

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATE

Date: Intergroup - Wed. September 15, 2021

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

Steering Attendees: Alexandria L., Andy P., Brian C., Frank C., Bob B., Jay D., Tom G., Sahar S., Nancy, Rick T., Dominick M., Ken T., Terry W., Joe C., Joe O., Andy P., Ryan K., Melissa W., Maryann, Ken K., Eileen T., Jen G., Mike C., Sarah G., Joe T., Damon M., Dan R., John K., Kyle C., Sam M., Andy E., Pete R., Bill T., Marie G., Patti S., John, Carl S.

Trustee Reading: Patti S.

Anniversaries: Damon M, 2 years on 9-2. Mike C. with 1 year on 9-15, Hainesport Serenity Group, Monday 9-13 @ 8pm., Delran Monday night 10/18 40th anniversary 7:30pm

Group Announcements: Back to Basics changed locations to Fellowship Church in Collingswood; Maple Shade Step Reflections back to in person meetings.

**Tradition 9: Bill
Concept 9: Damon**

**next month Tradition 10: Sam
next month Concept 10: Mike C.**

Chair: Brian C.

chairperson@asj.org

Please go to our website asj.org, events, and check out all the upcoming events. For example, Unity Picnic on 9-12 and Phillies Game on 9-26.

Vice-Chair: Frank C.

vchairperson@asj.org

First H&I meeting this Monday at 7pm on Zoom. If you want to get involved please contact Frank C. 609-923-8649. Currently booking for October and November at this meeting.

Treasurer: Bill T.

Asst. Treasurer: Andy E.

treasurer@asj.org

Summer's fading away...

SJIG is still in the black, thanks to your generous support.

If you would like to get involved with SJIG, consider volunteering for one of our Committee Chair positions for the 2022-23 Panel. All Elected positions are open for nominations as well starting in October. Consider giving back to the fellowship through Service to Intergroup.

Peace, Bill T. & Andy E.

<h2>COMMITTEE REPORTS</h2>

Ans. Service Chair: Steve M.

Co-Chair: Pete R.

answeringservice@asj.org

First, please welcome Pete R as our new Co-Chair. Pete is a long-time volunteer, always willing to go the extra mile working additional shifts when needed. Pete will also be leading future Intergroup meeting announcements on behalf of Answering Service.

Answering Service serviced 92% incoming calls. We had 87 total calls... 80 calls answered by our volunteers and 7 by Answercom.

Several time slots opened, and we are looking for volunteers.

Wednesday: 8-10pm.

As meetings begin to open and people willing to meet others one-on-one; 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.

If you are on the 12 step call list please make sure your information is up to date. If your voicemail is not set up please do so to make it easier for the answering service to contact you.

Archives Chair: Rick M.

Co-Chair: Jennifer D.

archives@asj.org

No Report.

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@asj.org

BOOKERS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021

The next bookers meeting will be Thursday, November 4th at 8 pm. If St. Bart's lifts the mask mandate, we will hold it in person. If the mask mandate is still in effect, we will have the bookers meeting on zoom. Thanks!

Budget & Finance Chair: Jay D.

Co-Chair: Ryan K.

budget@asj.org

Budget and Finance Report

I received feedback from the Steering Committee regarding the proposed 2022 budget. Once the updated changes are made and approved by the Steering Committee, an email will be sent out to all the IG reps so Please be on the lookout for it.

Thanks for all you do.

This concludes the Budget and Finance Report.
Jay D

Please bring budget back to your groups and collect questions or comments to present in the October Intergroup meeting. Voting will take place in December. Any budget questions feel free to reach out to Jay at budget@asj.org.

H&I Chair: John

Co-Chair: Damon M

handi@asj.org

Look for an email to every H&I and Intergroup rep with information the email will contain zoom link and password. Meeting will be held 9/20 at 7pm on zoom and we will be booking commitments for September and October.

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Vacant

literature@asj.org

Literature Report for September 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 4,803.47
Deposits	\$ 4,576.14
Transfer to SJIG for Rent	\$ 200.00
AA World Services Purchase	\$ 3,213.00
Debit	\$ 351.62
Closing Balance	\$ 5,614.99

Some delays with shipping. Please call ahead to make sure what you are looking for is in stock. Meeting cards and newcomer guides are now available, both free. Carl has price lists available for anyone who needs them.

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Tim A.

meetinglist@asj.org

The Technology Committee has reached out to the Meeting List Committee to discuss the process of the Meeting List Committee again becoming more, and eventually primarily, the gate keeper of monitoring the addition and subtraction of meetings for the website. The Meeting List Committee acknowledges the phenomenal job they have done during the pandemic. With that being said, the Meeting List Committee will be reaching out to various trusted servants to discuss and review protocols for on-line meetings, and the process for printing new meeting lists.

Respectively submitted, Kevin L.

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L.

Co-Chair: Skye S.

newsletter@asj.org

Thanks for allowing us to serve South Jersey Intergroup.

Nancy & Skye.

Please make announcements to your home group's that articles are needed!

Public Info Chair: Eileen T.

Co-Chair: Vacant

publicinfo@aaSj.org

Public information continues to support IDRC. With schools back in session hopefully we can schedule some health classes to attend. Several groups have reached out regarding literature distribution and we could always use more help in that area. I am looking for a co chair and will hopefully need many (young) speakers for High school programs.

Thank you,
Eileen T. Public Information Chair

Burlington Township 11/8, 11/9
Timber Creek - week of 10/25

Florence School District -

Looking for a Co-Chair!

Social Events Chair: Sherrill B.

