

## SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: Steering- December 17, 2014

Opening: Opened at 8:00 pm with "Serenity Prayer"

**Intergroup Chair: Tina O.**

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No Report

**Intergroup Vice-Chair: Joe C.**

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Sorry that this was not sent out sooner. I have informed the Chair of SJIG that at the close of Steering meeting on Dec.10th I would be stepping down as Vice Chair of SJIG. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service with many of you. I hope and pray that all the panel continues to be the guardians of this vital institution known as South Jersey Intergroup.

\*See "New Business" for new Vice-Chair information.\*

**Treasurer: Joe M.**

**Asst. Treasurer: Catherine E**

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Report stands as submitted.

**New Intergroup Reps:** Kyleen; Charlie

**Anniversaries:** Mike L. – 18 years; Don – 23 years; Stephanie – 26 years; Anna – 22 years; Tim – 1 year.

### Group Announcements:

- The new beginners meeting in Palmyra is having their group anniversary on Jan. 7, 2015
- The 400 club will be having a New Year's Eve party from 9pm – 1am. Suggested donation is \$15 per person. The party will be followed by a meeting at 1am.
- New Year's Day, the Burlington big book group will be hosting an Alcolthon.
- Prince of Peace in Marlton: The Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday meetings will not be meeting the usual church for the next few weeks.

**Tradition #12 Brett**

next month **Tradition #1: Bruce**

**Concept #12 Joe**

next month **Concept #1: John**

**Greeters and setup for December: Bill, Andy, Brian, Gail, Tom**

**Set-up/Cleaners for January: Brian, Bob, and Tracy (unless it snows)**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**Ans. Service Chair: Lisa S.**

**Co-Chair: Tom C**

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40 shifts reported their call totals for November, and that totaled 153 calls taken by volunteers. Great reporting response this month!! We request that all volunteers continue to send in their monthly totals! As usual, volunteers that cannot cover their shift should notify us, so we can try and have it covered by a "real AA" rather than by Answercomm. Answercomm reported taking 68 calls. This number is down dramatically from the 118 calls taken by Answercomm in October. Thank you to everyone who announced the vacancies and helped fill shifts. We will continue to work to keep this number lower. **Currently we have FIVE open shifts: Monday 8am-10am and 10am-12noon, Wednesday 2pm-4pm, Saturday 12noon-2PM and Sunday 10am-12noon.** We are still taking volunteers for phone commitments and/or to sign up to be available for a 12 Step call, so please have interested volunteers continue to contact us via [answeringservice@asaj.org](mailto:answeringservice@asaj.org).

If any phone service related issues are identified feel free to call us for assistance anytime.

**Archives Chair: Brett R**

**Co-Chair: Teddy P**

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I've been handling some health issues with god's help and that of my AA friends, so I have no report this month. I hope to be at Steering, but we will see.

**Bookers Chair: Mike M**

**Co-Chair: Carrie M**

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There is no report. Our next exchange will be in February 2015. Safe and happy holidays to all!

**Budget & Finance Chair: Steve C**

**Co-Chair: Karen**

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Thank you to the Ad-hoc Phone Committee for the significant savings they've initiated on our telephone bill. This will go a long way in helping us to maintain the 2015 budget.

The Gratitude Dinner did much better financially than we did in 2013. We will need to continue to improve to meet our 2015 budget.

Office supply purchases were reviewed and we are working on the following:

1. Cases of paper can be purchased for less than \$30. These lower cost brands should meet our needs as well as the more expensive paper. It appears that price shopping for envelopes will also be helpful.
2. In order to stop paying sales tax, anyone who is shopping needs to take a copy of our sales tax exemption certificate to the office supply store and present it to the cashier at checkout.
3. Individual bottles of water appeared on a couple of receipts. It seems that it would be best not to purchase these items on our Staples card.
4. We can reach out to WB Mason to see if we can lock in prices on repeat purchase items such as paper and toner. This could simplify ordering to save time and money.

We are looking for ideas to increase contributions. If you have any one-liners or other ideas we can share with our Intergroup reps please e-mail us.

Our next committee meeting will be January 6th 2015 at intergroup 7:00 pm

**H&I Chair: Becky P**

**Co-Chair: Pat O**

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At our last committee meeting, we had 10 groups in attendance, leaving several of the 160 commitments open for the month of January. Anyone interested in getting involved in H & I, please contact us ASAP. Hope Hall at the Camden VOA and Ambrosia Treatment Center are officially underway! Hope Hall meets on Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30pm and Ambrosia Men's and Women's meetings meet on Saturdays from 2-3pm. We are asking any speakers who go notice that a facility is in need literature (pamphlets, meeting lists, books) to please contact us so we can replenish their supply. Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 29th at 7pm at the Intergroup Office.

We will be booking commitments for February 2015! If you or your group would like to be involved in H & I, please contact us or attend our next committee meeting! We welcome anyone interested in getting involved in carrying the AA message of hope to the alcoholics inside these facilities!

**Literature Chair: Janet I**

**Co-Chair: Cate**

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• Starting Balance:	\$7806.95
Sales	+\$3205.25
Purchases	<u>-\$3082.40</u>
Ending Balance	\$7929.80

- New pamphlet: **P-84 Many Paths to Spirituality** \$ .25 (available now!)
- New Meeting Lists are in!
- Roadshow at Hemingway Group on Nov 5th. No other Roadshows scheduled for 2014... yet.
- 75th Anniversary Big Books (\$12.00) & other DVD/CDs available for holiday gift giving.
- Will be doing inventory on Dec 23rd.
- The literature office will be closed Dec 24th, 25th, 31st & Jan 1st.

**Meeting list Chair: Kellie**

**Co-Chair: Traci**

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Changes have been proof read and sent back to printer. She said they are trying to get at least 500 copies to us one day next week. I am still unclear how we pay her and who picks up.

It was mentioned to me that a meeting that I had removed in the April printing of the meeting list was still on the website, so I went through the list of the 20 or so meeting changes to the April printing and six of them are not on the website. I passed this info on to Dave.

**Newsletter Chair: Marty:**

**Co-Chair: Marissa**

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Dear Intergroup: The Newsletter people are busy preparing our kick-off issue for 2015 (January 2015). The themes this month are "making a fresh start" with sobriety and "putting more than a dollar in the basket." There will also be 'delayed' coverage of the Day of Sharing we hosted this past October. Hopefully, we are doing a better job of filtering out non-AA materials and staying abreast of announcements. We really need everyone's help as we begin 2015. Happy holidays to everyone!

**Public Info Chair: Gail V**

**Co-Chair: Jimmy**

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The Public Information Committee is looking for two IDRC speakers. The Intoxicated Driver Resource Center is an opportunity to give general information (not your story) about AA.

The Salem County IDRC takes place on the first Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in March, June, September and December. The Cumberland County IDRC meets in Vineland and needs a person to deliver the message in Spanish on either the third Wednesday or Thursday of each month. Time is flexible on either day you choose, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in either of these speaking commitments, you will receive training. Thank you.

**Social Events Chair: Edward S**

**Co-Chair: Jeff T**

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No Report

**Unity Chair: Cletus C**

**Co-Chair: Patricia P**

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No Report

**Website Chair: Dave P.**

**Co-Chair: Charlie S**

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If you need to change or add a new meeting please fill out the meeting change request on the web site so we can accurately change or add the meeting information also be clear if this is a change or new meeting. If there are multiple meeting at a location please specify what meeting needs to be changed and what meeting is remaining the same.

You may need to delete your browser history or change your setting to refresh data every time I open page for any update you be reflected.

With Calendar events we will only post Intergroup, or A.A. related events.

If you submit a request to the website and it gets returned as possible SPAM click the link after "550 POSSIBLE SPAM! CLICK HERE TO DELIVER" to have the e-mail delivered.

<b><u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u></b>
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**Trustees: Andy E., Jimmy P., Bev M., Kelli S., Anna D.**

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No Report

**Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Andrew L.**

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I attended the Area 45 Assembly on Sunday Nov. 16th.held @ the Gibson House. It's always nice to see many of our SJIG Committee members in attendance at area events. Two Agenda Items that were voted on; with considerable debate; and passed #1 "Past delegates and current IG Chairs will no longer be able vote on Area matters". Their voice and participation will always be welcomed and received.#2 The Area Budget was approved . The next meeting will be held in mid-February.

Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA) will be holding their annual meeting in Somerset, NJ from February 20-22, 2015. Among other things, this meeting will detail each service position available through A.A. For further details visit snjaa.org.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Area 45 General Service Convention will be held from March 20-22, 2015 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, located at 2349 Marlton Pike (Rt 70) Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. For further details visit snjaaconvention.org.

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No Report

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:**

1. The 2015 Budget was unanimously approved by a majority of the present Intergroup representatives. Vote was conducted by a show of hands. There were no votes in opposition, and no abstentions.
2. Congratulations to Brett! He was unanimously approved by the present Intergroup representatives as the new Vice Chair for South Jersey Intergroup. No votes in opposition and no abstentions.

**Adjournment: 8:35PM** with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

**Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brian C Assist. Secretary: Dan Z.** [secretary@aasj.org](mailto:secretary@aasj.org)