

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup- Weds 5/20/2020

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm

Attendees: Brian C, Frank C, Richie M, Debbie F, Frank Z, Bryan C, Eileen T, Jen Ga, Karen, Scott P, Kevin L, Beverly M, Steve, Traci K

Trustee Reading: Brett

Anniversaries: Jen G 5/17 11 years

Group Announcements: N/A

Tradition # 5: Melissa

Concept # 5: Pattie

Greeters for May: n/a

Set-up/Cleaners for May: n/a

next month Tradition #6: Kevin

next month Concept #6: Sarah

Greeters for June: n/a

Set-up/Cleaners for June: n/a

Chair: Brian C

chairperson@asj.org

No report

Co- Chair: Frank C:

vchairperson@asj.org

No report

Treasurer: Bill T

Asst. Treasurer: Andy E

treasurer@asj.org

Hello everyone, All bills have been paid, donations, have been deposited and the April Treasurer's report is attached. While we have sufficient reserves, this month we spent \$1,260.64 more than took in. Contributions can be sent to: PO Box 2514 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 SJIG website "asj.org" also links to digital donations through Venmo & PayPal. See South Jersey Intergroup & Groups Adopting Venmo Methods for 7th tradition.

Thank you for your continued support,
In Service,
Bill T & Andy E

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Steve M Co-Chair: Heather O

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April was a busy month for Answering Service. We had (32) shifts report in calls for the month for a total of (56) calls answered by our volunteers for the month. Answercomm took a total of (22) calls. Great news, Answering Service is

100% staff by volunteers. Thank you everyone who help fill (2) time slots last month. However, there are couple volunteers looking to retire so once again we will be looking for volunteers.

Please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are need for the 12-step list. Areas we need most help: Berlin, Camden, Hammonton, and Salem. We have signup sheets available for anyone wishing to take a copy to their home groups. If you know anyone who would like to be of service, please have them contact us at answeringservice@asaj.org or invite us to speak at your home group.

Steve M

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M

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No report

Bookers Chair: Traci K Co-Chair: Beverly M

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We held our last Bookers Exchange on Thursday May 7th via Zoom. It went really well! We had 27 groups in attendance and fill 148 speaking commitments. All attendees were very pleased with how easy it was. Bev and I are discussing the possibility of continuing Booker Exchange via Zoom even after we are able to meet again in large groups.

Thanks

Traci K
Bookers Chair

Budget & Finance Chair: Chris C Co-Chair: Chris H

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I need a copy of the budget from last year. Nothing else to report.

H&I Chair: Debbie F Co-Chair: Martin

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We will be launching a new Zoom meeting for the Hospitals and Institutions this week. Instead of multiple meetings for each of the treatment centers, there will one meeting and we will invite the treatment centers to participate in that meeting. Our first meeting will be Thursday night. We will be using a simple meeting format. I will have more information to share with you at the Steering Committee meeting.

Literature Chair: Carl S Co-Chair: Megan M

literature@asaj.org

No report

Meeting list Chair: Kevin L Co-Chair: Tim A

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As Zoom meetings have become the norm, Richie has continued to make the changes as requested. As more security options have become available, those have also been updated. I have continued to acquiesce to his expertise in these areas. Thank you.

Kevin L

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L Co-Chair: Skye S

newsletter@aasj.org

We are currently working on the May 2020 newsletter. We have decided to add the following articles in hopes to get more submissions.

- 1) Beginner's Corner: A short write-up directed to newcomers about your experience starting or coming back to AA.
- 2) Words of Wisdom: 2-3 paragraph blurbs on your best AA advice you ever received!
- 3) Young and Sober: Article by anyone who is currently young and getting sober or got sober young.
- 4) AA from Home: A new column on how you are experiencing AA during the covid19 outbreak. We are in new territory and it would be great to have firsthand accounts as part of AA history!

Thank you for allowing us to serve:

Nancy and Skye

Public Info Chair: Eileen T Co-Chair: Kristin

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Everything is on hold at this point.

Social Events Chair: Sherrill B Co-Chair:

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Founder's Day – 85th Anniversary – Chris B. tells us The History of AA via the Spiritual Foundation of Unity Group ZOOM Mtg on Wednesday, June 10th (Founder's Day) at 7:00 PM. The attached announcement to be submitted on the AASJ website and FB Group Pages; i.e.; 482 Social Hall, Unshakeable, Morning Glory, Masonville, etc. Please announce this Founder's Day ZOOM Meeting celebration to your Home Groups.

