

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP STEERING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Opening: time: 8:05 pm with “*The Serenity Prayer*”

Secretary: Tina

Assistant Secretary: Marge

Anniversaries: Laine, 14 years on 4/4; Gina, 14 years on 4/4; Peter, 34 years on 4/23; Mike, 20 years on 3/25; Nancy, 11 years on 4/19; Phil, 11 years on 3/19; Cindy, 31 years on 4/28; Peter, 34 years on 4/23; John, 4 years on 4/23; Deb, 13 years on 4/29.

Group Announcements:

- Masonville Home Group 34th Anniversary on Monday, May 18th. Food at 6pm meeting at 7pm.
- How it works Audubon 39th Anniversary correction to newsletter - Date is April 23rd. It is not in Calvin Hall which is closed. Just put Login Presbyterian Church.
- Morning Glory Men’s Saturday 7:30am meeting has split off from Morning Glory, now referred to as the South Jersey Men’s Group at Ashland Church on Evesham Rd.
- Mike vacated DCM for Districts 6 & 7 so if you’re looking to pick up that commitment, see Mike

Motion to Accept Steering Minutes by Traci, seconded by Roy: Motion passed

	<u>This Month</u>		<u>Next Month</u>
Tradition 4:	Carolyn	Tradition 5:	Chelsea
Concept 4:	Joe O.	Concept 5:	Carl
Committee Highlight:	Archives	Committee Highlight:	Public Information

Motion made to Accept March’s Intergroup Minutes: Motion passed

ELECTED PANEL REPORTS

Chair: Gina H.

chairperson@aaaj.org

I have received some feedback that both Intergroup meetings can feel toxic and folks dread attending due to some of the interpersonal interactions between folks. Some words I have heard are "*hostile, snippy, condescending, dismissive*".

I know many of you personally and I think the last thing we want is to treat each other that way.

I am reminded that for me "*Fear is still the chief aggravator of all my defects.*" So, when I'm uncomfortable, I will strive to remind myself to let go and let God. Let us try to remember that we are all sober volunteers here tonight, both in person and online. As members of AA we are doing this service in the hopes of staying sober ourselves. Let us stay conscious that we come together with various levels of sobriety, emotional sobriety as well as Intergroup experience. I am confident that we all want these meetings to feel like a safe space to ask questions and to learn about the benefits of carrying the message.

Let us PLEASE speak to each other with *patience, tolerance, kindness and love*.

Vice-Chair: Jason

No Report

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Jason read the Meeting Ground Rules out of Archives – see flyer

Treasurer: Andy

Asst. Treasurer: Kirk

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So, I have a bit of a 10th Step to do here... Last Month, I neglected to notice that the rent payment was NOT included on our February's Treasurer's Report. So, instead of being "in the black" we were actually down about \$1,750... It was corrected this month, (2 payments) and I hope to not make that mistake again. We opened our 2nd TD CD for the Prudent Reserve. This month's report includes all contributions from Jan. 1st through March 31st. If your Group contributed, and it's not listed, contact us and we'll get it corrected. When making a contribution via Venmo or PayPal, use the "notes" section to let us know what Group is sending the contribution. Thanks, as always, for your continued support, and for allowing us to serve your Groups. Note, we discovered TD bank applies a fee if the balance on a business account is under \$500. We encountered fees Jan-Mar which 2 of the 3 were reversed. Peace... Andy & Kirk... ;-) 2,418. Contributions include 2000 bequest, will be moved next month to miscellaneous contributions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: JoAnne D. *

Co-Chair: Kirk

answeringservice@aasj.org

The Answering Service reports having handled 213 calls for the month of March spending 624 minutes of assistance to callers! We still need help filling our Tier 2 time slots both overnight and in 2 hr increments through the day, especially on weekends. Please contact us at answeringservice@aasj.org.
Yours in Service, JoAnne D & Kirk K

Archives Chair: Roy C. *

Co-Chair: Marcia

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The Archives committee continues to meet on Fridays 12 noon until 2pm. Last month we focused on the reactivation and history of The Blue Anchor group. A narrative history is prepared for review by the group and submission to the newsletter committee for publication. Unfinished projects include digitalization of Intergroup reports, updating the Archives page of the Intergroup website, and the display of available reading materials in the Intergroup office bookcase. Roy C, Chair Archives Committee

Bookers Chair: (Not Present) Amy

Co-Chair: Nilda

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Amy will attend the Intergroup 4 times a year prior to the Bookers Meeting. The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Bart's: [1989 Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003](#). We would like to thank Intergroup for allowing us to be of service.

Budget & Finance Chair: Traci *

Co-Chair: Beverly

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The Budget #s and Treasurer's numbers are off by about \$20. Gina helped identify the discrepancy for Traci. I will discuss it with Andy at Steering. The Treasurer's reports for Jan/Feb/Mar show \$76.86, \$17.43, \$4.91 respectively for a YTD of \$99.20. Treasurer's March report shows a YTD total of \$27.77. Summary below, full report is available. Encourage reps to donate

Treasurer's # MARCH	Budget #s MARCH	ITEM	Treasurer's # YTD	Budget's # YTD
6214.34	6214.34	TOTAL INCOME	14435.29	14435.29
944.17	944.17	Committees	1935.79	2007.22
0	0	Steering	172.5	172.5
250	250	Insurance	828.73	828.73
1151.62	1151.62	Office Expenses	2813.02	2813.02
1836.51	1836.51	Payroll	4714.47	4714.47
3575	3575	Rent	5362.5	5362.5
260.78	260.78	Phone	782.46	782.46
0	0	Unbudgeted Expense	250	250
8018.08	8018.08	TOTAL EXPENSES	16859.47	16930.9
6214.33	6214.33	TOTAL INCOME	14435.29	14435.29
-8018.08	-8108.08	LESS EXPENSES	-16859.47	-16930.9
-1803.75	-1893.75	NET	-2424.18	-2495.61

H&I Chair: Sean *

Co-Chair: Mary

handi@asaj.org

Group member Brandon will be working with Sean on Treasurer and Secretary duties. Looking to purchase literature. All commitments are filled for April, there are several opportunities available for May. We're currently looking to add additional Facilities to our monthly commitment sheet. Next meeting will be held April 30th and will be hybrid on zoom and in person at the intergroup office in Voorhees. We are looking to expand our H&I facilities (Cherry Hill, etc.). We continue to struggle with Pemberton, particularly Post House commitments. We have standing commitments there Monday and Friday. Independent persons (not officially AASJ intergroup members) have taken commitments at H&I meetings and have also shown up. We are working on this to improve communications. I have had several facilities reach out to me about poor attendance for commitments. Please make sure you are getting these filled and people are attending.

Literature Chair: Laine

Co-Chair: Carolyn *

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- Beginning Balance: 3/1/26 \$2,319.87
- Ending Balance: 3/31/25 \$3,362.61
- Cash Deposits: \$548
- PayPal sales: \$1,124.50
- PayPal Fees \$26.65
- Total after fees \$1097.85
- PayPal Transfer \$1,275.18.

Expenses

- \$275.00 Rent; \$1279.50 AAWS; 313.38 Token Shop; Total Expenses \$ 4,052.73; No road shows scheduled
- Coupon is now good for \$2.00
- Ordered prayer cards 5,000 are ready for delivery.
- The new price list will be completed soon. Prices have been changed in QuickBooks. All AAWS books went up about \$3.00. Grapevine prices also went up. This should be done before next month.
- Next Committee meeting is not yet decided (lack of participation)
- Check New Hours - Suggest to call prior to visiting to be sure the office is open.

The Literature Office Volunteer hours are currently as follows:

There will be openings to volunteer on Monday/Tuesday 10am-12pm and Tuesday night from 6-8pm. We will have additional evening hours soon. We are having a difficult time getting volunteers, please spread the word.

Meeting List Chair: Natasha

Co-Chair: Caitie *

meetinglist@asaj.org

The Meeting List committee processed approximately 30 meeting list inquiries and updates in February, including several meeting closures. A list of updates will be published in this month's Newsletter, as it has been every month recently. An updated printed meeting list will be published within the next several weeks.

Newsletter Chair: Chelsea *

Co-Chair: Nathan

newsletter@asaj.org

The May newsletter is nearly finalized and will be ready for distribution soon. This issue will feature the Budget & Finance Committee in our *Service Spotlight*, along with a *Member Spotlight* highlighting an SJIG member's first sober vacation. We've also added QR codes to increase engagement. The *Member Spotlight* QR code will direct members to a Google Form where they can submit their article. Once a submission is received, the form will automatically close - allowing for one submission per month. We will also include a separate QR code for general newsletter submissions, making it easier for members to share announcements, stories, and content. On the operations side, we've reached out to Gina to move forward with signing Intergroup up for **TechSoup**. This will allow us to obtain a shared Adobe Creative Cloud subscription at a discounted nonprofit rate, eliminating the need for my personal account, improving collaboration with Nathan (Co-Chair), and ensuring a smoother transition for future Newsletter Chairs. Thank you for your continued support. In service, Chelsea M. Newsletter Chair, AASJ

Public Info Chair: Joe

Co-Chair: Joanne *

publicinfo@aaaj.org

Joe started preparing materials to be distributed at the next intergroup meeting. We will be resuming our monthly meeting April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Intergroup office. Joanne

Social Events Chair: Audrey

Co-Chair: Caroline *

socialevents@aaaj.org

The bowling event on March 29th was a success. Everyone that attended had a good time. We are going to start focusing on our summer events. We are planning on 2 beach meetings, one on June 13th and one on July 18th. We are also in the process of planning a Phillies game for sometime around August since it was a big hit last year. More to come. Thank you, Social committee.

