

Minutes of Ohio NicA Intergroup March 19, 2011

Meeting opened at 11:30 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Present: Cate/Athens, Bob/Columbus, MJ, and Lee/Stow, John/Cleveland, Dave/Cincinnati and Tom/Youngstown

II - Updates

Group/Meeting Updates

Tom reported on three current meetings. States that the Warren meeting is pretty solid with a core membership of 8, Youngstown- St. E's struggling but has a core of 3-5 members, Youngstown NKRC is stable with 8 steady members but no recent growth.

Cate reported that Athens has been struggling with poor attendance and only one other regular group member, reports that a group of women from the local treatment program have been coming 2-3 times a month.

Lee reports that Stow continues to draw 10 – 12/wk but needs to address the problem of members not sticking to the meeting format.

John from Monday Parma says that regular attendance is 7-8/wk with a low some nights of 4-5, they are celebrating 25 years as a group.

Bob/Cleveland states that he continues to have difficulty getting new members and reports oftentimes sitting alone at meetings but is committed to remaining available as a meeting.

Dave from Cincinnati says that the Saturday meeting continues strong and has an average of 12 – 15 members each week.

Lee reporting about Jim's Saturday/Parma reports the group was approached to promote e-cigarettes and reminded all to remember the traditions.

MJ reporting on the Canton group said there are 4-12 regular members at the meetings on any Thursday night. She also reported about a nice article in the local paper citing Nicotine Anonymous.

Intergroup Contact List updated. *Lee will contact S. Euclid, Lakewood and Parma Saturday for info regards their status and contacts. John B will contact Judy about being another contact for Parma Monday. Tom S will get another contact for Warren/Youngstown.*

Announcements – Funding for Ohio Tobacco Treatment Specialist will probably end in July '11.

MJ will contact NicA with regards to Facebook content and traditions.

III Old Business

Minutes of 10/2/10 were read and approved.

IV New Business

Treasurers Report current balance is \$161.67. Treasurer stated that Domain Name fee is overdue. A motion was made and passed for Intergroup to pay Domain Name and Website fees.

Ohio Website Jules reported that Website received 1275 hits in January, '11, 1339 hits in February and 729 so far in March. Break down statistics show 47% from US, 27% from Switzerland, 15% from Russia, 1% France, 8% Unknown and 2% other.

Ohio Meetings MJ is requesting volunteers from each group to write up histories for their group. Information to be included: name of group, year established, individual starting the group, format, special events, anniversaries and any additional information the group would like to share. MJ distributed a hand out for suggested donations to Intergroup, World Services and Individual Groups that Jules had developed.

Ohio Outreach MJ distributed hand out used for their area meetings which also listed phone and internet meetings.

Ohio Events Ongoing discussion about the possibility of Fun Day/Retreat/Weekend. Dave offered his place in Cincinnati/Kentucky.

World Services NicA World Services has relocated to 6333 E Mockingbird Lane #147-817 Dallas, Texas 75214. New literature forms are available online. 2011 Conference is in Baltimore 4/29 to 5/1. Tom S was elected as our delegate to the conference. World Services also has a number of Open service positions including pen pals, telephone and e-mail services, newsletter positions, website services, translation work and outreach and archive service.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 1:10PM

Next Meetings scheduled for July 16 and October 8 at St Luke's UMC Columbus, Ohio

In Service,
Cate