

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP HISTORY

The Primary Purpose Group had their first meeting on January 10, 2003 at the Presbyterian Church on 150th and Blondo in Omaha Nebraska.

Self-righteous indignation was helpful in motivating the founding members to start the meeting. The founders are listed in the Archives in the beginning of the Group's Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, which some well meaning newcomer gave away to someone newer to the program than them.

There were nine members who formerly attended a Friday night meeting in the west Omaha area. The course of that meeting began to change and the nine asked for a group conscience. After three weeks of ½ hour discussions before the meeting, a member of the group made a motion to let non-alcoholics chair the meeting. The nine were outvoted and those that voted in favor of the motion said they believed the Traditions were outdated and no longer applied.

The nine spread out into the land to find a meeting that focused on the primary purpose of recovery; to recover from alcoholism and help others to recover. They searched high and low and found many meetings that were good however they wanted something better than good. They wanted to create the fellowship they craved.

Members called to find a meeting place and Covenant Presbyterian Church graciously allowed us to conduct our meetings in their facility. There were nine members attending our first meeting on January 10, 2003. One of the nine brought a coffee pot for brewing the leaded variety another member brought a pot for the unleaded, members donated literature and paper supplies, we called Central Office and let them know our meeting location and starting time. Soon we outgrew one of our coffee pots and another member donated a larger pot.

Our format is a discussion meeting, using the first 164 pages of the Big Book as our topic guide. We believe strongly in the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous; the principal of one alcoholic sharing with another alcoholic the message of recovery found in the Big Book.

The Primary Purpose Group first met in room 103 in the basement of the church. The meeting grew first to 35 regular members, then to about 55 regularly attending. We had to re-arrange the tables to accommodate everyone. We then grew to about 75 regular members and moved to the dining room in the basement of the church. Attendance at the meeting has

ranged between 55 and 85 in 2011 and currently about 120 as we prepare to celebrate the meetings 19th anniversary.

On behalf of the Primary Purpose Group we would like to thank you for helping us celebrate our 19th anniversary.