

9 Any Other Business

9.1 In response to a question it was confirmed that no donations from Birmingham AA funds had been made to residents of a "dry house" in Handsworth.

9.2 Deidre reported that she was proceeding with investigations into the possibility of holding a weekend convention in Birmingham in 1988 and would report her progress at the next Intergroup meeting.

9.3 Members were asked to support St. Chad's Saturday Group meeting which has experienced a drop in attendance

9.4 In view of Intergroups interest in the appointment of a Probation Liason Officer, attention was drawn to a recommendation from Conference 1987 - Committee No 5 - Working With Others.

"The Committee recommends that where probation officers request confirmation of attendance at AA meetings by those on probation, these should be provided wherever possible with the permission of the member concerned. It is felt that this type of co-operation, handled carefully, is:

- a. Not contrary to our Traditions.
- b. Effectively co-operating with the critical area of Probationary Services in England and Wales and the Social Services in Scotland.
- c. An important part of carrying the message.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING - THURSDAY 6th AUGUST at ST. CHAD'S

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 25th JULY - TELEPHONE SERVICE GROUP MEETING -  
2.30p.m. at St. Chad's

MONDAY 1st AUGUST - PI SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING -  
8.00p.m. at St. Chad's

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - REGIONAL FORUM - 10.30a.m. to 4.30p.m.  
at Highcroft Hospital, Erdington.

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - Moseley Dance - from 7.30p.m. at United Reformed Church, Chantry Road, Moseley.

2 Matters Arising cont.

- 2.5 There has been no response to the request for information of the whereabouts of the large size displays of the "12 Steps & 12 Traditions" and the "Preamble" (Item 13.3)
- 2.6 With regard to Item 13.4, it was reported that AA Books had been bought on behalf of Itergroup at a cost of £175. John Jack is Member responsible for this library and the books are available for purchase at the St. Chad's Friday Group (previously Bull Street Friday Group). The meeting is held in the Masterton Room, St. Chad's at 7.45p.m.

3 Nomination/Election of Officers

- 3.1 No nominations were received for the offices of Intergroup Chairman or Regional Delegate. These vacancies will be reviewed again at next months meeting.

4 Treasurers Report and Financial Statement

- 4.1 The Treasurer reported that, after expenses, there was a balance at the bank of £930.41. A copy of the Financial Statement is included with these minutes. Since the preparation of these figures the following further expenses have been incurred:-

British Telecom	£162.58
Conference Delegates Expenses	58.00
Copier Products (Servicing of photocopying machine)	82.80
	<u>£303.38</u>

In addition to this a request for £200 for running expenses from Deidre, Convener of the 1988 "Heart of England Weekend Convention", was agreed by the meeting. This sum of £200 will be returned to Intergroup funds when reservation fees from those attending the convention are received.

It was recognised by those present that these figures left Intergroup Funds below the prudent reserve set - at £806.40pence and it was agreed to review the contribution to G.S.O. at next months meeting when the Treasurer would be in receipt of further Group contributions.

It was felt that it would be helpful to new attenders of Intergroup meetings, and to Groups, to restate the financial procedures governing Intergroup Funds and the calculations which set the agreed prudent reserve. Details of these will be distributed to G.S.R.'s at the next Intergroup Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3rd December at St. Chad's and copies will be sent to Group Sectretaries together with next months Intergroup Minutes.

8 Telephone Co-ordinators Report Cont.

8.4 b. During the week before Central Televisions Public Service Announcement 29 calls were received - 14 or 48% from callers with their own drinking problem.

c. During the week of the screening of the Public Service Announcement when the Telephone Service was manned from 10.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. 72 calls were received - 38 or 52% from callers with their own drink problem.

d. Over a further period of three months 553 calls were received - 297 or 54% from callers with their own drink problem. 155 of the calls during this three month period were on tape and 84 of the messages were from callers with their own drink problem.

9 Probation Liason Officers Report

9.1 It was reported that the Probation Liason Officer (Oona) had met with the Court Alcohol Officer, 2 Judges and a number of Magistrates and that a further meeting with these officers had been arranged in the near future.

9.2 Barry (PI/CPC) had met with senior and trainee probation officers and undertook to inform Oona of this contact.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 The suggestion for the production of a "Newsletter" for distribution to Birmingham AA Members, which was brought forward at the Members General Meeting held on the 25th October, was discussed. An outline copy of what the Newsletter might contain and look like was shown to memembers. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed more fully at the next Intergroup meeting.

10.2 A suggestion was made that, in future, the following months Intergroup meeting agenda could be decided at the end of "Any Other Business".

10.3 An announcement was made that a Christmas Dance is to be held on Saturday 19th December from 8.00p.m. to 11.30p.m. at Olton Friary, St. Bernards Road, Solihull. All are welcome.

10.4 The secretary reported that Deidre had requested that a "Weekend Convention 1988" Sub-Committee meeting be held soon. It was agreed to hold this meeting on Tuesday, 24th November at 8.00p.m. and arrangements have been made for the meeting to take place in the Ullerthorn Room, St. Chad's Cathedral House. An appeal was made for all those who had previously agreed to help with the convention to attend this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

The next meeting of Intergroup will be held on Thursday, 3rd December, 1987 in the Masterton Room at St. Chad's. All AA Members are welcome to attend Intergroup Meetings.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 John PB informed the meeting that he had decided to resign from the office of Regional Delegate, stating that his grounds for resigning were his objection to an irregularity in the procedure whereby the Conference Delegate was elected as reported last month.

8.2 John PB advised Intergroup that he had, after some consideration, decided to resign as Intergroup Chairman for what were given as a number of personal reasons. THIS RESIGNATION WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

8.3 Deidre reported that, following the suggestion of a weekend convention to be held in Birmingham 1988, she had ascertained that the Grand Hotel, Birmingham offered the most reasonable terms at £50 to £55 per person for the weekend (including dance). The possible dates were weeks-ending 15th July, 6th August or the 12th August, 1988. The proposal to hold a weekend convention in Birmingham was put to the meeting and the proposal accepted. A Convention Sub-committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements.

8.3 Tickets for the Regional Forum on the 19th September at Highcroft Hospital are available from :- Stan - 021 747 0174  
Peter- 021 454 7667  
Deidre- 021 748 3864

Members were asked to purchase their tickets as soon as possible so that catering needs can be ascertained.

8.4 Tickets are now available for the dance to be held by the Moseley Saturday Group on the evening of the Regional Forum - Price £2.50 (children free). The dance is to be held at the United Reformed Church, Chantry Road, (corner of Chantry and Moseley Road), Moseley from 7.30p.m.

8.5 The meeting was informed that the Al-Ateen Group has restarted in Birmingham and a request for support and sponsors for the Group was made. G.S.R.'s were asked to inform their Groups of the support that Al-Ateen could give to youngsters affected by alcoholism. Please contact Declan on 0675 70364.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING:- THURSDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER - 8.00p.m. at ST. CHAD'S, ST. CHAD'S QUEENSWAY, BIRMINGHAM.

APPENDIX

Referring to Item 8.3 - "Weekend Convention 1988" - Since the Intergroup meeting it has been found that better facilities at a similar cost to the Grand Hotel are available at Penns Hall Hotel, Penns Lane, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield and arrangements are being made for the Convention to be held there over the weekend beginning the 29th July, 1988.

WEEKEND CONVENTIONS

As a result of the success of the above events some AA members felt it was time we held a weekend convention in Birmingham. Tommy O' B. had been trying to get people interested since the early eighties, but some members expressed more caution than others, so it was not until July 1988 that the first weekend convention took place.

At the Birmingham Intergroup Meeting on 2nd July 1987 Deirdre reported that she was proceeding with investigations into the possibility of holding a weekend convention in Birmingham.

On 6th August 1987 at the Birmingham Intergroup Meeting, Deirdre had ascertained that the Grand Hotel, Birmingham offered the most reasonable terms of £50 - £55 per person for the weekend (including the dance). Possible dates were: weekending 15th July, 6th August or 12th August 1988. The proposal to hold a weekend convention was put to the meeting and accepted. A convention sub-committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements.

There would be Al-Anon and Al-Ateen participation.

Following the Intergroup meeting of the 6th August, Declan found better facilities at Penns Hall Hotel, Penns Hall, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, at a similar cost to the Grand Hotel.

Arrangements were made for the convention to be held there over the weekend commencing 29th July 1988. The theme for the convention was "Love - The Heart of Recovery". As this was the inaugural weekend convention it was felt appropriate to list the committee members:

Deirdre	Convenor
Charles	Treasurer
Jimmy M. & John Jack	Literature
John B.	Helped produce flyers
Terry	Recording
Jimmy Mc	Made banners from scraps
Patrick	Responsible for Raffle
Declan	Hotel Liaison Officer. Responsible for negotiating and signing contract with hotel management