

# Triangle Intergroup Minutes



June 22, 2019

## In Attendance:

Mike (Chair, Web committee); Clare (Rep. Durham Sun 10:30am & Durham Wed 7pm; SOAR); Susan (Hi Tech, Rep. Carrboro Th 12:30pm); Sid (Vice Chair); Mary Anne (Secretary); Karen (Treasurer); Nancy C. (Audio Library, Rep. Raleigh Sat 9am), Taylor (Rep. Tu/Th Durham 12:30pm); Neill (SOAR); Anne (Newsletter, Rep. Chapel Hill Th 7pm); Rita (Rep. Durham Sat 10am).

**Minutes from May:** Approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial report accepted as submitted. The UPS store where we had our post office box is no longer extant and our mail has been forwarded to one of the Cary locations. Karen will need to locate it and pick up forwarded mail. She received no notice—the information was posted on the door of the closed office. Our post office box number will change and we will need to notify all treasurers, as well as businesses we deal with.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WSO (Cory):** Not present

**SOAR (Neill & Clare):** Both will register and book flights for the Memphis Convention to take advantage of lower costs. Clare has submitted her full report to webmaster.

**High Tech (Susan):** Susan is learning how to do more for website cleanup and hopes to make progress before next month. She will contact Darcy in Wilmington about possibly helping with that task.

**Group Outreach (vacant):** No report

**Newsletter (Anne):** Unless another group volunteers, Intergroup members will write for the September issue (due August 7). *[Update, Apex has since offered to write for September]*. Some meetings and individual members are not aware of the large print copies of the newsletter. She will include a reminder of their availability in the next newsletter.

**PI/PO (Allie):** Out of town. She sent word that there was nothing that needed to come before the June meeting.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

**12th Step Within (Neill):** Neill has continued to visit meetings, telling his story and presenting on the 12 Step Within resources available from SOAR. He has now covered more than ½ the meetings in our intergroup.

**2020 NC State Convention (Sid):** The next phone meeting will be on June 22. Only 2 people called in to the May meeting so there is nothing to report. Sid asked that the minutes repeat a reminder that seed money, in the amount of \$2,500, has been promised by our intergroup to cover advance costs such as the hotel contract.

**Retreat (vacant):** No report.

**Audio Library (Nancy):** Nancy raised the question of what we can do about the fact that CDs are going out of style. Can we encourage people to download CDs onto their phones or other digital devices? The Chapel Hill Thursday group will take the library in July and share among multiple meetings in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Possible Region 8 (SOAR) Convention bid:** We are currently looking at a bid for 2020 or 2021—no one at the meeting was willing to undertake leadership on this effort.

**Acceptable Uses of Old Editions of OA Book:** Taylor will contact our trustee about acceptable uses of older editions—can they be donated to struggling groups? Given away? Although we will seek advice, this is ultimately a group-level decision, not an Intergroup decision.

**Open Group Outreach Position:** No one at the meeting was interested in serving.

**Retreat account:** Karen will further investigate which signatures are needed to close the retreat account. If Taylor is one of the acceptable signatories, she will accompany Karen to the bank to close out this account.

**Virtual attendance at IG:** We will consider a one-year test allowing Wilmington IG reps to attend by phone, including voting. This was discussed but not voted on.

**IG on the Road:** We do not have a place for IG on the road this year. Taylor will talk to Darcy about some place to hold the August meeting. We were reminded that the point of this is to reach out to other meetings a distance from Raleigh—not simply to facilitate a beach trip.

**New Wednesday Structure House Meeting:** The new meeting has an average attendance of 6.5, and most have attracted newcomers from Structure House. Clare, who answered IG's call for a volunteer to start the meeting, has had to advance \$80 for initial rent and literature. Clare will talk to them about lowering the rent, as they requested this meeting. Collections appear to be sufficient to sustain the group going forward but not to reimburse the start-up expenses. IG voted to donate \$80 to reimburse Clare for these expenses.

## Future agenda items:

- Discuss welcoming newcomers. What is our message?
- Bylaws/policy and procedures (last updated in 2015) do not reflect many changes adopted at intergroup meetings since 2015. How do we correct this?
- A formal motion to modify by-laws and/or P&P to incorporate retreat committee account back into the main treasury has not yet been drafted and presented to the meeting.

**Next Intergroup meeting:** Saturday, July 20, 2019