.

Soberfest: Doug H. reported that most chairs are filled on the committee. Meetings are the last Friday of each month. Due to scheduling conflicts, the 2008 Soberfest has been moved to the second weekend of February, 2008 (8th, 9th, and 10th). The dates for 2007 will remain the same. They are having a "Theme" contest for next year's Soberfest. The prize is a complete package to Soberfest. Car washes and a spaghetti feed are being planned for fundraisers.

Old Business: None

New Business: Much discussion on moving Central Office. It was proposed that we move to a site at Union and Church streets. Concerns with that location is stairs to the second floor (available outside only after hours) that would be slick in wet weather, no elevator available for handicap access and limited meeting space (which would not allow generation of income for Central Office. The cost of this site would be \$464.00 monthly, \$160.00 less than the current location with a 5-year contract with increases. It is also close to bus station with better surroundings for volunteers. Concern with staying at the current location are running without a contract and new City parking regulations. A vote was taken and the new location was voted down. Leslie L. will

Opportunities for Service

Volunteers for Central Office are needed at the Central Office. Shifts are 4 hours; days and times vary. Substitutes are always needed. If this type of service work suits you, please call Laura at 503.399.0599 for details.

Be an AA Angel - a few members put together a song/dance routine for the pleasure of Soberfest a few years back. It has become such a big hit that we continue to get requests from other Intergroups and Areas to perform about four times a year. We are looking for a few people to fill gaps created by moves, sicknesses and marriages. It is a great way to enjoy sobriety and fellowship with other members and contribute to the AA society. If you are interested or would like further information, contact Jane A. at 503.362.6625.

WVI April Treasurer's Report

CASH FLOW - Last month
4/1/2006 through 4/30/2006

Category Description	4/1/2006- 4/30/2006	% of Total
INFLOWS		
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		
7 AM Downtown Group	331.55	17.74 %
Capitol Discussion	24.00	1.28 %
District #4	45.00	.27%
For Women Only	41.75	2.23 %
KIS-S Group	73.89	3.95 %
Monday Night Step Study	40.00	2.14 %
Pioneer Group	25.26	1.35 %
Scotts Mills Daily Reprieve	200.00	10.70 %
Woodland Action Group	14.08	0.75 %
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	755.53	40.42 %
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
Anonymous	26.75	1.43 %
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	26.75	1.43 %
OTHER INCOME		
Copier Use	17.40	0.93 %
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	17.40	0.93 %
SALES		
Al-anon 1	0.00	0.54 %
Book Cover	12.00	0.64 %
Greeting Card's)	9.00	0.48 %
Literature	648.35	34.69 %
Medallions	284.00	15.20 %
Misc.	10.00	0.54 %
Special Orders	39.00	2.09 %
Stickers-Decals	8.00	0.43 %
Tape&CD Sale T-Mar Consignment	49.00	2.62 %
TOTAL SALES	1,069.35	57.21 %
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,869.03	100 %
OUTFLOWS		
COPIER	140.94	5.78 %
INSURANCE	96.15	3.94 %
INVENTORY PURCHASE		
Literature	360.80	14.79 %
Medallions	48.20	1.98 %
Tapes T-Mar	85.50	3.51 %
TOTAL INVENTORY PURCHASE	494.50	20.27 %
PARKING	35.00	1.43 %
PAYROLL		
Payroll Taxes quarterly	483.33	19.82 %

Other PAYROLL	555.45	22.77 %
TOTAL PAYROLL	1,038.78	42.59 %
RENT	572.57	23.47 %
TELEPHONE		
Other TELEPHONE	61.13	2.51 %
TOTAL TELEPHONE	61.13	2.51 %
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,439.07	100 %
OVERALL TOTAL	-570.04	100 %
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Bank Accounts	Balance 4/30/06	
Checking	5,139.84	
Money Market	1,907.25	
PETTY CASH	0.00	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	7,047.09	
Liability Accounts		
Sales Tax	0.00	
TOTAL Liability Accounts	0.00	
OVERALL TOTAL	7,047.09	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Betsy Langley
June 11, 1984

Dan R.
June 25, 2003

Everett G
June 2, 2000

Gary L.
June 22, 2002

Henry K.
June 18, 1999

Jerry A.
June 14, 2002

Johnny H.
June 5, 1983



Kathy C.
June 20, 1988

Kirby H.
June 2, 1999

Marilyn Lucas
June 12, 1988

Michael B.
June 22, 1994

Patti R.
June 4, 1985

Peggy E.
June 2, 1974

Rob C.
June 5, 1996

Shannon R.
June 6, 2004

Sid A.
June 26, 2001

Tina T.
June 5, 2002

Vasticia R.
June 5, 2002

*Have your sobriety birthday
printed here. Send name/
sobriety birthday date
to Eye Opener Editor, c/o
WVI Central Office, 687
Cottage Street NE, Salem
OR 97301.*

Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Assembly Report

Note: the Assembly was held at Hood River, and hosted by District 14 May 19-21, 2006

A sunny Friday afternoon drive up the Columbia River Gorge is hard to beat. Our ride to Hood River ended all too soon but we were quickly caught up in the activities of yet another Area 58 Quarterly Assembly. We quickly ate a meal and attended the Friday evening orientation meetings.

