

## Midland A.A. Intergroup Minutes

### District 20 Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting Date: April 6, 2002

GSRs, other trusted servants and visitors present at the meeting:

Steve W.	Sanford Thursday Night, Intergroup Treasurer
Theron B	New Freedom Group, Intergroup Secretary
Lynn S.	Saturday "Soul Sisters" Group
Joe P.	All
Carl O.	Averill Group
Bernie T.	Auburn Wednesday Night Group
Bill M.	Monday Beginners Group
Ann Marie	
Carole D.	Women's Jail Meeting
Joe H.	Wednesday Serenity Group
Rich K.	Willing to Grow Group

The meeting was held at the Unitarian Hall on Jefferson Ave. at 7:00 PM. The meeting was chaired by Steve W. and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Committee reports:

<b>Secretary</b>	Theron passed out copies of the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and accepted.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Current balance is \$542.08. Steve passed around the fliers received in the P.O. box.
<b>Jails &amp; Institutions</b>	The women's jail group needs more volunteers – there is currently only one woman handling the meetings. Three new volunteers have come forward for the Freeland prison meetings.
<b>Public Information</b>	Carl brought in meeting lists from Bay City, Mount Pleasant, southeastern Michigan and the northwestern part of the Lower Peninsula. The group decided to copy and distribute these at the Friday literature table and to post them on the Intergroup web site.
<b>Answering Service</b>	A local AI-Anon woman has volunteered to add her name to the call list, for AI-Anon calls.

**Intra Area:** Bill M. and Joe H. went to the meeting in Howell. Joe brought back some buttons promoting the 50<sup>th</sup> state conference in the fall. They are for sale for \$1.00 with proceeds going to support the conference. Next month's IntraArea will be in Jackson. Joe also brought some Big Books, 12 & 12s and "Inmate to Inmate" pamphlets for the men's and women's jail meetings.

**Old Business:** Joe H. has been updating the meeting contact information for GSO for the national directory.

**New Business:** There was a general discussion about what a meeting chairperson can or should do to quell disturbances and eject unruly people. This stemmed from an incident at the Friday Chestnut Hill group. The group offered the advice that the chairperson can ask someone to leave if their behavior is inappropriate and that the more experienced members can and should step in to help when necessary.

Bernie announced that the Auburn Group is planning to have an open speaker meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

Rich K. mentioned that there was some controversy over how the upcoming sober picnic is being funded because collections have been taken at meetings, although the picnic is not an A.A. function. The group agreed that because the picnic was an "outside enterprise" requests for support should wait until after the meeting ends.

Bill M. suggested that it might be time to do another 4<sup>th</sup> step workshop and the group supported the idea. Due to time being short this will be discussed next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theron B.

☞ The next Midland Area Intergroup meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall on Jefferson.