

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Intergroup: Wed. August 17, 2022

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

Steering Attendees: Patty H., Joe C., Carl S., Andy E., Patti S., Frank C., Ryan K., Christian B., Jay D., Joanne M., Karen B., John S., Rick from Happy Hour Group.

Trustee Reading: Patti S

Anniversaries: Patrick 33 years; Cindy 9 years; Rick 40 years; Kelly 2 years; Marcia 7 years

Group Announcements: Moorestown Men’s 47th Anniversary Meeting on 09/14 at 7pm; The Central Fact 3rd Anniversary Meeting in Medford on 08/31, food at 6pm and speaker at 7pm; F Troop 30th Anniversary Meeting 09/24, speaker at 8pm; Clearing the Wreckage 1st Anniversary Meeting 09/20, speaker at 7:30pm; Hainesport 39th Anniversary Meeting 09/12, speaker at 8pm and fellowship at 9pm; Goya is having a Halloween Party on 10/28 at 9pm.

Tradition 08: Sam P.
Concept 08: Andy

next month: Tradition 09: Rick
next month: Concept 09: Peter

Chair: Frank C.

chairperson@asj.org

SJIG continues to serve the groups, providing speaking opportunities through Bookers and H&I, historical resources through archives, and selling literature all week long. SJIG is looking for those willing to serve in committee positions. Specifically, our wonderful Bookers chair and co-chair are looking for replacements as soon as possible and our Unity committee remains vacant. If you'd like to know more or get into service, please attend our intergroup meeting this month on 8/17/22, either virtually or in-person.

In addition, there are many great events coming up! Area 45 has its quarterly meeting on 8/21/22, District 14 has picnic scheduled for 8/28/22, Sober Stock is on 9/3/22 and the Gratitude Dinner Dance will be back in November!

Vice-Chair: Christian B

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I discussed with literature committee how to provide assistance when needed.
I am available to assist other committees if needed. - Christian B

Treasurer: Jay D

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

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Hello Fellow Trusted Servants,

Attached, please find July 2022 Treasurer's Report. For the month, the income exceeded the expenses.

This report includes \$550 for Social Events, which is the Gratitude Dinner deposit for the caterer at Indian Spring Mills as well as a deposit for the DJ.

The group contributions this month are the highest totals received this year. The SJIG is very grateful and appreciative of the support to provide the resources required for activities to carry the message of AA in the Southern New Jersey community.

Jay D

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R

Co-Chair: Theresa B

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Answering Service Committee report for July 2022

Total all calls for July 2022 70

Total of calls serviced by Volunteers 63

Total calls serviced by Answercom 7

% of calls serviced by Volunteers 90%

% of Calls serviced by Answercom 10%

Committee report

The committee is still in the process of covering all vacant shifts. This past week the committee welcomed a new member to the committee.

The committee Co-Chair just recently had worked with the Technology committee to download, and print a master copy of the email addresses that the committee is sending its monthly email campaign to. This is partly in response to the poor response rate that the committee is experiencing on a continuing basis with committee Volunteers not replying with the number of calls serviced for the previous month.

The committee Co-Chair will be matching the email addresses that we currently have on file with those downloaded, and printed from mail chimp system to verify that the monthly email is actually being sent to the correct person.

Additionally, the committee Chair, and co-Chair are currently discussing implementing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the members of the Answering Service committee. In addition, the committee chairs are also discussing the possibility of having a committee workshop for our Volunteers, which would serve two purposes; First, would provide the committee members the opportunity to actually meet the voice on the other end of the line, and second, to review some basic Answering Service Procedures, which many of the long time members have drifted away from, such as a 15 minute call to the person they are about to relieve, and some other simple, yet effective telephone etiquette to enhance the professionalism of the committee members. Additionally, this will provide the committee Chair's the opportunity to provide to the Volunteers information on other neighboring intergroups, and other recovery programs, which many times get confused with our hotline.

This presentation would be put on by the committee Chair's, as well as a close friend of the Committee Chairman Olivia H., who is a retired Executive Assistant to the CEO& Board of Directors at Glaxo, Smith Klein Philadelphia.