Co-Chair: Chuck M.

socialevents@aaSj.org

The Social Committee has no Events to submit for the month of September.
Sherrill B
Social Committee Chairperson

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

tech@aaSj.org

No problems with the website or email for the month of August. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID state mandated social distancing and gathering limits. Updating meetings as updates are received.

During the month of August our website saw 5,600 visitors in 15,000 sessions, busiest days are Monday and Tuesday, busiest times 6-7pm. Most are organic, meaning they searched for a meeting with a search engine; followed by a direct link which could be from the Meeting Guide app or links from other sites or in email. Our home page has links to Local Online Meetings, Indoor Meetings, and Outdoor Meetings. AAs in our site clicked the Indoor Meetings button 3,905 times compared to 3,743 times for online, or 4.33% more looking for an Indoor Meeting, seems our fellowship is pretty evenly divided and both meeting settings are working for our area. Most visits 73% are from phones, 25% desktop, and 2% tablet.

As more meetings return to Indoor, please continue to keep SJIG informed so that we can in turn keep local AAs informed of meeting options in our area. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, or hybrid), please find your meeting at

aasj.org/meetings and click the "Hosts: click here to update" link to update your meeting so that AAs can find you easier. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown. Thank you everyone for helping us get the word out on your meeting status, so that our local AAs can find a meeting setting they are comfortable with during this time. Please note that once your meeting is updated, it may take up to 12 hours for the AA Meeting Guide mobile app to update as it crawls AA websites around the world, hitting each AA website every 12 hours.

of Meetings: 488

of Suspended Meetings: 93

of Online* Meetings: 117

of Indoor* Meetings: 328

of Outdoor* Meetings: 14

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Anna D.

Co-Chair: Laura K.

unity@aasj.org

No Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

trustees@aasj.org

Elections are coming up in December and there are many open positions. There is a sheet available with requirements for each position as well as a brief description.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T.

alternatedelagate@snjaa.org

No report.

Office Manager: Karen B. August I COAA Meetings:

sjintergroup@verizon.net

Members/Managers from all over the country were discussing meeting status due to pandemic resurgence, Delta Variant. There were questions about whether groups/meetings are having coffee. Some are, some aren't. There was discussion about 7th tradition monies and Prudent Reserves. Some Intergroups have a surplus

and some have deficits. Suggestions were given on how to spend \$ if over the prudent reserve, for ex. purchase airtime on radio or television to help spread the word about AA.

There was discussion about how to get members more involved with Intergroup. Group percentages varied but most were low. It was said that nationwide the participation rate is only 15%. One IG has an outreach committee which goes around to area meetings and brings a cake and card to group anniversaries. There was discussion again about the employee retention credit or payroll protection program and an explanation about how receiving this \$ from the government (on 941 form) is not breaking the tradition because all non-profits are entitled to it because they are just receiving \$ back from what they put in.

There was discussion about what resources/programs are used in the office for Point of Sales, Taxes, Inventory Control, etc. Many offices use QuickBooks and are happy with it. Some are not and use Square which is less laborish and works for everything, one manager said he just obtained a system called CLOVER and is very happy with it.

There was discussion about how Covid resurgence is affecting different states for ex. mandates, masks, vaccinations, etc. One state manager said they were originally working on the Honor System, but it wasn't working so now In-Door meetings have a mask mandate. One manager expressed that it is hard now to get a committee together for a Fundraiser due to Covid fears. In NY their annual Bill W dance is cancelled and no other "live" events, all will be virtual for the rest of this year. NY manager shared that there is an overall decline in on-line meeting attendance due to "Burn-out." People are tired of sitting in front of their computers; esp. if they work on computers all day. One manager from Kansas spoke about a board member being "adamant" about no mandates, masks or vaccines. Other managers shared that this is a health issue, not a political one and we need to protect ourselves and each other. There is a long version of the yellow "safety cards" which explains how the entire group needs to be considered, in other words, it is about the Common Good and not individual opinions.

There was discussion about the quality of literature production going down due to rush in getting out back orders. For ex., one manager received Large Print Living Sober Books without Page 91. Another manager from Canada said this is common and she just received big books where every 1/3 chapter's pages are upside down.

Old Business:

Bill has budgets available with updated amounts for anyone interested. Budget for 2021 was cut by 1/3 due to Covid.

Brendan C said that 19 people have paid for the golf event, which is tomorrow Aug.12th. Eileen T needs help/co-chair for Public Info. Committee and Patti S volunteered.

A motion was presented to appoint John as H&I Chair and Damon M as Co-Chair which passed unanimously in favor. Jay requested intergroup by-laws and committee position requirements. Frank informed that by-laws can be found on aasj.org. Karen showed a flyer listing all the committee positions and descriptions. She will scan and email Jay both the committee positions' descriptions' flyer and By-Laws. The By-Laws list "Suggested" sober time requirements for each position

New Business: Archives are in the process of digitizing materials. Public Information Committee is looking for a Co-Chair. P.I.Chair is hoping to get back into schools to spread the AA word now that they are opening up. If you are interested you can go to aasj.org and find the Chairpersons' emails. Upcoming Elections for **ALL Positions** in Intergroup. The Committee positions' descriptions will be available at Intergroup next week, on back table. Please pick up and consider doing service. Maple Shade Meeting Thursday Night 8-9 p.m. needs support. Members needed for 12 step list in the towns of Pennsville and Salem area. Also the committee is updating their 12 step list so if you have any updates/changes, please let the answering service committee know. Thanks!

Adjournment at: 8:48 pm: with the "*Declaration of Unity*"

Secretary: Vacant

Assist. Secretary: Marie G.

secretary@aasj.org