Thank you,
Sherrill B.
Social Committee Chairperson

Technology Chair: Richie M Co-Chair: Josh V

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Website and email server uptime 99%. Our first zoom Intergroup and the site goes down! Figures. We have not had time to troubleshoot, but found problem to be related to Events Calendar plugin. Added to the to-do list, site has not been down since. Otherwise, virtual Intergroup was a success. Technology with Brian C and Andy E supported Area 45 Mini Conference on Zoom. Less "zoom-bombing" incidents being reported, but they are still being reported. There is nothing wrong with Zoom, the problem lies in groups not applying the suggested settings. The three most important security settings are Enable Waiting Room, Mute Participants and disable "Allow participants to unmute themselves," and limit chat to host only. It is unfortunate, but these are necessary in this environment to protect the meeting space for Every AA joining a meeting. Troublemakers do not want to wait in a Waiting Room; they will find another meeting that they can jump right in. And if they cannot unmute themselves or directly chat with the group or another individual participant, then game over. Allowing 1 on 1 chat, or chat to everyone, has been used to privately attack individual AA's or blast the room all at once with vulgar, racists, or other disgusting messages. If you or your group is unsure how-to setup Zoom with the recommended settings for protecting anonymity and securing the safety of the meeting space and members, please email tech@aasj.org and we will review this all with you. Also, if your group has started implementing virtual 7th Tradition, please share with us your information (PayPal, Venmo, etc.) and we will update your meeting in the online Meeting List and Meeting Guide app. Listing with your meeting allows members to contribute at any time of day, not only during your meeting. We are here to support you.

of Meetings: 466
of Suspended Meetings: 258
of Phone Meetings: 5
of Zoom Meetings: 203

56% of meetings temporarily on Zoom

Unity Chair: Anna D Co-Chair: Laura K

unity@asaj.org

Hello all!

We had 3 new reps join us for the IGR Meeting last month. Welcome to Intergroup!!

As the lockdown continues in our area, we want to encourage everybody to continue to reach out to members of their homegroup(s) and other meetings (via text/phone/zoom etc.) for support. If you are new and/or struggling with alcohol please let someone know. The AA 24 hour HOTLINE (for our area) is also available at (856)486-4444. Remember, you never have to hurt from ALCOHOL again!

Thank you,
Anna and Laura
Unity Committee

<u>SPECIAL REPORTS</u>

Trustees: Brett R, Cletus C, Frank Z, Patti S, Jen Ga

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

SJIG

April 20, 2020

The Trustees of SJIG met via Zoom to discuss a number of matters, including but not limited to the issue of whether SJIG Literature Committee should commence selling anniversary coins/medallions. Present at the meeting were Trustees Brett, Cletus, Frank and Patti. The Trustees discussed the fact that sale of non-GSO approved materials has come up multiple times over the past 10-15 years and each time the Trustees and the Steering Committee have concluded not to engage in the sale of such materials in accordance with the Sixth Tradition. This position conforms to GSO's MG-09, AA Guidelines for Literature Committees, which reflects GSC Advisory Actions of 1977 and 1986 recommending "that A.A. groups be encouraged to display or sell only literature published and distributed by the GSO [and] the A.A. Grapevine." The Trustees noted that some groups do not give out coins based on the Sixth Tradition (or purchase coins with non-Seventh Tradition funds), coins are readily available through online purchase and that anniversary coins/medallions are not GSO approved or produced. In accordance with the Fourth Tradition, the Trustees of SJIG take no position on whether groups can or should give out anniversary coins/medallions. **The Trustees voted unanimously to recommend that SJIG's historical position should remain, that SJIG should not now engage in the sale of anniversary coins/medallions, in accordance with the Sixth Tradition.** Trustee Jen was contacted by phone following the meeting wherein she agreed with the unanimous decision of the Trustees.

Yours in service,

Brett

Trustee SJIG

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T

Greetings everyone,

I'm an alcoholic, my name is Ken.

I'm grateful to serve as your Area 45 Alternate Delegate for Panel 70.

I hope this communication finds you and all of your loved ones well. I want to thank you all at Intergroup for taking the leads in fulfilling our Primary Purpose to our membership, and keeping the doors open during this challenging time.

Since our last meeting, Area 45 held its virtual mini conference on May 3rd using the zoom platform. It was well attended, and provided our delegate Rich H with lots of information to take to the GSC.

Rich and I have met regularly with the Northeast Regional Delegates, and Trustee on a weekly basis in preparation for the conference that started this past Saturday morning 5/16/2020.

I have been receiving nightly reports from Rich every evening after the conference. Rich reports that the abbreviated schedule has been difficult, but much work is getting done, and he's enjoying serving.

In GSO news, some of you may have received a letter from our General Manager Greg T, regarding budget issues.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, literature sales which make up 50+ percent of the GDO budget have gone down, as well as 7th tradition contributions from AA groups in the US and Canada.

As a result, GSO had to draw a large sum from their prudent reserve. To that end, I ask that you consider "going heavy on the hat" group contributions to GSO when you do your split. Also individual members can make anniversary and personal contributions at any time to AA.org.

I am available for any questions or concerns you may have to Area 45.

Thank you all for your service!

In Love, Service & Unity

Ken T

Area 45 Alternate Delegate

Panel 70

Office Manager: Karen B

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Maintained office calls, approximately 10 per week. Questions regarding zoom meetings and phone meetings, 12th step help, etc. Answered emails re: students attending AA zoom meetings, attendance policy of AA meetings for ex. open meetings for anyone, closed meetings for Alcoholics only, etc. Collected chair and committee and trustee reports and sent PDF to members before Steering meeting; Added new IG reps to Mail Chimp. Sent out and will continue monthly to send out minutes, newsletter and treasurer's report on Mail Chimp. I also will continue to upload minutes and newsletters onto Website. Thanks for allowing me to do service. Please take care everyone. Karen

Old Business

None

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New Business:

None

Closed at 8:34 with "I am Responsible"

Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brielle B Assist. Secretary: Jen G

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