

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP STEERING MINUTES

Date: Steering- Wed August 12, 2020

Opening: Opened at 7:30pm with “*Serenity Prayer*”

Steering Attendees: Brian C, Frank C, Patti S, Andy E, Brielle B, Anna D, Steve M, Debbie F, Carl S, Sherill B, Kevin L, Nancy L, Richie M, Karen B, Eileen T, Cletus C, Jen Ga, Jen T

Trustee Reading:

Anniversaries: Steve M August 16th 24 years

Brielle B August 10th 6 years

Group Announcements: N/A

Tradition #8: Joe

Concept #8: Patti

next month Tradition #9:

next month Concept #9:

Chair: Brian C

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No Report.

Vice-Chair: Frank C

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No Report.

Treasurer: Bill T Asst. Treasurer: Andy E

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Hi all,

Thanks for all our Groups continued support.

We have sent out the contribution to GSO and are in a sound financial position at this time. Please stay safe out there.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

answeringservice@asj.org

Thank you everyone to help fill Answering Service slots. Saturday 12-2pm is the only open slot for incoming calls and because its summer, a difficult slot to fill. Please ask your home group for volunteers to fill this service.

July was a moderate month in terms of incoming call volume and our volunteers did an AMAZING job servicing 85% incoming calls. We had 88 total calls... 75 calls answered by our volunteers and 13 by Answercom.

As meetings begin to open and people willing to meet others one-on-one; please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are needed 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!

Big thanks to the technology committee for working to create and upload the group history form for AASJ.ORG. We will be participating in a workshop with Area 45 in the fall. Hope all are safe and well.

In grateful service,

Rick and Jen

Bookers Chair: Traci K Co-Chair: Beverly M

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South Jersey Intergroup
Bookers Report August 2020

The last Bookers meeting was held on August 6, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was attended by 28 groups and 145 speaking commitments were filled. There were no new groups and 6 groups took outgoing speaking commitments as a way for their home group to do additional service. Thank you to everyone who attended our Zoom meeting and for helping to fill every commitment needed.

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Bookers commitments are only filled at the Bookers meeting. If you cannot attend, and want to book speakers, please have someone join our Zoom meeting in your place.

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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Hello all,

I have heard back from 3 facilities that would like to resume in-house meetings. I am the process of coordinating dates and times to start the meetings back up. Once I get definite times and dates, I will reach out to some of the groups to see if I can get the slots filled.

I REALLY NEED A CO-CHAIR - it is overwhelming trying to do all of this by myself. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Thank you.

Chair - Debbie

Literature Chair: Carl S Co-Chair: Meghan M

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Here's the literature report for July:

Literature is available with limited hours: Tuesdays 10am-3pm and in the evening from 6-8pm; Saturdays from 10am-1pm.

Opening Balance:	\$12,369.51
Transfer to SJIG:	\$ 276.78
One time transfer to SJIG for donation to WSO	\$ 5,000.00
Deposits from Sales:	\$.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 7,902.73

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

meetinglist@asj.org

Meeting List Committee:

Two new groups were added in July

One group, meeting daily in Vineland (Sunday-Saturday), outside, was added in August, as of this submission (8/5/20).

Thank you.
Kevin L

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L Co-Chair: Skye S

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The South Jersey Intergroup Newsletter is expanding with our new sections and new color layout. Keep the great articles a-flowing! We are currently seeking volunteers to submit or obtain an article for each of our newer sections— Beginners' Corner, Words of Wisdom, Sobriety in the time of Coronavirus and Young People's Corner.

Please continue to announce article requests to homegroups at your business meetings and in meeting announcements. We also encourage you also to freely share the link to newsletter (posted monthly on the intergroup website) with your sponsees and as a link in the chat feature at Zoom meetings. Submission can be sent to newsletter@asj.org, preferable in a Word attachment. Current newsletter and back issues are always available at <https://asj.org/resources-page/newsletter-2/>.

We increased our newsletter content, so now let's get people reading these amazing articles!

Warmly,

Skye and Nancy

Public Info Chair: Eileen T Co-Chair: Kristin P Co-Chair Bryan C publicinfo@asj.org

Public Information has not had activity recently.
Thank you

Social Events Chair: Sherrill B Co-Chair: Chuck M socialevents@asj.org

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2020

- Wissahickon Park Bike Ride and Whitesbog Moonlight Hike had good turnouts.
- Kayak trip scheduled for Sat., Aug 29th at 11:00 am. John Anderson, Director of Rancocas Pathways, will lead the kayak trip around the waterways of Mt Holly as he tells us the history of the town. There is a maximum of 8 participants allowed (7 slots have been filled by Social Committee members – 1 slot remaining for our Intergroup Vice-Chair Frank C., since he asked for a kayak trip). Cost is \$5 for kayak rental and guided trip. Price is low because Rancocas Pathways is a non-profit organization. No shuttle required.
- Gratitude Dance – On August 3rd Governor Murphy reduced indoor gatherings to a maximum of 25 people. I am contacting Al Nicolosi of Nicolosi’s Catering to inquire about refund of our \$1000 deposit.

Thank you,
Sherrill B.
Social Committee Chairperson

Technology Chair: Richie M Co-Chair: Josh V tech@asj.org

Website and email were down for four hours on July 31st for unscheduled server maintenance. Nobody reported any problems, no email was lost. Downtime did not affect meetings listed in the Meeting Guide app. Groups continue to update SJIG with their latest meeting formats of indoor, outdoor, zoom, or some combination. Created Group History Forms for Archives Committee. Continue support for Meeting List Committee, updating existing meetings as updates are received; Meeting List Committee handles new meeting requests.

of Meetings: 470
of Suspended Meetings: 189
of Zoom* Meetings: 190
of Indoor* Meetings: 109
of Outdoor* Meetings: 23

*may be combined in hybrid meeting style.

-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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No Report.

Office Manager: Karen B

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I have received a couple of calls from out of state members. They want to attend meetings in New Jersey. The states they are coming from are “spiking, hot spot” Corona Virus states, namely Florida and Massachusetts. I gave them the website meeting information but felt concerned and guilty about them attending our meetings and possibly not disclosing where they are visiting from. I spoke with Brian and if I get additional calls, I will gently mention that the Governor requires that they quarantine for 14 days.

Old Business:

Motion: I would like to propose a MOTION that we send the \$5,000.00 we were going to transfer from Literature to our Operating account to GSO in support of them due to their lower contribution levels during the COVID-19 pandemic. This would be a one-time contribution, and since we are using literature sales proceeds, does not affect the 7th Tradition contributions to SJIG in any way. Motion passed 1 opposed 13 in favor.

Motion: that we investigate pricing for a "Zoom Room" type conferencing setup for the use of Steering and Intergroup meetings. Even after the pandemic subsides, this would allow remote Groups to be virtually present at the Intergroup meeting, saving them the expense of travel. My initial investigation found pricing to be from about \$700 to \$1,000 for commercial quality units. There are some "solutions" that sell for over \$3,000 but are way more technology than we need. Motion will be further investigated, all in favor for going into further discussion

New Business: *No new business at this time*

Adjournment at: pm: with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

Secretary: Brielle B **Assist. Secretary: Nichole T**

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