

GREATER TORONTO AREA INTERGROUP
General Meeting Tuesday, October 30, 2007

The meeting convened at 8 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Arwen H. (Primary Purpose) read the Twelve Traditions.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Amazing Grace, Anniversary, Aurora, Back to Basics (Richmond Hill), Bayview, Beaches, Bellamy, Church Street, City Central, Credit Valley, Daily Reflections, East York, Erin Mills, Fellowship, Friendly, Glenholme, Golden Mile, Half Century, Hill, Keep It Simple (Scarborough), King City, Kingsway, Kipling, Lakeshore, Leslie, Maple, Markland Wood, Melrose, Midtown, Mount Dennis, Newmarket, Noon Rap, North Toronto, Oakville, Orleta (Polish), Port Credit, Reaching Out (Brampton), Rexdale United, Richmond Hill, Rox Glen Traditional, Royal York, Shepherd, Spiritual Progress, St. Clements, Sunday Northwestern, Thornhill, Thursday East End, Trial & Error, Tuesday Night Discussion, U of T, Unionville, Welcome, Westmoreland, Weston, Woodbine, Yorkville. **District Liaisons:** Districts 06, 14, 18, and 22. **Subcommittee Chairs:** Archives, Corrections, 12 Step, Public Information, Newsletter, Access Ability, ORC 2008, Winter Season Open House, Self-Support, and Website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – September 2007

MOTION to adopt Minutes as presented moved by Glen J. (Sunday Northwestern) and seconded by James H. (Shepherd). MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson's Opening Remarks: Stephanie L. (Erin Mills), outgoing Operating Committee Chair

Stephanie announced that elections will be held tonight to elect new Operating Committee members: 2 Juniors (to immediately move up to Senior positions) are needed immediately as there have been 2 resignations; also, 3 new Junior members will be elected, in addition to a new OC Chair. Stephanie also took the time to thank Floor members for giving her the opportunity to serve as OC Chair for the last six months.

Collection of the 7th Tradition, which totaled \$178.03, after coffee expenses.

FINANCE: Ida Y. (Glenholme), Chairperson

Month's Income was \$30,483, with Expenses of \$17,072 for a difference of +\$13,411. The Gratitude response has been good; thanks to members as their financial support is appreciated. Member's help is also needed in the reduction of the debit of literature: Current to 60 days: \$11,380.26. 61 days and over: \$3,035.36. Total: \$14,415.62. A new Finance member has been elected: Gregg W. (Rox Glen Traditional). One other member (Bruce L. /Back to Basics) has showed interest, and is invited to attend the Nov. Finance meeting. **One more FC member is needed by December.**

MOTION to suspend Regular Business moved by Judy C. (Aurora) and seconded by Alex (Welcome) to facilitate elections for the Operating Committee. CARRIED.

ELECTIONS: Roy R. (Trial & Error), Election Facilitator

After the protocol for Elections was consulted from the GTAI Procedures & Guidelines, the following elections were held:

1. **Interim election re: Juniors moving up to Seniors/2 new juniors needed, due to resignations:** Reg S. (Melrose) and John M. (Thornhill), elected by acclamation.
2. **Operating Committee Chair:** Arwen H. (Primary Purpose), new Chairperson by acclamation. Lyle G. (Thorncliffe Park) is 1st Vice. Harold Y. (Port Credit) is 2nd Vice. **Juniors moving up to Senior Positions:** John M. (Thornhill), Reg S. (Melrose), and Brad H. (Bayview).
3. **New OC Juniors:** Bill M. (Westmoreland), Aaron (Yorkville), and Woody K. (Willowdale), by acclamation.

Ad Hoc Recommendation Subcommittee: Lynn B. (City Central), Chairperson

Lynn presented the "Proposed downsized GTAI" re: present subcommittee structure. The ad hoc Position Paper was also provided for reps, along with a brief background of the ad hoc initiative. The main concern of ad hoc findings: "top-heaviness" of subcommittees. **The (2) documents provided at tonight's meeting is "to provoke dialogue between the groups"**. The document(s) also addresses the issue of lack of volunteers on subcommittees. Lynn read GTAI Mission Statement for clarity. **More copies of Position Paper will be available for next month. Next meeting:** Thurs. Nov.1 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

Access Ability: Donna M. (Sunnyside), Chairperson

The subcommittee is set to attend the 'People in Motion' event in June 2008. Access Ability now has a Secretary. **Next meeting:** Sun. Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at 234.

