

INTERGROUP MEETING AGENDA 19th November 2016

3.00 pm (Meeting started 3.12pm) - 15 attendees

Opening –Serenity Prayer

Acting Chair – Karla O (ChCh Sat) –

Acting Co-Chair – (Vacant)

Acting Recording Secretary – Annie S

Acting Treasurer – (Annie S)

Previous minutes – were accepted as true and ratified

Matters Arising:

There has been no approach made to AA re having a table at their conventions. Napier, Auckland and Amberley groups have all gone into remission. Napier meeting has returned their literature, and the Auckland group has been asked to return their literature

Treasurers Report

The intergroup has more money now - \$1074.90. We pay \$25 per month to Christchurch Community Centre, which gives us a phone and meeting place.

There is no breakdown for each group but donations are sufficient to keep the balance at \$1000. Money comes from the Skype group and there are individual donations that are not tagged to any particular group. There is also sponsorship and personal gifting & financing and hosting the website and purchase of domain names (aca-df-nz).

The intergroup can get a 30% discount now for literature and there is \$1000 available to buy literature.

\$200 has been put aside for this convention, and \$200 was used to buy MP3 audios.

Discussion around whether we can provide actual amounts that each group donates to Intergroup so that there is a comprehensive monthly financial statement. Response is that each group can individually give this information but individuals also donate so it is difficult for Intergroup to say exactly where the money comes from, and therefore the treasurer is currently not doing this. It was noted that each group bank account currently needs 2 signatories to withdraw money, and these are trusted servants. Annie is happy to stand down as treasurer.

New Business

- Volunteers for Committee Chairs and Officers

Proposed that this should go to the groups to nominate and ratify nominations. There are currently 3 Christchurch groups, a skype group and Dunedin group.

Karla and Annie are willing to remain in present positions of acting chairperson and acting treasurer respectively. Andrew would be willing to serve and do spreadsheets for more detailed financial recording of donations. Nico is interested in the literature role.

It was asked that we clarify the criteria for each role and temporary acting nominees, and then have elections to the roles. There are currently no WSO rules for ACA Intergroups but there are group guidelines and WSO is developing Intergroup guidelines.

Show of hands for interest in taking on intergroup roles:

Nico, Christopher, Andrew, Louise and maybe Victoria (absent).

Agreed that we will take this back to the groups and ask for anyone who is willing to volunteer for any of these roles rather than voting people in today. Roles available are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-chair, and Literature person, plus committee members.

- Literature

Last year WSO offered 30% discount for literature to Intergroups and this was when we set up the intergroup. Issues voted on – that the chair is filled by rotating Intergroup reps – this is so the IG group is not seen as a dominating person. That Karla and Annie be contact persons for WSO. That the Intergroup get literature from USA, and decide on money limits.

Annie has set this up from her personal WSO account to get the 30% discount on literature.

Nico voted in as acting literature person.

The other intergroup roles are to go back to the groups with WSO guidelines.

Discussion around whether the ACA-DF group work with the Familial Trust. The groups have already voted to give a half share of the discount to the person and half to go to the Intergroup. It will be up to the groups to decide how much discount the Familial Trust would get. They are keen to get the 30% discount. There was discussion around whether any affiliation to an outside group would violate the ACA-DF tradition, however we did not think this would be the case.

Voted in favour of giving the Familial Trust 30% discount – 1 vote against, rest unanimous in agreement.

- Email address – proposal that ACA/DF-NZ starts a new email address – info@adultchildren.co.nz

Discussion – Presently we are using one generic email address – adultchildren.nz@gmail.com.

Email addresses can be set up for each person using the domain name– eg. literature@adultchildren.co.nz, however these emails can't be kept on the domain due to space limits – the advantage of gmail is that the hosting is free.

Voted – all in favour of continuing to use the gmail account – agreement was unanimous.

- Newcomer's chips – should we start giving newcomers a welcome chip after 6 meetings.

Discussion – we would do this because it is good for the newcomer. These chips can be purchased from WSO, and this is something the literature person can follow up on.

Voted – all in favour of giving chips to newcomers after 6 meetings – agreement was unanimous.

- Intergroup meetings – Frequency, Slack

Discussion – around frequency, and via Skype or slack. Slack would mean that we have a written record of the meetings. Noted that some people are uncomfortable with typing. Currently we have meetings 3 monthly but have only needed/had two so far, all other decisions have been made by the groups conscience. Nico would like to see bi-monthly meetings. Tim moved that we have 3 monthly meetings. Decided to leave this to the new Intergroup to decide.

Karla called for website support and noted that anyone can edit the website when given permissions as this is built in WordPress. We could start up a members site.

Group voted in favour of starting a member's site and putting the Intergroup minutes on the website, and emailing these to those interested.

There was a show of appreciation for all the work Annie and Karla have done

Suggestions that the short form of the traditions is read out at Intergroup meetings, and 7th Tradition collected as we are self-supporting.

Meeting closed at 4.50pm.

Action to Be Taken by Whom

Karla to add members site to website

Minutes to be put on website

Agenda Items for Next Meeting -

New committee to be voted in

Next Meeting to be held Feb 18th 2017, Saturday 1pm

Adjourned meeting with the Serenity Prayer