

Laurelhighlands Intergroup Meeting for April 2006

Chairperson: Bob R. Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary: Phil K. Presented the minutes from the March Intergroup Meeting
Minutes were read by those in attendance. A motion was made by
Bill G. to accept the minutes as printed. Bob S. 2nded. Motion
Passed.

Treasurer: Phil K. Reported an opening balance of \$60.00
Income of +\$160.00
Sub Total \$220.00
Expenses of -\$167.83
New Balance of \$52.17
Paid the Answering Service \$128.26
Paid Ron's Print Shop \$35.72
Check Order for checks on the account \$3.85

Bill G. made a motion to accept the report as given Bill M. 2nded
Motion passed.

Literature: Phil K. Reported selling \$129.20 Books
\$31.10 Medallions
\$160.30 Total Sales
\$69.36 Balance

Corrections: Bob R. Reported that he had 1 person sign up to help with the
prison meetings but was rejected, but may have a few others on
line to assist with the meetings. Everything is ok at both places,
Somerset & Cambria. Co.

Activities: Bill G. Gave a written report to be read. Only had 20 tickets that
weren't sold. 2 winning tickets were sold, 1 in Portage area, the other
in the Johnstown area. A copy of the written report is attached.

Old Business: The meeting lists were all distributed. And there was no feed
back as to the question brought up at the March Intergroup meeting,
"What can the Intergroup do to serve you Better?"
Please keep discussing this matter with your respective home groups.

New Business: Bill G. stated that the Activities Committee is going to get 250
tickets to sell. The tickets will be set to go off on the 4th of July.
The winning number will be \$200, the number just above will be
\$25.00 the number just below will also be \$25.00.

Tom W. then asked if the tickets that are sold are sold to A.A.
members only? It was stated that they could be sold to anyone.

Then it was asked if there was a reason why they were sold
outside of A.A.? Is it not then an outside contribution? Are we
setting a precedence by asking for outside contributions? If so
could we not go to Giant Eagle and ask them to donate buns or

whatever for the picnic? Are we not breaking the 5th & 7th Traditions of A.A.? Discussion was held as to the fact that the money going into the purchase & sale of tickets was going to A.A. It was also discussed that the money taken up in the baskets at meetings was being used to fund anniversary parties as an example. The discussion continued as that practice was not correct as the money collected at meetings was for A.A. and should be used for A.A. purposes, i.e. The answering service, meeting lists, books, literature and so forth. A.A. literature clearly states that purpose. "Self Supporting Through Our Own Means" & "A.A. Where Money and Spirituality Mix" and "The Group" pamphlet. If a person goes to an A.A. meeting and puts a contribution into the basket as it is passed, then they feel that they are contributing to A.A. services, not for funding dances or picnics or other such functions. The money is to be given back to A.A. through the various levels of A.A. as a whole.

The donations the groups should make should go through the A.A. service structure, i.e., Intergroup, District, Area, and GSO. It was then discussed that it's not so much as to where it is going as to where it is coming from, as we could be breaking a couple of A.A. Traditions. The discussion continued that the raffles are a good way to raise money to purchase something to raffle off at the picnics to the members there, but as it states in the pamphlet "The Group" non A.A. people may attend our functions, as it could benefit them, but they can't join A.A. functions as a member, but we should not seek out donations from them either.

There was much discussion about this practice of selling A.A. function tickets to outsiders. It was decided that the Serenity Picnic is an A.A. function, but outsiders may attend. The tickets sold for the camping trip coming up in July will have the winners announced at the Serenity Picnic. A motion was then made to suggest that the members who sell the tickets for the Serenity Picnic drawing should only sell to other A.A. members. A second was also made in support of the motion, and the motion passed. So the tickets that are going up for sale in May for the camping trip should be sold to A.A. members only. The Daily number drawing will be on July 9th the day of the Serenity Picnic.

The only other new business brought up was by Bob S. DCM as a reminder to also announce that District 41 will be holding a workshop the 1st Sunday in May- May 7th at HGA at 5: p.m. The workshop will be for all group GSR's and will cover the following 2 topics: Where do we go from here & What is a GSR? The meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

Attendance 8

The next Intergroup Meeting will be held on May 17th at HGA at 6:30 p.m.

