

Minutes of the 38th Meeting of Derbyshire Intergroup 7th March 2010

Present-

Heather –Chair- Long Eaton
Liz- Treasurer Matlock
Geraldine- PI Derby
Nick –Web Master –Long Eaton
Jo- Observer Burton on Trent
Jez- GSR Derby Wednesday
Corrina- GSR Derby Saturday
Ben- Observer Derby Sunday

Lia- GSR Burton Thursday/Sunday
Ingrid GSR Ashborne
Sue GSR Bakewell Friday
Wendy GSR Ilkeston
Geoff Visitor Ilkeston Monday
Chas Regional Rep Ashbourne
Val GSR Ashbourne

- Heather informed the meeting that Midtrent had disbanded, hence some new members had joined DIG.
It was noted that Mid Trent had been very active with regard to service, and as DIG did not wish any service initiative to fail for lack of IG support, it was agreed that Service members of Midtrent Intergroup, particularly the prison sponsors, would be approached to see if they need any support from this Intergroup
- Heather also informed the meeting that the TLO is resigning but will stay in post until the end of April. All groups should be asked if there are any volunteers for this position. Anyone wishing to volunteer is invited to attend the next Intergroup meeting or to contact Heather for further information.
- The meeting wanted to thank Peter for doing the job well.
Resignation letter attached.

****ACTION FOR GSRs****

Ask around your group if anyone is interested in going on to the Telephone committee, or being the TLO- 3 years continuous sobriety required for TLO

- Dean- Archivist has sent a report-attached
- Liz provided a financial report.

Last quarter group contributions were £360. This covered less than half of Derbys IG's expenditure for this period.

Liz suggested a letter goes out to all groups advising them of the PO Box number so that contributions can be posted in before the next IG meeting in June.

Chas thought we should also send a letter that will also inform the groups as to what the money is spent on. We agreed to try to post this statement out to groups, along with encouragement to dig deep and only hang on to a prudent reserve.

There was discussion about the cost of Foston travel- £260 per quarter and why there were no claims from members of other prison groups. We agreed to make this an agenda item for the next Intergroup meeting.

Derbyshire Intergroup has gone ahead with group insurance cover so groups are now covered for public liability.

Lia asked what amount constituted a prudent reserve as she had experience of it increasing from 1-2-3 months in one group.

It was agreed that the prudent reserve is up to the group conscience, but IG suggests 1 month's rent.

****ACTION FOR GSRs****

``remind the group that the pot has to cover service expenses like the telephone service, prison service, production of literature by GSO and other expenses involved in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. If you can't do it yourself, at least help pay for it to be done!!

Geraldine informed us that Region officers will come and do workshops or visit Groups to help explain where the money goes.

Heather – Lancashire Intergroup has produced a leaflet about the function of Intergroup. Val also is aware of a leaflet.

****ACTION FOR GSRs****

Why not ask your group if they would like a Regional officer/member of IG to come and do a lead share?

- Region Report- this can be seen in full on the web site
 - Financial contributions are up this quarter but expenditure is up by more
 - Val G is the new chair of Region
 - Volunteers have been invited to read sections of the big book for people with visual impairments. This will probably involve some form of interview to ensure the reader has a good speaking voice. Heather asked Geraldine to let us know what the process for volunteering is so that it can be posted on the website.
 - Articles are wanted for AA Service news

- Conference Questions.

All meetings had provided written reports for the Region Reps to take to the conference delegates, and were thanked for this. IG also agreed that the group responses were encouraging, more groups took an active interest than last year.

We then discussed the questions further, details will be included in the Regional Rep's report after the next Regional meeting.

- Wendy offered to do tea and coffee for the next meeting as the tea position seems to be vacant.

Next meeting June 5th 3pm Flamsteed centre