Fort Wayne Area Intergroup Financial Facts
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The Fort Wayne Area Intergroup is a partnership of A.A. groups that helps ensure the hand of A.A. is always available to the alcoholic who still suffers.

- Intergroup monthly expenses continue to exceed monthly income.
- For the first 6 months of 2026, expenses for the office and bookstore totaled about $40,240 while income from sales and donations was only about $32,320, making a loss of $7,920.
- Costs for operating the bookstore and office are fixed from month to month and include office space rent, telephone and internet service, insurance, payroll and payroll taxes, and accounting services. These are bare-bones costs to keep the office operating and providing services members expect.
- Cutting costs could mean cutting services – possibly reducing the hours when the bookstore is open, eliminating events such as the Fall Festival or New Year's Eve party, or eliminating the after-hours phone line or website.
- Because we are "self-supporting, declining outside contributions," the Intergroup's only sources of income are bookstore sales and donations from members and A.A. groups.

What the Intergroup has done to reduce costs:

- With the retirement of the Intergroup office manager, the total number of hours when a paid staff member is in the office is being reduced. This should reduce the payroll expense by about 25% per quarter.
- The assistant office manager position will not be filled for at least one year.
- Purchases of items to sell in the bookstore have been reduced to essentials only. We are only buying what is necessary to replace literature that has been sold.

What can YOU do to help:

- Join others who donate to Intergroup each month by becoming a Faithful Fiver
- Contribute to Intergroup on your sober anniversary each year in an amount equal to the number of years you have been sober – or some multiple of that. For example, if you've been sober for 10 years, give $10 – or $20 or $30 or even $50.
- Increase donations to "the basket" at meetings. If you usually put in $1 at each meeting you attend, consider making it $2, or give $5 at your home group each week. Remember how much you spent drinking? Isn't your sobriety worth a few bucks a week?

What can your A.A. group do to help:

- Increase the percentage of money your group gives to Intergroup. If you currently give 30% of your funds to Intergroup, consider increasing that to 50%. Or give more frequently.
- Do a special "pass the basket" with all money collected going directly to Intergroup.
- Host or co-host one of the Fort Wayne Area Intergroup's annual events such as the Fall Festival. These events provide fun and fellowship. Good organization and fresh ideas can make them self-supporting.

The Fort Wayne Area Intergroup welcomes your ideas and suggestions for improving our outreach to the still suffering alcoholic and for funding our services.