

FINAL_2024 MAY 8 - 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: Marc J (Easy Does It), Second: Paul D (Webmaster) **Approved.**

Acceptance of Agenda:

Louise D (Morning Glory), Second: Matt M (Ottawa South) **Approved.**

Elections:

Spring Conference - No candidate

12 Step Coordinator - No candidate

Alternate Webmaster - No candidate

Reports:

Chair - John D.

- Located in the Intergroup Office with 4 others
- Renovations of the Intergroup Office

Vice-Chair - Jeff L.

- New internet installed and working
 - Old internet service to be discontinued

Treasurer - Stephan P.

- **Detail Report below**

Webmaster - Paul D.

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

12-Step - Steve R

- 86 volunteers
- Need for volunteers in the west end

Telephone Answering Service - Steve R

- Calendar is up to date
- 112 possible shifts, 44 daytime/19 filled, 68 evening and weekends/41 were filled

- 160 calls, 63 went directly to voicemail
 - 5 12 step calls
- **TAS volunteers need to record calls in the Call-Log**
- More groups stepping up with monthly commitments
 - Fourth Dimension. 2 year commitment
- **Question** - Charlene, Asked about training after a meeting
- **Question** - Thomas G, What happens when TAS can't connect with 12 Step volunteer? Is passed to Steve.

Literature - Walter

- Newcomer Kit - now a full page card. In touch with AA world service, will now include the safety card

Newsletter - George H.

- Thanks to all contributors
- June will be a Pride issue
- **Question** - Geraldine, what is the deadline for contributions, 25th of the month
- **Question** - Tracey, how to contribute? newsletter@ottawaaa.org.

Secretary - Dick G

- Send Intergroup Rep updates to secretary@ottawaaa.org
- **Attendance below**

OWMC - Pauline E. (absent)

Area 83 Update – Amy L.

- James O'D will present delegate report on Jun 15, 2024
- GSR sharing sessions, 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Area 83 new website
- Report below

New Business:

- Stepane P (Treasurer)
- **Motion:** That Intergroup allocate up to but not beyond \$2,500 from the Intergroup funds, directly drawn from the \$2736.03 in GST returns, for the necessary upkeep of the Ottawa Area Intergroup (OAIG) office, including improved security measures such as window coverings and new door locks, disposal of old furniture, acquisition of new furniture, paint, frames for important pieces of local and broader AA history, and any other necessary items to enhance the office's functionality and appeal.
Steve R. (TAS) Second
Unanimously approved
- Corrections Facilities and Treatment Committee (CFT):
 - Provides GSO literature and Grapevines for three commitments – Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre (jail), Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre (detox), and Les Maisons (transition homes).
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-Pauline E.

- Funds are needed to purchase the required literature for their work. Allocated amount would be used for literature/GV subscriptions.
- **Motion:** That Intergroup allocate \$1,500 from the Intergroup funds to support the Corrections Facilities and Treatment (CFT) Committee's efforts in providing GSO literature and Grapevines for commitments at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre, Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, and Les Maisons transition homes. These funds will be used to purchase the required literature and Grapevine subscriptions, as requested by the committee.
Tracey (Sisters of Sobriety) Second
Unanimously approved

Old Business:

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Motion to Close: Marc J (Easy Does It), Louise D (Morning Glory)

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

Next meeting: June 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82438786359?pwd=a3FoYVl4eXlJVVkVraGtjV3VXM2hOdz09>

Treasurer Report for OAIG – May 8, 2024

As of May 8, 2024:

- Cash in Bank:
 - Chequing Account: \$ 19,303.22
 - High-Interest Savings Account: \$ 20,022.76
- GIC: \$ 3928.49
- Cash on Hand: \$ 373.80
- PayPal: \$ 204.73
- **Total: \$ 43,833.00**

Year to Date: \$ **-392.53**

For full details, please see the attached Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports.

Personal Note

During the month of April, I was immobilized with an injury and have been unable to make it into the office. As I am now recovering, I should be able to make it in soon to get things in order. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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.

Allocation of Excess Funds

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 have had some discussions regarding this, and members have been in contact to offer suggestions.

Based on the suggestions made so far, here are two current recommendations for consideration today during New Business.

Intergroup Office: \$2500

- On February 28, 2024, we received a \$2,367.10 GST refund, and we will be receiving another refund of \$368.93 for the period just filed. This total is \$2736.03
- Upkeep is necessary for the OAIG office.
 - Improved security, including window coverings and new door locks.
 - Disposal of old furniture
 - New furniture, paint, frames for important pieces of local and broad AA history if needed, etc.
- Other items, as deemed necessary, to make the office an inviting and useful place.

Contribution to Corrections Facilities and Treatment Committee (CFT): \$1500

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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.

Yours in loving service,

Stephan P.

Treasurer, Ottawa Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous