

*Laurelhighlands Intergroup Minutes for March 2006  
Held At HGA Seminar Theater March 15,2006 6:30 p.m.*

Chairperson: Bob R. Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Secretary: Phil K. Passed out copies of the minutes from the previous meeting held at HGA February 15,2006. The minutes were read by all members in attendance. Olivia B. made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill G. 2nd Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Treasurer:	Bill M.	Opening Balance	\$59.44
		Income	+\$140.00
		Sub Balance	\$199.44
		Answering Service	-\$128.79 Due
		New Balance	\$70.65
		New Meeting Lists	Ordered, not yet paid.
Literature:	Phil K.	Medallions	\$116.90
		Books	\$148.35
		Literature	\$62.15
	Totals	Items Moved 571	\$371.40 Fund owes approx. \$60.00

Olivia B. Asked if there was reimbursement for gas? No  
Also asked if there was a separate fund for literature? The Literature fund is a separate fund operated by Phil K. through a checking account for that specific purpose. Also remember that everything is sold at cost, no profit, Bob R. added the only thing sold not at cost are the medallions and the extra money is used to cover shipping costs. Also remember that the books have no shipping costs when ordered in bulk. Orders of +250 receive free shipping. Under \$250 is ten% or \$3.00 for the order.

Corrections: Bob R. Reported that he made both Cambria and Somerset, both had good meetings and could still use help. Olivia B. reported that she had put in an application with Cambria County and the application was reportedly lost, and wanted to know what her next step should be to follow up on this issue. Bob R. suggested that she should contact Gene Mcl.

Activities: Tom O. All the 50/50 tickets for the raffle were distributed with very few returned. Need to get the word out that the tickets need to be RETURNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 5 2006 TO BE VALID FOR THE APRIL 15 2006 DRAWING OF THE DAILY NUMBER!! The tickets are to help fund the upcoming Serenity Picnic to be held on July 9, 2006 at McCormack Park in Portage. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN THE TICKETS!! Also the camping trip is still in the planning stages. The camping trip is scheduled to be held at Laurel Hill State Park in Somerset, July 28, 29, & 30. This is where District 44 holds its annual Memorial Day Picnic, near Seven Springs Resort. Flyers will be coming out soon with registration information forms, money to be returned to Bill G, or Tom O. The fee will include the lodging and the meals. The cabins are very primitive as in the beds consist of a set

of springs, and it is suggested that each person bring a sleeping bag and whatever he or she may think they will need. There will be 8 cabins for approximately 47 people. The cabins range in size from 4-16 people. The cabins will be assigned. There will NO TENTS PITCHED!! The menus are picked out. Everyone who attends is expected to pitch in with the various duties needed. (ie. food prep, clean up.)

There will be a speaker on Saturday evening from Indiana County. Also a camp fire dinner is planned for Friday evening, weather permitting. A question was raised about the Activities Committee meetings and it was suggested that anyone wishing to participate in the Activities Committee please attend the next Intergroup meeting. The activities can be viewed on the Area website at ([www.wpaarea60.org](http://www.wpaarea60.org)), or the District 41 website at ([www.johnstownpa.com/district41](http://www.johnstownpa.com/district41)). Also look on the back of the meeting lists for the web sites.

OLD BUSINESS: Phil K. reported that he has found a volunteer to assist with the books, literature, and medallions. Then introduced Howard McD. It was then suggested that both parties work on the books & literature together before possibly turning the whole operation to Howard. It was also asked what the sobriety requirements were for holding a position in the Intergroup. It was stated that it be at least 2 years. Bill M. then offered his resignation as the Intergroup treasurer and it was decided that Bill M. pay the remaining Intergroup expenses before turning the treasury over to Phil K. Bill M. will still handle the website and was thanked by every one in attendance. Bill G. then made a motion to accept Bill M.'s resignation, the motion was 2nded by Ted N. the motion passed. Bill G. then made a motion to have Phil K. step up as Intergroup Treasurer, the motion was 2nded by Olivia B. the motion passed. Then Bill M. made a motion to have Howard McD. step up as Alt. Lit. Rep., Bill G. 2nded the motion passed.

New Business: Ted N. acting as GSR of the Monday Night Hard Knocks Group Moxham stated that the home group members had agreed to start a 12&12 meeting once a month but didn't have the monies to purchase the necessary books and would the Intergroup help purchase books? It was suggested that they have attendees bring their own books or just pass 1 copy around. It was also stated that they would like to vary the format of the meeting, ie. 1 week 12&12, 1 week Living Sober, etc. It was stated that the Intergroup does not purchase books for groups for such purposes, as the money collected was from 3 different Districts and that the issue should be turned over to the District. Then the discussion was turned to making a schedule for printing new meeting lists, ie. every 1/4 or 1/2 year. It was then asked if it would not be a good idea to have the Literature Rep. update the lists and provide 1 copy to each group to print for themselves and thus make the groups more self-supporting and saving about \$40 in the Intergroup Treasury? It was then brought up that it was the duty of the Intergroup to provide such lists. Also discussed was having the groups pay for the meeting lists. It was stated that

the Intergroup had decided that they would provide meeting lists so that when a newcomer arrives there would be a new meeting list provided. Then the discussion was centered on whether the Intergroup was serving the groups or just self serving? Bob R. stated that the Intergroup was serving the A.A. as a whole. Then discussion as turned to going to all the meetings and asking the question "How may the Intergroup Serve You Better?" This option was accepted and will be carried out. Many good ideas were brought up for discussion and it was decided that we take the question back to our respective home groups as a starting point. Olivia B. then made a motion to have new meeting lists printed every ¼ (if needed). Ted N. 2nded the motion passed. New meeting lists will be printed on a as needed basis. For now there are 1000 meeting lists ordered and they will be passed out equally to the groups when available. The costs for the meeting lists are very minimal, around \$40. Also it was brought up that the directories provided through GSO be kept in tight keeping with the respective home groups, as it was reported at a Area 60 function, that some of these Directories were being found in Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities. The reason Area 60 made This announcement is due to the fact that there are many people's phone numbers and addresses printed in them and they should be carefully guarded. Phil K. then made a motion to adjourn, Olivia B. 2nded, Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held April 19, 2006 at HGA at 6:30 p.m.