

**Tri-county intergroup minutes  
Sunday September 16, 2018**

Attendance: Robert, Emily, Christy, Clark, Andrew, Keith, Patrick T, Thomas F, Paul H, Rick D, Sadie D, Keri H..

Open with Serenity Prayer  
TCIO Purpose – Patrick T., 12 Traditions - Paul H.  
*\*\*minutes not available from August meeting\*\**

**Chairman – Robert G.:** Area Assembly is coming up – please try to attend, TCIO approved to pay expenses

**Co-chair – Chris H.:** *not present*

**Treasurer – Patty T.:** distributed reports \$4357.73, had some problems with credit card machines – credit card sales were \$1500 less than normal; other expenses – special events money deposited \$1044 (will not show until September); telephone expense (phone & internet) charge for yearly website bill \$252 – normal annual charge \$102.08 loss this month \$26,356.79 – both the prudent reserve and operating account  
Group \$760.45; \$200 from JI Lighthouse; \$8.50 in misc donations; balance from West Ashley Group  
*\*\*See treasurer's report*

**Alt. Treasurer – Patrick:** *not present*

**Secretary – VACANT – Emily:** sitting in as secretary today. Will work on getting TCIO reps info updated as we do not have a list from former secretary of contact info for TCIO reps

**Communications – Eric:** we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting since changing to in house meeting, still no attendance, emailed the flyer to website chair to distribute. Please take this information back to your groups to have your communications reps attend this meeting. Pete gave me a list of people covering the answering service Monday through Friday, now have some people to reach to help with communications

**Office Mgr. – Pete:** good to see everyone, because of the storm, we do not have any Big Books – no deliveries last week, other than that things are going okay. Appreciate those that help – the volunteers. If anyone has an interest in doing that – must a year of continuous sobriety  
Considering resignation – but will not leave until there is someone to take my place

**Special Events – Emily:** 12 of Out Hell, Sober Bike Run is October 28, 2018 – starting at TCIO at 10 am and then will end at Step Up Club around 1:30 pm, food/fellowship at 2 pm – speaker: Matt Z. at 3 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spiritually Lit – November 3 on Sullivan’s Island – bonfire and speaker – Ray S. from Mt. Pleasant

Planning gratitude dinner/speaker date TBD – sometime in November 2018

NYE to be hosted by group in District 71 – to be decided by DCM, Liz M.

**Website – Christy:** Most visited pages on site - home, meeting, and events page. The yearly fee that Patty mentioned covers the platform for our website location on the internet – this is a standard fee associated with webpage domains. My contact email address [webadmin@tcio.org](mailto:webadmin@tcio.org)

**Meeting Schedules – Ardis:** *not present*

Pete: meeting schedules are very expensive; how many groups schedules leftover?

Robert: we have a lot of newcomers who come to North Area – we frequently run out.

Patty: \$1,498 on meeting schedules so far this year.

**PI/CPC – Kerry:** just had our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting before this meeting. Meeting odd months at 3:30 pm. Trying to get more information or connections – going to decide which demographic to target by October 1. Recovery walk on Thursday – but no info if that was postponed due to weather.

**Old Business:**

Clark: Discussed bi-law changes – need clarification whether Alt Treasurer will be a board member. Duties to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> signer on bank account, and to assist treasurer

Patty: currently 6 people on board, usually boards have an odd number of people

*Requesting a sense of the groups opinions as to whether the Alternate Treasurer will be a board member? Whether this was already implied when voted to have an Alt Treasurer initially? Need Clarification of position*

Bi-Laws - Proposed changes: ***\*\*To be voted on at October 2018 meeting\*\****

*Article X, Paragraph 3: The Treasurer shall transfer all amounts in the excess of \$6,000.00 operating budget to the Prudent Reserve account quarterly. The Prudent Reserve account shall contain no more than 3 months operating expenses calculated each January as 1/8 of the last two calendar years expenses. Excess funds shall be disbursed quarterly in a manner to be determined at the January and July scheduled TCIO meetings.*

Patty - Ad hoc committee update, meets once a month, chair: Ken B. Reviewing bank of account information, details. Scrutinizing the bi-laws – seeing what we can and cannot do. For example, it says in the Bi-Laws – Quorum is 2/3 of the average attendance of the last TCIO meeting. We are looking at these things closely and trying to figure out wording that this to be both easily understood and accurate. Trying to “uncomplicate” this. Bi-laws are on the website but not updated, there are decisions made at past meetings that were not added to the bi-laws. Working on updating the bi-laws to reflect past TCIO minutes

**New Business:**

**\*\*Need a new secretary – will be elected at the next TCIO meeting on 10/21/18\*\***

Patty: we used to use this white board in the front office, it gives the daily volunteers, board members we need to use this board and update as there was an issue – Robert: one of the volunteers said they would talk on behalf of

PI/CPC committees has booklets teaching them how to talk to non-alcoholics. They can bring literature etc.

Motion Passed to update the board – Keri to update the board

Robert: discussed paying an office manager and discussed with Pete – if he was compensated maybe Pete would be willing to continue to be the office manager.

Courtney: discussed with her group & districts – office manager should be compensated

Pete: I don't work that many hours but on call all the time. I'm busy when I'm here though.

Patrick – Treatment chair for Area 62: if someone calls the office, wanted to make sure you have a current contact list, Bridging the Gap. Passed around updated – take back to your groups and pass on this information. Need to get updated treatment lists, please print these out and have your groups fill these out. *\*\*handouts attached to email with meeting minutes*

Iris: I have been in touch with AA member in Newburn NC – one of the hardest hit places from Hurricane Florence. I am taking donations for hurricane relief.

Iris – 843-830-2660 - cell; 843-753-3548 - home

Patty: Each should be self supporting – that is why groups have prudent reserve

### **Group Reports:**

**Summerville – Keith:** could use support 6:30 pm – newcomers back to basics group that needs support. Carolina Group has found a home at St. Luke's

**Holy City Speaker/Chas Big Book – JJ:** will be hosting Language of the Heart workshop with Harman from Akron OH on October 27 – lunch to be provided by District 73. Harman is speaking the night before. Saturday night meeting – anniversary October 20, 2018. All is well

**NAG – Robert:** all is well

**Pre-Nooners – Pete:** all is well

**Downtown in the morning – Sandy:** all is good, attendance is up, a lot of newcomers. 8 am Monday through Friday

**As Bill Sees It – Courtney:** all is well

**Berkeley – Tom:** all is good, meetings are Monday and Thursday at 8 pm

**Eustabaffolous – Patty:** Wednesday 6 pm Big Book study

**Sober Thursday - Rick :** doing really well

**Keystone – Keri:** Thursday 7 pm big book study, attendance is up

**East Cooper Sunrise – Christy:** we're good

**Carolina Group – Keith P:** we have found a new location – St. Lukes Lutheran Church located at 206 Central Avenue, Summerville SC 29483; Meetings are held Friday at 7:30 pm (beginners) and Saturday 10 am (12 & 12)

**District 72 – Clark:** Language of the Heart Workshop is on October 27

**District 71 – Courtney:** hosting picnic – October 13

Motion to close was passed  
Closed with the "I Am Responsible"

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Emily G.