Archives Chair: Damon M

Co-Chair: Rob P

archives@asj.org

Hi! We have digitized some of the speaker tapes from the office; we will discuss in steering and intergroup what to do with those. We also have a new personal history up on the website, Bob P from Red Lion Group. Please share with your homegroups that Archives is looking for group and personal histories.

Thanks,
Damon & Rob

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

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We had our Bookers meeting on August 4th at St. Barts. We had reps from 26 groups in attendance and filled 127 speaking commitments. We also have two women who are interested in taking over the commitment in 2023.

Budget Finance Chair: Ryan K

Co-Chair: Jennifer H.

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Hello all,

Strong group contributions continue to support Intergroup. Office expenses are a little high, but most of that is driven by an unexpected QuickBooks Licensing charge that came out in April. We are projected to come in 5% under budget by year's end.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Question from Literature Co-Chair about steering providing kits (with service manuals) for new group reps in lieu of unity committee (which is still empty). Whose budget pays for that, and how is it tracked? There was a lengthy back and forth on this. Frank says ultimately, the budget will be adjusted if a committee goes over budget.

H&I Chair: John S

Co-Chair: Brian L.

southjerseyhandi@gmail.com

Everything is running as normal. Some facilities that are closed should be open soon; these are in Burlington County. Maryville Williamstown is open. Cooper will be open next month as well. 24 groups were represented at the last H&I meeting. Chair requests that representatives make sure they are paying attention to the spreadsheet of commitments.

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Joe C

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Literature Report for August, 2022:

Opening Balance	\$ 8,487.57
Deposits	\$ 1,130.10
Debits	\$ 243.62
Closing Balance	\$ 9,374.05

Hard-back Big Books and 12&12s are back in stock. Unfortunately, several other books are not. If you're making a trip to the intergroup office for literature, we suggest you call first to find out if the item you want is in stock. Consider becoming a volunteer for the Literature Road Show.

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Vacant

meetinglist@asj.org

The Committee for Meeting List continues to be supported by the Technology Committee and has no updates at this time, as meetings continue to be added, subtracted, and changed on a regular basis. Thank you.

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Bill T

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The committee is looking for submissions, as always. Chair reports all submissions so far have been printed.

Public Info Chair: Eileen T

Co-Chair: Bryan C

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Public information continues to support IDRC. I'd like to welcome Bryan C back to PI. Bryan will be needing help with some programs & distributing literature to public venues. Please contact Public Info to assist.

Thank you,
Eileen T. & Bryan C. Public information

Social Events Chair: Joanne M

Co-Chair: Sherrill B.

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Gratitude Dinner/Dance will be on 11/18 at the Indian Springs Country Club in Marlton.

Sherrill has found us a DJ for the Gratitude Dinner Dance. Cost is \$590 & a \$50 deposit has been sent. Save the date flyer has been posted on our website & hard copies will be available for distribution mid-September; announcements at meetings have started. When to start ticket sales is open for discussion.

Lengthy Discussion about how people will be able to pay for tickets: Venmo or just cash? Chairperson says it's up to the social events committee. As far as Venmo, is there a chance they will oversell if they are using Venmo as well as other methods? How will you keep track? Joanne says they would use their own Venmo account. She says she would prefer to do hard tickets. A Trustee suggested making door sales more expensive to encourage people to get their tickets early. She's going to double check that the venue allows sales at the door.

Vice-Chairperson question: how would we tell people we ran out of tickets? Joanne says that's why she wants to do hard ticket sales; if she uses her Venmo account though she'll still be able to keep track easily. Treasurer question: would clubs be able to sell tickets? She says she doesn't care who sells the ticket. If they come to IG they will get tickets to sell. There will be no discounts or selling of tables. There is no advantage to buying a block of tickets. Budget & Finance Chairperson question: Venmo option if they don't have cash when you give them a paper ticket. Joanne says the tickets have numbers on them, and you can put your ticket numbers in the Venmo notation. He thinks younger people would prefer Venmo. More discussion expected next month.

