

## Agenda      June 28 2014      Meeting of the KCAIG

### I.      **Call the Meeting to Order/Opening Prayer**

II.      **Roll Call/Introductions** *In attendance:* John C., chair; Tim H., vice-chair; Jim S., treasurer; Rebecca T., secretary, Jennifer N., Region 4 rep; Deanna W, retreat coordinator; Mary Jo A., Kim T., Martha B., Faith B., Carmain D., Christine B., Linda V. *Absent:* Wanda G., Sandra B.

III.      **Treasurer's Report:** In addition to typical expenses, we paid travel expenses for Sandra's trip to the WSO Business Conference (\$710.71) and came out \$5 ahead from the May Super Saturday. Our final balance is \$4,578.40. We also decided to round up the amount held in reserve from the random \$997.27 to \$100. The report was approved as submitted. *For a full copy of the Treasurer's report, visit the GKCAI website, or click on the following link: [Kansas City OA/News and Events/Financial Reports](#)*

### IV.      **Group reports**

*Mary Jo* – Saturday North KC Hospital 1:00: 10-12 attending.

*Martha* – Monday Atonement 6 pm: Big Book/OA stories; 30+ attending.

*Carmain* – Friday Liberty 6:30 pm: average attendance is 10. They will have the meeting Friday night, July 4<sup>th</sup>; Jim will post this on the website.

*Faith*– Saturday Keystone 9:30: 20 to 30 people average attendance. They adopted new timeline standards for service positions.

*Kim* - Sunday Raytown 3:30 pm: no change; average attendance 7 people.

*Linda*-Thursday Atonement 7:30: small meeting, lots of recovery.

*Christine* – Monday Northgate Baptist 6:30: average attendance is 10; no changes. Christine also reported that she attended the Westminster meeting and gave a pitch regarding them being involved in IG.

*Jen S* – Sunday Community Christian 3:00: they are in a new space across the street; nice room but fairly small, with limited parking. Jen also reported that she is giving up her IR position due to other commitments. Thank you, Jen, for all your service!

### V.      **Committee reports**

A. **KS Day:** John reported that everything is in place. Rebecca suggested promoting this a lot, as we had really good attendance last year. **Action:** Linda will print flyers at cost; Rebecca will distribute. Linda offered to

coordinate car-pooling. *Actions: IRs will promote Kansas Day event; Linda will make flyers; Rebecca will distribute.*

- B. Fall Retreat – Deanna: They have decided to lower the cost of the retreat to \$10 this year instead of \$20. Deanna asked about how to handle scholarships; Tim reminded her that it is for program fees only, not for any meals or overnight stays. Rebecca said they needed to make it clear early on and be consistent, as there were a couple questions last year with registrants not understanding the policy. The speaker is Mary W. from St. Louis; the topic is “The Promises.” Currently the committee is only three people, Deanna, Carmain and Linda. Jen offered to do the flyer.
- C. WSO – John with Sandra’s notes: John passed out Sandra’s information about Virtual Services (email loops, phone and internet meetings). This is something that should be mentioned in IR reports. Many IRs asked about making copies of the information to pass out at their meetings; Rebecca will email it to everyone in case anyone wants to do that. Linda questioned that it suggested a \$3 donation for virtual meetings, as that seemed steep; we were reminded that is only a suggestion. *Action: IRs will report to their groups some of the points in Sandra’s report regarding virtual meetings.*

## VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Super Saturday August 16: Mary Jo has a group in mind that she will ask about sponsoring this Super Saturday. If they cannot, IG will plan this event. Some suggestions were thrown out as a topic, but put on hold until Mary Jo finds out about the other group. *Action: Mary Jo will check with a group regarding their hosting Super Saturday.*
- B. Workshop with Region 4 chair Meg M.: We had a full discussion about what we want to include in the workshop on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.
1. In response to Meg’s question about what is our vision of a strong and healthy IG, responses were
    - having a rep from every group
    - having a PI committee
    - being financially solvent and having an annual budget
    - be forward thinking, proactive
    - live out our mission to support healthy group recovery
    - rotating IRs, IRs understand what the job entails
    - should be involved in Region 4 and WSO
    - should be visible to all groups

2. In response the question of “what qualities would you like to see in the forefront of leading the IG?” the responses were “responsible, organized, timely, decisive, committed, open-minded.” It was discussed as to whether the next IG leaders must be current members of IG.
3. In response to the question of “where do we see apathy?”, the responses were:
  - members with no interest in IG; don’t show much interest in IR reports
  - problem with perception of what IG does
  - lack of awareness of what IG does
4. In response to the question of “what do you wish people would be more open to seeing, hearing, learning about?” the responses were:
  - diversity – different ways of working the steps, different food plans, different ways of defining abstinence, different spiritual paths
  - making time for IG reports
  - roadblocks to abstinence
  - more interest in initiatives started by WSO
  - not caring about Region 4/WSO or OA happenings beyond their own individual program
  - too “I – centered”

*Action: John will take all these comments back to Meg to incorporate.*

C. Hosting Region 4 Assembly Spring 2015: This assembly typically entails a Friday night recovery event and a Saturday business meeting. However, it could possibly be a Super Saturday with the business meeting attached. The Santa Fe room at NKC hospital would be large enough and likely available, but John asked us to consider other venues so we don’t get stuck in a rut. John asked for a rough vote as to whether we would support this; Everyone was in favor except Rebecca, who asked folks to think about the time commitment on this and discern if they really are willing to be available to work on this when next spring rolls around. Faith also feels like it might be too much of a commitment for our group. Mary Jo said that although she doesn’t volunteer to work on these thing, she just needs to be asked to work on these kinds of things and then is glad to; thinks this may be true for others. Tim said we need to step out in faith, that this is a good opportunity for us; will meet people from other IGs and can help us become a stronger and healthier IG. Mary Jo reminded us that if it is part

of Super Saturday this will be much easier to plan. John agreed to chair the event if we have it, and Tim agreed to help. **Action:???**

D. Vice-chair to be point person for Super Saturday → postponed

E. Outreach to meetings: Jennifer has not yet talked with Meg about how to assist the Monday Olathe group; will postpone until next month.

## VII. **New Business**

-4 Thought – R4 Newsletter → postponed

-Super Saturday guidelines → postponed

## VIII. **Closing the Meeting**

Reminders:

1. Please remember to report back to your group the business discussed at our meeting.
2. When secretary sends rough draft of minutes, please look over and suggest any necessary corrections.
3. Suggest new business for next meeting via email to the Chair