At the District 4 meeting in March, the GSRs who attended the February assembly complained about the lack of hard copy for many of the motions. Liz S suggested that some sort of projector be used as a substitute for hard copy. Our DCM, Bill B, took a letter mentioning these points to several of the Area 58 officers. Most said that the projector idea was a good one. On Sunday morning Julie W of District 22 set up a computer controlled projector which displayed the current motion on a screen behind the podium! No motion or allocation of funds was necessary for this trial run and, in the future, requirements for assembly hosts will in all likelihood include providing a computer controlled projector.

Saturday morning brought the district/intergroup reports and GSR/DCM sharing. One major item was how to cover the costs of transportation for participants at AA functions in the face of rising fuel costs. The general consensus was settled in a classic AA fashion: Use available funds but pass the hat if the costs cannot be covered any other way. Any formal procedure or protocol should be avoided because that removes the flexibility necessary for solving the problem. Another major item was what to do with excess funds. Two suggestions made were to donate the funds to other service groups (local intergroup, Area 58, or GSO) or to use the funds to provide funds to GSRs who otherwise would not be able to attend the assemblies. After the sharing sessions we ate lunch and heard an AA speaker, Otto W, from Medford.

Every April the delegates from 93 areas gather at GSO in New York City to bring group consciences together to conduct business for GSO. The Oregon Area 58 delegate is Eric K. After lunch we heard our delegate's Post-Conference Report. Later we broke into eleven delegate panel sessions to discuss individual conference topics. After these meetings six previous delegates and the current delegate answered questions from the Ask-It-Basket for almost an hour. The evening banquet was followed by the AA speaker, Maryann W from Medford, and by a dance, which I missed in favor of sleep.

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. We voted on three motions tabled from the previous assembly. Time constraints allowed us to consider only one new motion.

The remaining motions, including two from District 4, will be carried over to the next assembly in September. At noon we adjourned for a peaceful drive back home.

Four motions considered at this assembly (three as old business and one as new business), were:

1. (Tabled at the previous assembly) Area has asked that an additional \$1000 be sent to GSO to help defray the cost of the delegate to the 2006 GSO Conference. Currently \$2000 is budgeted each year for this, but GSO averages expenditures of \$4500 per delegate. The Finance Committee said that Area has the money to cover this. PASSED

2. (Tabled at the previous assembly) Area has asked that the alternate delegate line item in the budget be increased from \$100 to \$1500 for fiscal year 2006. This is to cover the alternate delegate's expenses for doing the GSR schools. The Finance Committee said that Area has the money to cover this. PASSED

3. (Tabled at the previous assembly) The PRAASA 2007 Committee asked that that the PRAASA 2007 committee is reimbursed for the travel expenses to be incurred by the committee's translation chairperson in traveling to PRAASA 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$400. Currently the translation chairperson should attend PRAASA 2006 but is not reimbursed for travel expenses. The Finance Committee said that Area has the money to cover this. DEFEATED

4. (Introduced at this assembly) to fund travel to assemblies for the Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster at rates prevailing for other committee chairs and co-chairs. Adjust the Website Budget (reduce) and Area Committee travel line item (increase) budgets to reflect change. TABLED

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

Yours in loving service,

Fred Davis

Alternate DCM, District 4

Copy Paper/Postage Stamps

Needed

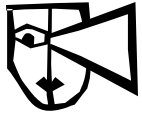
The Central Office has an on-going need for white copy paper in size 8 1/2 x 11", and for postage stamps. Please consider sharing.

New/Changed Meetings

New - *Sobriety First* meets on Tuesdays at Noon at 700 Marion Street NE.

The meeting is closed, non-smoking, and handicap accessible.

Changed - The *For Women Only* group now meets at the First Methodist Church, 600 State Street, ant Noon in the Carrier Room.



June Calendar

Friday 9th - Sunday 11

Circle A Campout
Cape Lookout State Park South of
Tillamook
Info: 503.399.0792

Saturday 10

AA's 71st Birthday!

Take the Cotton Out Speakers
Meeting
Faith Lutheran Church
4505 River Rd. N, Keizer
7:30 p.m.

Monday 12

H & I Committee Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 13

KISS Committee Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 p.m.

Monday 19

WVI Committee Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 22

District 4 GSR's Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 24

Keep It Simple Speakers Meeting
Morningside Methodist Church
3674 12th St. SE, Salem

Wednesday 28

TTCO Committee Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 p.m.

Friday 30

Soberfest Committee Meeting
Central Office, 7:00 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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