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

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No problems with the website for the month of July 2022. We updated website, plugins, security as needed – controlled spam as was received. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID, updating meetings as updates are received. Please make sure your meetings are current on our website <https://aaSj.org/meetings> and the A.A. Meeting Guide App. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, online, or hybrid), please find your meeting at <https://aaSj.org/meetings> and click the ""Hosts: click here to update"" link to update your meeting so that AA's can find you easier. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown as we have it. 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: 498

of Suspended Meetings: 91

of Online* Meetings: 93

of Indoor* Meetings: 353

of Outdoor* Meetings: 8

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Steve

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Steve from the Marlton Hemingway group has agreed to be the Co-Chair for the Unity Committee. Patti S will get him up to speed. SJIG is still looking for a Unity Chair.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Patti S Jen G Andy E Joey H Joe M

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No Report.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M

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The Day of Sharing is on 10/08 from 9am-11am in Bordentown (Zoom meeting as well). Best practices for various committees are discussed. Area 45 Assembly is on 08/21 at the Masonic Lodge in Burlington.

Office Manager: Karen B.

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Hi all: The office has been very quiet, SUMMERTIME, I think. It gave me the opportunity to go through all the pamphlets including free pamphlets to find which ones have old GSO 7th tradition address. There is only four-4. I corrected those (with stamp) and also added area 45 address (no stamp-by hand) and SJIG address (stamp).

F-96 the A.A. Group Treasurer.
F-3 Where Money & Spirituality Mix
MG15-A.A. Guidelines Finance
F19A- Historical Background of Self-Support

Additional items from Steering: Wondering if we can put the Bookers Meeting information (date, time, place, etc.) on the SJIG calendar? Frank says it used to be there so okay to add.

Karen—someone came in and bought the slogan sheets and asked if we sold frames for them? We do not.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

1. Discussion about how to give people access to digitized speeches/personal stories from archives. Frank suggests something on website that says these are available and if you are interested you need to contact IG for a link to the digitized audio. Frank says they will not lend out the tapes at all. We can send the link to a person who asks for it. No decision made, will talk about it again next month.
2. Discussion about committee members who never attend either Steering or the IG meeting. Chairperson said he will reach out to those members.
3. Jay D.—had an inquiry from someone who wanted to serve on treasurer committee. How does he pursue this? Discussion, with Chairperson saying this person needs to show up at Steering if they're interested. Jay will pursue.
4. Treasurer – other new business: Made a motion to increase prudent reserve by \$10,000, taking the money from the operating account. \$26,000 is current prudent reserve. He says if something happens, we wouldn't have enough to cover our expenses. Discussion: a Trustee says current prudent reserve would cover 6 months of expenses. \$36,000 would cover ten months. GSO has advised that groups revise their prudent reserve budgets to cover one year. Decision was made that instead Budget & Finance Chairperson will include the extra money for prudent reserve in the proposed 2023 budget.
5. Two items from H & I Chairperson: Ancora doesn't have a physical space to hold meetings—they asked if we could provide facility where they could be on Zoom —discussion followed, with suggestions from other steering members. Also, Chairperson says Cooper Hospital ready to open up—however, IG has some past legal agreement with hospital about bringing in speakers. A trustee is not aware of any agreement. After some discussion, it was decided to search for old agreement first, and Chairperson will talk to Cooper Hospital about what IG is willing to do for them.
6. Treasurer: At IG meeting last month there were flyers from another AA club on the IG table. The 482 club would like to put their bookmarks showing meeting days and times on the same table; is this okay? Discussion with Treasurer and Vice Chairperson ensued with final answer from steering members being yes, it is okay.

Vice Chairperson shared that in his opinion, any recovery offered in any available manner is fine because of the increased rates of alcoholism and addiction in our country right now.

7. Rick was voted in unanimously as a Trustee to serve until the end of 2023, finishing out Jen G's term.

Adjournment at: 8:41 pm: with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

Secretary: Alex L

Assist. Secretary: Patty H

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