

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Steering- Wed June 17, 2020

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm with “*Serenity Prayer*”

Steering Attendees: Brian C, Frank C, Andy E, Bill T, Steve M, Heather O, Jennifer D, Debbie F, Carl S, Kevin L, Nancy L, Eileen T, Bryan C, Richie M, Cletus C, Brett R and Karen B.

Trustee Reading: Patti

Anniversaries: Ruthie 6/20- 8 yrs., Stewart 6/7 24 yrs., Maryann 7 yrs.

Group Announcements: Sunday Voorhees Big Book --17th Anniversary!!!!

Folsom Lit Meeting and Sober on Saturday will be held outdoors

Fellowship of the Spirit will not be returning to meetings until after September.

Tradition #6: Kevin

next month Tradition # 7: Andy

Concept #6: Sarah

next month Concept # 7: Paul

Chair: Brian C

chairperson@asj.org

Hope everybody is doing well in these trying times. SJIG continues to support, as best we can. We will be talking about how we can safely open meetings back up again. There are many things to consider, to accomplish these safely. Hopeful that change will happen. Wish I know what that was, but one day at a time. Thanks to all the people, and Chairs for doing the best that is possible. Thanks to all.

Brian C.

Chair SJIG 609-932-0477

Vice-Chair: Frank C

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REPORT BELOW:

On June 4 I and other SJAA members attended the Area 48 workshop on Safe Re-Openings. The workshop was attended by hundreds of AAs from all over North America via Zoom. The workshop was informative, and the speakers raised many issues which I personally had not considered regarding the safe reopening of meetings. The ad hoc committees work product is available on the Area 48 website and I strongly encourage any AA or group to read it before taking steps to open up their meeting. It is my pleasure to continue to serve as AASJ's Co-Chair.

Frank C.

END OF REPORT

Treasurer Bill T Asst. Treasurer: Andy E

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Hi all. Hope that everyone is staying safe and sober.
Thanks to ALL our Groups for your generous support this month.
Venmo and PayPal are coming into their own as a contribution option.
Please note in your contribution if it is from a particular home group
or a personal donation. Your continued support has helped us ride out
our current shutdown. All Bills are paid, and we are looking forward to
helping our Groups make sound decisions about reopening our meetings
safely.

Peace, in service, Andy E. & Bill T. ;-)



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COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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May was a busy month for Answering Service. We had (28) shifts report in calls for the month for a total of (59) calls answered by our volunteers for the month. Answercomm took a total of (16) calls.

Answering Service has two slots open: Tuesday 6-8am and Thursday 2-4pm. Please ask your home group for volunteers to fill this service.

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@asj.org or invite us to speak at your home group.

Steve M

Archives Chair: Rick M Co-Chair: Jennifer D

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Hey all!

Archives sent out group history forms to be completed. We are looking forward to getting back in the swing of things and hold our committee meetings!!

In Grateful Service,

Rick and Jen

Bookers Chair: Traci K Co-Chair: Beverly M

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No Report.

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

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No Report.

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

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Just trying to get by. It is hit or miss with the meetings.

Literature Chair: Carl S Co-Chair: Meghan M

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May Literature Report

Opening Balance: \$ 12,692.73
Transfer to SJIG: \$ 200.00
Deposits: \$ 119.56
Ending Balance: \$ 12,612.29

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

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Meeting List Committee

As Zoom meetings remain the present norm, Tech Committee has continued to make the changes as requested, though this appears to have decreased, as most, if not all meetings have met the appropriate standards. I have continued to acquiesce to their expertise in these areas. As the State of NJ pursues a gradual, rolling re-opening of various businesses, the opportunity to reopen some meetings, with new guidelines, may begin. I anticipate this will first be addressed via the website and app and will address these issues and concerns at said time. Thank you.

Kevin L

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L Co-Chair: Skye S

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Completed. See attached.

Public Info Chair: Eileen T Co-Chair: Kristin P Co-Chair Bryan C

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Public Information has no activity currently. Looking for any ideas.

Thank you
Eileen, Kristin, Bryan
AA Public Information

Social Events Chair: Sherrill B Co-Chair: Chuck M

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2020

Founder’s Day – 85th Anniversary – Chris B. tells us The History of AA via the Spiritual Foundation of Unity Group ZOOM Meeting on Wednesday, June 10th (Founder’s Day) at 7:00 PM. The attached announcement has been 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.

