

Minutes for Intergroup Meeting
29th February, 2016
Venue: Bayrham Road
07.30 – 09.00

Members Present:

Karen	Chairman
Mary	Minutes
Paul	Armed Services/Telephone Liaison
Tara	Probation Officer
Patrick	GSR, Hayes End, Sunday Meeting
Kevin	Chairman, North Middlesex
Ann	GSR, Staines, Women In Recovery, Monday Meeting
Greta	G.S.R., Laleham, Sunday
Philippa	Health Liaison Officer, South Middlesex
Michael	GSR, Brentford, Sunday lunchtime
Steve	E.C.L.O
Kamal	GSR Greenford, Wed
Susan	Vice Chair, Intergroup and GSR Northfields
Gillian	GSR Greenford & Mattock Lane, Ealing
Nessa	Prison Liaison Officer
Davinder	GSR Ealing Hospital

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes from previous meeting were approved and agreed. The meeting commenced with the reading of the preamble and 12 traditions of AA (short version).

- Karen, Chairman, introduced everyone to the meeting. Expressed desire to allow GSR's to feedback on issues within their groups.
- Susan, Vice Chair and Responder – wishes to step down from responder role. She has offered help to anyone who would like to be sponsored into the role. It requires limited skills. The chairman must take the call if the responders are unavailable.
- Paul, Armed Services and telephone liaison – Still struggling for volunteers. Its good service for anyone interested – must commit to 4 hours once per month. He's continuing to attend STOLLI in Fulham, Thursday every month to raise the profile of AA with the armed forces and now within the NHS for veterans.
- Phillipa, Health Liaison went to York at the weekend to health seminar. Made contact with salvation army, young people's liaison.
- Dan, Treasurer – presented financial report. Managed to obtain the same rate as before for Ealing Hospital appointment cards. With regard to intergroup revenue we have been down £776.58 year on year. The reason being that in this financial year, we send money to GSO for next year. The financial year runs from October to September. He advised everyone that any spending done within your group has to be ratified by intergroup and its essential to have a receipt if you want to claim money back. Money for gratitude week goes straight to GSO. It was emphasised that it is essential that each group be self- supporting. We pay public liability insurance. If a meeting isn't contributing, they're getting free cover. At present 28% of meetings are not contributing.

- Steve, ECLC highlighted two key areas – the e-mail and the website. How can we set up e-mail lists. People often can't access it due to technical problems. E-mails are blacklisted - receiving lots of spam, the integrity of the e-mail system and website is not good. If we get something working and someone else show us how to do it we can have our web address at a cost of £183.60 a year. There is budget of £320 which can be used for television screens. Dan is putting together a finance plan and taking it to next meeting. Pink forms which can be downloaded from the website should be sent to GSO to let them know that secretary or GSR has changed.
- Patrick, Share Rep gave his report. He had 25 copies delivered on Friday and all handed out. Also the Hayes End meeting is struggling for numbers. A literature secretary is needed. The caretaker may reduce the rent because groups are struggling for money and numbers.
- Nessa, Thurs afternoon meeting – 2 AA's meeting in prison now. She knows how much she can spend up until Sept 2016. It is possible for AA members to write to someone in prison so that the prisoner is aware of AA and find sponsorship when they are released. Information can be obtained from York.
- Greta, GSR Laleham – groups been going for 15 years. Experience, strength and hope meeting, CHIT Meeting and coins are given out. Around 30 attendees every week. Regular inventory taken every two months. Treasurer will be negotiating the rent, which is due to go up in April.
- Tara, went to RISE to do a presentation. Asked about anywhere that would be appropriate to hand out probation leaflets.
- Kamal asked if dogs and minors should be allowed to attend meetings. It was suggested that this should be brought up at individual meetings through group conscience. All GSR's to be informed that group conscience be called on a regular basis.
- Danny mentioned that there is a bank account with £260 in it. Problem accessing it as the person lodging it whose name is on the lodgement has passed away. Ideas were put forward to make contact with his family or produce a death certificate in order to release the funds to send to Intergruop.
- Anne - womens meeting needs a new secretary.
- Rose – the ladies meeting needs support – the rent is paid up until March. Rose is treasurer for Bayham Road. Some of the meetings there need secretaries. Currently there are 11 meetings at Bayham Road. Greta asked if it was necessary to go through intergroup to set up a meeting. It is not necessary to do so.
- Andrew, mentioned that one of the archivists at York has written a book. More than happy to sell it with the normal literature.
- Davinder, Ealing Hospital 3p.m. Sunday needs support. Phillipa will liaise with Davinder and attend the hospital to encourage attendance from the wards. A lot of meetings are held in

the local area on a Sunday and the hospital meeting is at 3p.m. which is a difficult time, possibly contributing to poor attendance.

- Don, GSR, Yeading meeting – they have built up a prudent reserve and Dan supplied them with a paying in book.
- Michael, GSR, Brentford, Pauls is secretary and meeting is doing well. They are starting the questions for conference. Two weeks left to submit them.
- Gillian, GSR Greenford – been doing service for 3 and a half years. It's a CHIT meeting - core group of 10 regular members. They are making the rent. We are contributing £100 to intergroup 3 times a year, considering raising it to 4 times a year.
- Intergroup focusing ahead – planning on Summer barbecue for all groups. Pre conference 10th April. GSR's should be attending pre conference in Mallet St.

Venue of next Meeting –Staines – Date to be advised