Archives: Roy R. (Trial & Error), Chairperson

Reps reminded of the **upcoming Archives Breakfast Nov.4**. Start time: 9 a.m. Archives Repository has moved to 5th Floor, by request of the landlord. **Next meeting:** Fri. Nov.9 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Better Times: Marv W. (Streetsville Action), Chairperson

Nov issue is available. A list of extensive meeting changes is highlighted in the 'Have You Heard' section. A Special 2-page insert for (Dec/Jan) Holiday Season will be available, with all relevant Holiday announcements. **CALL FOR XMAS MEETINGS / CANDLELIGHT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS!** Deadline: Nov 10 (for Dec issue), and Dec 10 (for Jan issue). **Next meeting:** Wed. Nov.21 at 7p.m. at 234.

Corrections: Niels B. (Hill), Chairperson

The committee monthly meeting time has been changed to 7:30. Big Books for Corrections were received from an anonymous donor. **Next meeting:** Mon. Nov.5 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

CPC: no report. **Next meeting:** Mon. Nov.12 at 7:00 p.m. at 234.

Grapevine: no report. **Grapevine needs a new Chairperson. Next meeting g:** Thurs. Nov.8 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Info AA Day: no report. **Next meeting:** Mon. Nov.26 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

ORC 2008: Rene T. (Silverbirch), 2008 event Chairperson

The Graphics were presented for the event, and reps were asked to take these back to their groups. There will be 2 dances on the Saturday night of the event.

Public Information: Tom S. (Saturday Morning Disc.), Chairperson

P.I. was involved in 3 health fairs. The 'Holders/Folders' campaign is ongoing. One resume has been received for P.I. Chair, as Tom is rotating out of the position. The new PSA's (Public Service Announcements) from GSO (30-second spots) are airing on the Space Channel. **Next meeting:** Mon. Nov.19 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

Reception: Brad H. (Bayview), Operating Committee member

78 people present: 51 reps, 16 alts, 4 district liaisons, and 7 chairs.

Self-Support: John P. (Welcome), Chairperson

Gratitude is going well; extra Gratitude envelopes are available. Reps are urged to ask their group secretary for Group member update lists. **Next meeting:** Wed. Nov.7 at 7 p.m. at 234.

Treatment Facilities:

No formal report. Stephanie reported that the Alt.Chair position status is in question at present, as this member is currently unavailable due to personal reasons. The TF Chairperson is currently recovering from a stroke. More information will be available soon. **Next meeting:** Thurs. Nov.15 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

12 Step: Mike K. (Yorkville), Chairperson

234 NEEDS GREETERS! Training is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at 234. One year of sobriety is needed. This committee also needs a Secretary and Greeter Captains. **Next Phone Training Session:** Sun. Nov.18. **Next meeting:** Fri. Nov.30 at 6:30 p.m. at 234.

Website: Fran H. (Kingsway), incoming Chairperson

The new Chair is Fran H (Kingsway). The new site has been launched. There is also a new Webmaster: Andy C. (Thornhill). The committee is also involved in the process of switching the server host for the site.

Next meeting: Sat. Nov.10 at 1 p.m. at 234.

Winter Season Open House: Mike E. (Kipling), Chairperson

The Church has been booked (Emmanuel-Howard Park Church, Roncesvalles & Wright Ave.) for the event, which is to be held Tuesday, December 25. There will be entertainment and music. **WSOH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** for food prep (need 10 turkey cookers, + veggie prep and desserts). **Next two meetings:** Tues. Nov.6 at 7:30 p.m. and Thurs. Nov.22 at 7:30 p.m. at 234.

Unfinished Business: no unfinished business noted.

New Business:

Dan McK. (Half Century) expressed members' concerns regarding the removal of financial files (QuickBooks program) from Intergroup, stressing the principle of anonymity, and the fact that this action is also against the Privacy Act of Canada. Arwen explained the Operating Committee's reasoning for this action, stating that a discrepancy of 8% in the financial figures needs to be accounted for before the 2008 Proposed Budget can be passed. A solution was offered by Arwen: that the financials will *not* be taken off premises. Instead, the OC is proposing an on-site (at 234) analysis with Arwen and Fran H. (Web Chair, who has an accounting background). Executive Secretary, Carole Keenan, explained her role and subsequent duties in extracting from QuickBooks/reporting financials to the Finance subcommittee, at the same time clarifying the auditing, budgeting, and financial reporting processes. **DISCUSSION.**

A **Sense of the Floor** was taken regarding files with personal information: that this information is *not taken off site at any time.* Vote was UNANIMOUS; no information is to go off site at any time, as per instruction from Floor members. A dialogue on the on-site analysis initiative will follow next month.

This discussion was followed by a MOTION from Eric K. (Port Credit), seconded by Russell (Oakville) that the Operating Committee and/or the Finance subcommittee look further into the finance discrepancy issue; "...to do what's ever necessary to find the problem".

Group Reps were instructed to **take this Motion back to their groups for discussion.**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. at Glebe Rd. United Church.

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