Our next Social Committee Meeting to be held on Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM.

Thank you,
Sherrill B.
Social Committee Chairperson

Technology Chair: Richie M Co-Chair: Josh V

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No website or email problems. SJIG is preparing and supporting the Local Legacies 4th Annual Founders Day hosted by District 16/17 on Zoom on June 14, 2020. Update your Zoom app (phone/tablet) or client (computer). Worked out issue with our web host Hostwinds, correcting their spam control. Obtained video of ICYPAA's Zoom H&I Workshop, "How to Carry the Message to Institutions Through Zoom" for our H&I Committee to learn from. On Sunday May 17th Zoom went down worldwide for about six hours. This was a chaotic morning for many AA groups (and church services) as it would allow for connection, but then it was sketchy on whether one could hear or see others. This was not a problem for our area and there was nothing we could do to fix it, other than advise AAs to use the phone dial in option. Fortunately, it has not been down since. On May 30th, Zoom rolled out a new version "Zoom 5.0" that does not automatically update. If you have attended at least one meeting since May 30th and did not have problems, you are fine. If not, best is to "arrive" to your next meeting early so you can work out any problems before the meeting starts. Unsure? Email: tech@aasj.org. Assisted several groups with Zoom accounts and showed how to start meetings with important settings. Is your meeting seeing troublemakers? Do not blame Zoom. Any problems experienced regarding "bombers", the problem lies in groups not applying the suggested settings. The four most important security settings to preventing "Zoom Bombings" are Enable Waiting Room, Mute participants upon entry, disable "Allow participants to unmute themselves," and limit chat to host only. If you or your group are unsure how to set up 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. It's not that hard! Seems it may be harder to ask for help. 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. As we all wait out COVID-19 and the social distancing regulations in place, we understand that some meetings are in the beginning talks of reopening meetings. We are here to support you. While we wait for the State of New Jersey and the CDC to permit our in-person meetings, we are working on updating our website meeting list to allow for the listing of in-person meetings, inside or outside of buildings—with the most current regulations, as well as "hybrid" meetings which will be for in-person meetings that include Zoom for the AA who cannot or chooses not yet to return to in-person meetings.

of Meetings: 457

of Suspended Meetings: 258

of Zoom Meetings: 199

44% of meetings temporarily on Zoom

-Richie

Unity Chair: Anna D Co-Chair: Laura K

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No Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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No Report.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T

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My name is Ken I'm an alcoholic. I want to thank the Intergroup for continuous hard work, and dedication to carrying the message through this unusual time. I hope this report finds you, and your loved ones well. Since our last meeting, I have attended, and participated in a few AA events using the Zoom format. District 16/17 Local Legacies event was great, as was the NJYPAA service event. I will continue to support and make myself available for any needs Intergroup has from Area 45 in the future. Also, please have your groups consider supporting GSO financially when doing your 7th Tradition split. The General Service Office has decided to have the International Convention Virtually. For more information go to AA.org. One announcement from Area 45. Our upcoming Assembly will be held on August 16th, beginning at 8:45AM for a new GST/DCM orientation, followed by a 7th Tradition workshop presented by our Northeast Regional Trustee Francis G, and a General Service Conference report back by our Delegate Rich H. I have attached the flyer to my report. In Unity Ken Thornhill

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The incoming calls are on average 2-3 per day. The inquiries concern mostly questions about using Zoom, when meetings are going to open up, family members wanting/needing help for loved ones, literature purchases (just a couple), made some referrals to hotline (for those struggling), etc. Will have training soon with Richie to help me improve my Word skills.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lengthy discussion from several members about how AA website is to be worded/set-up concerning the opening of meetings. A motion was made and seconded for an Ad Hoc Committee on this issue. The committee will meet shortly. Some of the suggestions were: to encourage groups to fill out on-line the Request Change Existing Meeting to indicate whether the meeting will be Inside, Outside, Zoom or Hybrid. Also possibly having a link which contains the State Laws /Requirements/Suggestions on how to open meetings safely. And maybe a reminder for members to check with facilities (Churches, etc.) to understand their expectations.

Adjournment at 8:47pm with "I Am Responsible"

Secretary: Brielle B Assist. Secretary: Jen G

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