



WABASH VALLEY INTERGROUP

Newsletter

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The fact is that most alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so-called will power becomes practically nonexistent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week or a month ago. We are without defense against the first drink.

The almost certain consequences that follow taking even a glass of beer do not crowd into the mind to deter us. If these thoughts occur they are hazy and readily supplanted with the old threadbare idea that this time we shall handle ourselves like other people. There is a complete failure of the kind of defense that keeps one from putting his hand on a hot stove.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12, 2011
Southside Group 37th
Anniversary Dinner
St Margaret Mary Church
Terre Haute IN

February 27, 2011
W V G Carry-in Dinner
St Stephens Church
Terre Haute IN

March 19, 2011
Declaration of Unity
Presentation/Discussion
Southside Church of Christ
Terre Haute IN

April 09, 2011
25th Annual West Central
Indiana Mini-Conference
Hendricks Co Fairgrounds
Danville IN

SOBRIETY ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY 2011

Congratulations to:

Jeanie T – 9 years
Gene S – 5 years
Mike G – 2 years
Dan W – 1 year
Doug F – 1 year

Have your sobriety anniversary printed here! Email to: contact@terrehauteaa.com or give to your intergroup rep!

Way to go!!!!

MINUTES OF INTERGROUP MEETING JANUARY 04, 2011

Terri S opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer.

Dave K read the Twelve Traditions.

18 members and 2 guests were present. New representatives were Lucy C and Rob P from Serenity at Seven and Melinda M from A Vision for Women. Our guests were Dave R and Jim W from Indianapolis.

Linda M submitted the Treasurer’s Report

John H submitted the Secretary’s Report.

There was no Correctional Facilities Report or Literature Report.

Marcy B submitted the Office/Committee Report.

Motions were made and seconded to accept all reports.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Marcy had 100 December newsletters printed and brought them with her to the meeting to be distributed to groups by intergroup reps.

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FROM DAILY REFLECTIONS P. 13:

January 5

TOTAL ACCEPTANCE

He cannot picture life without alcohol. Some day he will be unable to imagine life either with alcohol or without it. Then he will know loneliness such as few do. He will be at the jumping-off place. He will wish for the end.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS P. 152

Only an alcoholic can understand the exact meaning of a statement like this one. The double standard that held me captive as an active alcoholic also filled me with terror and confusion: “If I don’t get a drink I’m going to die,” Competed with “If I continue drinking it’s going to kill me.” Both compulsive thoughts pushed me ever closer to the bottom. That bottom produced a *total* acceptance of my alcoholism – with no reservations whatsoever – and one that was absolutely essential for my recovery. It was a dilemma unlike anything I had ever faced, but as I found out later on, a

necessary one if I was to succeed in this program.

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Tradition One:

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

MINUTES - CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Dave R, Area 23 Intergroup Liaison Committee Chair, told us about the upcoming Unity Conference being held in Terre Haute on March 19. He brought flyers and asked for help from our reps in distributing them to our meetings. It is a discussion/workshop intended for the purpose of improving communication and dialogue between the Area and the Intergroups that serve alcoholics in southern Indiana. The presence of all Wabash Valley Intergroup representatives is respectfully requested.
2. Terri questioned the amount of training hours on the last bill from MillerWhite, and Marcy verified that she had indeed incurred said charges getting help with posting the newsletter on the website.
3. The contribution addresses list on the newsletter needs to be expanded to include District 16 in Indiana and the Illinois District that represents our groups in that state. The aa.org website is to be researched to determine those addresses.
4. The following nominees were elected into office for the 2011-2012 by unanimous vote. They will take office as of February 1, 2011.
 - a. Chairperson Dave K
 - b. Co-chair/Ofc Mgr Marcy B
 - c. Treasurer Terri S
 - d. Secretary Barb S
 - e. Correctional Facilities Mike G
 - f. Literature Dale H
5. Mike G read a note left for Reed concerning the need for speakers at meetings at the Robinson IL jail. He will investigate and report at February meeting.
6. Mike F said the cell phone used for 24 hour response to 12-step requests went dead on him inexplicably at times. It is working right now.
7. Linda M said she will be unable to man the intergroup office one Tuesday a month for the next few months. Marcy and Terri know of some volunteers wanting to do this service and will handle it.
8. Dale H volunteered to open the office from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm on Friday evenings.
9. Mike G mentioned that there is an unknown name on the Correctional Facilities bank account. That is because one of the signatory parties must be the Secretary and that account was established 11 years ago. Barb S will be added to the account as Secretary.

Terri S closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Step One:

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE TO WABASH VALLEY INTERGROUP THE PAST TWO YEARS:

- Linda M** **Treasurer – 8 years of service!**
- Reed N** **Correctional Facilities – 11 years of service!**
- Terri S** **Chairperson**
- Marcy B** **Co-chair/Ofc Mgr**
- John H** **Secretary**
- Laura D** **Literature**

HELP WANTED

Wabash Valley Group is in need of more attendees at meetings. It is a speaker meeting held Sunday evenings at 6:00pm at St Stephens Episcopal Church at 7th & Eagle in Terre Haute. We have a rotation of speakers from Indianapolis, Bloomington and the surrounding areas. Please join us to hear the experience, strength and hope of our wonderful speakers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERGROUP DECEMBER 2010

- Tuesday Newcomers = \$33.75
- Thurs Noon Big Book = \$24.75
- Thursday Greencastle = \$60.00
- New Beginnings = \$64.00
- Group #174331 = \$30.00
- Wabash Valley Group = \$13.00
- Linton 12 Steppers = \$10.00
- Meeting Donation = \$9.00

Thank you for your support. Please remember to put your group's name on the envelope.

There was no Correctional Facilities Report this month. February's newsletter will contain contributions to that fund for December and January.

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.

I believe that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

Wabash Valley Intergroup Extending Hours!

In order to try to serve you better we are now opening the Intergroup Office from 6:00-8:00pm every Friday evening in addition to our regular hours of 11:30am-5:00pm on Tuesdays.

Come on in for tokens, literature or fellowship.

Call us at 812-235-7263

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