

## FINAL\_2024 April 10 - Ottawa Area Intergroup Meeting

### Opening and Introductions

Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of the 12 Traditions.

**Roll Call and Voter count:** 25 Intergroup Reps and 8 Board members.

### Acceptance of Minutes from the Last Meeting:

March Minutes: Paul D Webmaster, Second: Steve R **Approved**.

### Acceptance of Agenda:

Patti, Second: Quinn **Approved**.

### Elections:

Spring Conference - No candidate

12 step Coordinator - No candidate

### Reports:

#### Chair - John D.

- Looking for 12 Step Coordinator, Alt Webmaster, TAS volunteers
- Suggestions on what to do with GIC money to be sent to [treasurer@ottawaaa.org](mailto:treasurer@ottawaaa.org)
- Cornerstone House looking for AA members to put on meetings, contact [cft@ottawaaa.org](mailto:cft@ottawaaa.org)

#### Treasurer - Stephan P.

- **Detail Report below**
- Looking for volunteers to organize summer event
- Intergroup office improvements: window coverings, locks, baseboards,
- Meeting with District treasurer on joint event
- New savings account opened instead of putting prudent reserve in GICs

#### Literature - Walter

- Sales slow

#### 12-Step - Steve R

- 86 volunteers

#### Telephone Answering Service - Steve R

- Calendar is up to date
- 121 possible shifts, 68 were filled
- 161 calls, 66 went directly to voicemail
  - 3 12 step calls
- TAS volunteers need to record calls in the Call-Log

- More groups stepping up with monthly commitments

Webmaster - Paul D.

- [Link to Report](#)
- Use website to update meeting information

Newsletter - George H. (absent)

- Apologies that I wasn't able to join the Intergroup meeting – I have work travel this week.
- The newsletter was circulated last Wednesday – many thanks to Dawn-Marie for her help on this.
- There was a valid comment that was brought up that the article on Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre may be in conflict with tradition 6 because of the Montfort hospital logo. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. So I have removed the logo from the post.
- I would love to hear everyone's comments – please let me know what you think.
- Looking for articles for May. Especially on Step 4!! If you have anything, please send it my way.

Secretary - Dick G

- Send Intergroup Rep updates to [secretary@ottawaaa.org](mailto:secretary@ottawaaa.org)
- **Attendance below**

Vice-Chair - Jeff L.

- Hybrid Committee - Use the Intergroup office for now. If numbers dictate an alternate location will be investigated
- Modernizing Intergroup office internet
  - \$89.94 - Rogers, 75Mbs
  - \$69.95 - Bell, 100Mbs
  - \$72.95 - Videotron, 100Mbs
- MOTION: That Intergroup approves the purchase of a new 3-year internet contract for the Intergroup office at a cost of \$69.95 plus tax per month
  - Steve R
  - second Marc J
  - **Approved**

OWMC - Pauline E.

- Need a minimum of 6 volunteers per week ([owmc@ottawaaa.org](mailto:owmc@ottawaaa.org))
  - 2 years sobriety to chair
  - 1 year sobriety to co-chair

Area 83 Update – Amy L. (absent)

**Old Business:**

- Heather - audit requirements outlined in the Not For Profit Corporations Act of 2010

**New Business:**

**Motion to Close:** Tracey, Kerry

Meeting closed at 7:45 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Next meeting: May 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82438786359?pwd=a3FoYVI4eXlJVkVraGtjV3VXM2hOdz09>

# Treasurer Report for OAIG – Apr. 10, 2024

As of April 10, 2024:

- Cash in Bank:
  - Chequing Account: \$20,079.65
  - High-Interest Savings Account: \$20,022.76
- GIC: \$3928.49
- Cash on Hand: \$363.00
- PayPal: \$115.47
- **Total: \$44,509.37**

## Treasurer Needed for 2025

We're on the lookout for a new Treasurer to join us in 2025. This role is a great way to serve the Ottawa Area Intergroup, requiring:

- 3+ years of continuous sobriety.
- Bookkeeping knowledge.
- Computer and QuickBooks skills.
- Prior Intergroup service is a plus.

Expect hands-on training, especially before our busy Eastern Ontario Conference. Are you interested in this two-year term? Let's discuss this great service commitment.

## Excess Funds Discussion

We currently have approximately \$10,000 in excess funds that exceed our \$30,000 prudent reserve. These are your funds aimed at serving the Ottawa-area AA community. We need to decide collectively what to do with these funds.

Here are the top suggestions received so far:

Events:

- Unity Day (A no-cost event designed to foster a sense of community and shared purpose among members through activities like guest speakers, workshops, and fellowship. **Requires volunteers/service.**)
- Canada-thon (To be held on Canada Day, inspired by the concept of an Alcatraz, this event would see AA members in the Ottawa area gather for continuous meetings and fellowship to support each other in maintaining sobriety during the holiday. **Requires volunteers/service.**)

Intergroup Office:

- Upkeep is necessary for the OAIG office (improved security—windows/door locks; disposal of old furniture, new furniture/paint if deemed necessary, frames for important pieces of local and broad AA history if needed, etc.)

Other:

- Fund for printing Our Primary Purpose newsletter and Meeting Lists (though this is more ongoing/monthly expense, this could be the seed money to get it going)

Contribute to General Service:

- Local Committees:
  - Corrections & Treatment
    - Literature contributions for corrections/treatment facilities.
    - Grapevine subscriptions to distribute.
  - PI/CPC (outreach)
  - Other needs?
- General Service Entities\*\*\*:
  - Local Districts (District 54 & District 62)
  - Area 83
  - GSO

\*\*\*Note: General Service already receives contributions from groups. When groups contribute to Central Service (Intergroup), contributions are generally expected to carry the message and help still-suffering alcoholics locally. When I was at GSO in July 2023, someone in the office pointed this out to me, and they recommended we look locally for a need before redirecting toward General Service streams. Having said that, Ottawa Intergroup has made contributions to GSO before, so it isn't without precedence.

Should you have any inquiries or require further details concerning this report or any financial matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at [treasurer@ottawaaa.org](mailto:treasurer@ottawaaa.org).

Yours in loving service,

*Stephan P.*

Treasurer, Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous