

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2015

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

Intergroup Chair: Tina O

chairperson@aasj.org

No Report.

Intergroup Vice-Chair: Brett R

vchairperson@aasj.org

Happy February! I plan on getting to NERAASA the weekend of February 20th. Brian and I will likely go up on Saturday. If anyone else wants a ride, please let me know. Hopefully we have good weather for Intergroup this month.

Treasurer: Joe M.

Asst. Treasurer: Catherine E

treasurer@aasj.org

All bills have been paid and bank account has been reconciled. I was invited to speak at the District 3 workshop on the 7th Tradition and how we at Intergroup use the 7th tradition money. There were a number of people who attended this workshop in Beverly NJ. I thought the day was a great success and I really enjoyed the experience. Also I would like to bring to your attention that donations have increased. Thanks to all who heeded the message about the need for increase 7th tradition donations? As always, Thank You for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer. Literature rent of \$300 will post next month.

Anniversaries:

Feb: Andy – 18 years; Paulene – 3 years; Ray – 1 year.

Jan: Charlie – 29 years; Janet – 26 years; Teddy – 1 year; Joe – 24 years; Paul – 9 years.

Group Announcements:

- Tuesday March 21st, Ashland Big Book Grou's 21st anniversary. Tommy Y. will be speaking.
- New Beginnings in Runnemede needs support.
- Speaker jam this Friday, Feb 21st from 1-5pm at New Beginnings. Refreshments will be served at 12:30pm, \$7 suggested donation if you would like the refreshments.

Tradition # 1&2: Bruce & Lisa

next month **Tradition # 3:** Janet

Concept # 1&2: Gail

next month **Concept # 3:** Joe

Greeters for March: Tim, Tracy

Set-up/Cleaners for March: Tom, Andy, Ernie

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Lisa S. Co-Chair: Tom C

answeringservice@aasj.org

Only 16 shifts reported their call totals for January, and that only totaled 82 calls taken by volunteers. 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 113 calls. This number is consistent with the 112 calls taken by Answercomm in December. We do not know the reason for this high volume; however, we did reach out to the volunteers to remind them to let us know when their shift will not be covered. Thank you to everyone who announced the vacancies and helped fill shifts. We will continue to work to keep this number lower.

Monday overnight from 10pm until Tuesday at 8am,

Wednesday overnight from 10 pm until Thursday at 8am,

Thursday overnight from 10pm until Friday at 8am,

Friday overnight from 10pm until Saturday at 8am

And Overnight from Saturday at 10pm until Sunday at 8am.

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

Archives Chair: Teddy P

Co-Chair:

archives@aasj.org

No Report

Bookers Chair: Mike M

Co-Chair: Carrie M

booker@asaj.org

We had our quarterly Bookers Exchange on Feb 5. We had 38 groups in attendance filling 261 commitments. We had 6 commitments left unfilled. Bookers are still in need of support for groups willing to take commitments. While we only had 6 commitments left open, it was very difficult to get a lot of the commitments filled. I will continue to spread the word about Bookers and look into making a flyer to make groups aware of the need for support. Our next exchange will be May 7.

Budget & Finance Chair: Steve C

Co-Chair: Karen

budget@asaj.org

Our committee met on February 4th at intergroup we updated the treasurer report To reflect the 2015 budget. If you have an concerns about it please contact us Through email or see us at steering committee or intergroup meeting. We are Still working on reducing cost with different vendors. We like Marty P's Suggestion "IT TAKES TWO" or more, to help with increasing individual contributions.

H&I Chair: Becky P

Co-Chair: Patti S

handi@asaj.org

At our last committee meeting, we had 12 groups in attendance, leaving the following 11 of 154 commitments open for the month of March. Please help us find speakers to cover these commitments!

Ancora - Monday, March 30 - 7-8pm

Maryville Women - Wednesday, March 18 - 8-9pm

Meeting time change: Ambrosia Treatment Center will be changing meeting times from its old time of 2pm-3pm to a new time of 3pm-4pm on Saturdays. The facility is also looking into having only one meeting mens and womens; instead of 2 separate mens and womens meetings. We will forward more information as it becomes available. Talks are moving forward with the Mount Laurel Treatment Center. We have tentatively decided on a Thursday night meeting from 7-8pm. Meetings will be speaker meetings and will require 2 speakers, men and women. We are hoping to have this meeting added under the H & I umbrella by April.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 23th at 7pm at the Intergroup Office. We will be booking commitments for April! 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:

literature@asaj.org

Beginning Balance: \$7623.05

Purchases: - \$1364.00

Sales: + \$2910.25

Ending Balance: \$9169.30

Reminder - Because the price of most AAWS books went up 20%, we have to keep 20% more funds in our Bank account to pay for our orders. Don't forget to purchase Grapevines for your home group.

*** **Desk For Sale, see Janet** ***

Also, this committee is looking for a new co-chair. A co-chair will need basic computer skills, and can be taught any needed additional skills. Candidates should also possess an ability to count money and carry books.

Meeting list Chair: Kelly B

Co-Chair: Traci

meetinglist@aasi.org

Since the last Steering meeting there has been a number of changes
9 meetings plus one Club House has been deleted
5 changes between address and type of meetings
2 New meetings
2 changes that will be for March 1st

I've made a list on the side to be handed out along with the New Meeting List that has just been printed.
Unfortunately these changes came in after the resent listings have been printed.

To all Intergroup Rep Please check the New Meetings List printing to the Info On-line and if a change needs to be made Please make changes for the next printing. aasi.org meeting list to make and check on meetings
Lastly, the Prince of Peace noon meeting does NOT have babysitting.

Newsletter Chair: Marty

Co-Chair: Marissa

newsletter@aasi.org

Dear Intergroup: Br-r-r-r-, it's cold! We're warm inside though and prepping the March issue. Besides Step and Tradition pieces, we'll be re-announcing the NERAASA event Feb 20-22 in Somerset, NJ and our own Area 45 Convention in March. We'll also be continuing our editorial space devoted to where our 7th Tradition donations go to and how Intergroup puts them to use. I'm hoping to get more suggestions for a slogan to increase the basket 'throw-ins' above the one dollar level. I have suggested "It Takes Two" and I'm hoping for many competitors. Still time to contribute. Stay inside and write! Marty P.

P & I Chair: Gail V

Co-Chair: Jimmy

publicinfo@aasi.org

At the request of the Director, I spoke to a group of seniors at a housing center in Camden, giving general information to them about AA.

I am still looking for a person who speaks Spanish to address the IDRC in Cumberland County on a monthly basis.

Social Events Chair: Edward S

Co-Chair:

socialevents@aasi.org

No Report

Unity Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Patricia P

unity@aasi.org

Unity met on Tuesday night Feb.10th at the IG Office to begin organizing an approach to AA Groups in our area who do not participate with Intergroup.

We hope to activate or re-activate the interest of these Groups in SJIG.

We are gathering together a group of volunteer AAs. Our plan is to suggest that these Volunteers visit one or two Groups per month and ask them if they are sending a Representative to our IG meetings. If they are not, we will ask them to.

We have cross-referenced a Meeting List with those Groups who have NOT made an annual Contribution to IG. We will further cross-reference this Meeting List with those who do NOT already send an IG Rep.

The next Unity meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at the Intergroup office in Pennsauken at 7pm. The Unity meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month each month. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Website Chair: Dave P.

Co-Chair: Charlie S.

webmaster@aasi.org

I am informing the intergroup body that I will not be able to continue as webmaster after my 2 year commitment ends 12/31/2015. I am giving this notice early as it may take some time to find and train a replacement. The preferred skill set would be somebody with web design (HTML, php, javascript and database) and/or web site maintenance experience. If you are computer savvy the needed skills can be taught. I am giving such a long notice in hopes to be able to transfer the knowledge so when the position becomes available in January of 2016 the person will have the familiarity with the site they can hit the ground running.

If you are interested or think you may be interested in the position please contact me.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Andy E., Jimmy P., Bev M., Kelli S., Anna D.

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No Report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Andrew L

alternatedelagate@snjaa.org

- Assembly committee will be Sunday May 17th, in Section 3 (Salem/Cumberland county area – more details as the meeting gets closer). Delegate will be giving report from the conference in NYC on April 18-24.
- NERAASA meeting on February 20 – a great place to learn about the service positions in AA.
- Annual Area Convention March 20-22 at Crown Plaza in Cherry Hill

Office: Marge

sjintergroup@verizon.net and info@aasj.org

Office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 12:00pm to 3:00pm

No Report

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Marge and Janet to re-arrange the Intergroup Office

Adjournment: 8:52 PM with the ***"I Am Responsible"*** Pledge

Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brian C Assist. Secretary: Dan Z

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