Technology Chair: Richie M. *

Co-Chair: Jimmy/Faye

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During March, the Technology Committee continued supporting website updates, event postings, and email account management. Multiple events were added and updated on the website, including anniversaries, committee meetings, and training sessions, with follow-ups to correct details where needed and request additional information when incomplete. On the email side, work focused on maintaining and improving forwarders, including adding co-chairs, correcting routing issues, removing outdated addresses, and assisting committee members with access and setup on their devices. Progress also continued on a broader email forwarder cleanup effort to align current committee roles and ensure accuracy. Additional support included guidance on uploading newsletters to the website and initiating improvements such as transitioning the motion form to a web-based contact form. If anyone needs assistance, please reach out to tech@aaaj.org--

Jimmy Y. | SJIG Tech Committee

Add: You can email tech and they can give you link to download the AASJ calendar to your phone

Unity Chair: Cindy *

Co-Chair: Nancy and Sandy

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“The list of groups and reps is mostly complete - drafting notes on how we would invite new reps to Intergroup - will start going out to the communities in the next few months.” Welcome to our four new intergroup reps tonight.

Young Persons: (Not Present) Ben

Co-Chair: Fernando

youngpeoples@aaaj.org

District Young Peoples elections were held on Thursday 4/2 for committee members. Ben is the new Chair and Fernando was named as Co-Chair. The cash box brought in \$122 for the 3 on 3 even. Mark dropped money to Gina who will get it to Andy. There were 9 additional members elected to the committee. The group is planning an end of May event, more to follow. Event planning for May is underway.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Jim S., Beverly, Catherine E., Peter D., Sharon H.

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After much discussion, the Trustees have determined that providing advertisement space within the Newsletter, or the printing and distribution of flyers by Intergroup, that promote an event for a Clubhouse or AA group, goes against the 6th Tradition, unless the advertisement materials specifically state that the event will include AA content. By AA content we mean that the event would have a meeting associated with it. For example, the Freedom Fire is sponsored by a group and the event has an AA meeting with a Speaker from the Speakers Bureau. If an AA group or Clubhouse are having a fundraiser like a bowling event, for example, they can only advertise in the Newsletter if AA content is associated with the event. Intergroup CAN distribute flyers for events without AA content, but the Flyer must say ‘Not an AA Sponsored Event’.

There is one exception and that would be Social Events sponsored by a Committee within Intergroup. For instance, if the Social Committee of Intergroup is having an event, they can advertise the event in the Newsletter. This is because the Social Events Committee is part of, and one of the committees for SJIG, they are allowed, and encouraged to advertise any and all social events sponsored by South Jersey Intergroup. This is how the groups know what is going on, what their contributions help to pay for, and how the groups can support SJIG. Social Events has always been allowed to advertise via flyers, the website and the newsletter because it is part of SJIG.

In order to clarify, and to not be in violation of Tradition 6, the Trustees feel that only AA events should be posted on the website and newsletter. Flyers for AA events and for non-AA events can be given out at the IG meeting as long as the non-AA flyer states that the event is "Not An AA Sponsored Event".

Note: Young people's events are also a sponsored committee within Intergroup.

The source of truth will be on the website. The Tech group will take ownership of publishing events warranted.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Phil K.

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Good evening. My name is Phil and I'm an alcoholic. I currently serve as the alternate delegate for Area 45, a position that includes the privilege and responsibility to act as a liaison between the general service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous and the three intergroups in South Jersey.

Please make sure your home group's General Service Representative (GSR) is aware that the second of our two area Mini Conferences is coming up this Saturday. We will be discussing matters that affect AA as a whole, specifically topics that AAs in South Jersey have indicated are of special interest TO US.

In-Person, 11a-2p, Saturday, April 18
Atlantic County Library System
306 E. Jimmie Leeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205
(Special Guest Speaker Meeting to follow at 2:15!!!)

ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mini Conference, not just GSRs!

The Area 45 Spring Assembly is coming up! See details below...

Sunday, May 17
Area 45 Spring Assembly
Elmer Grange Hall
535 Daretown Road
Elmer, NJ 08318
Registration opens at 8:30; Orientation starts at 8:45; Assembly starts at 10:00

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Add: This isn't the only IG in South Jersey that is in a similar financial situation at this time. It is incumbent upon us in AA service to understand the 7th tradition so we can answer that when asked. Statement read from Scott H, GSO, regarding sacrifice towards AA.

Office Manager: Terry B.

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Nothing to report, the office is running well. Motion form is on the AASJ.ORG website. I want to thank everyone for sending in your monthly reports on time and some early. It is greatly appreciated. Lock is installed.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

We are now members of TechSoup. TechSoup offers nonprofits discounted software. Tech group and Chelsea will review perks and benefits. We currently use Quickbooks and it is up for renewal at the end of April. The current cost for renewal is \$1,150. In order to understand the actual cost of Quickbooks from TechSoup requires an initial \$80 fee, there is also a yearly \$200 fee that Andy will research and consider instead of one-time \$80. Adobe is 49% - less than retail at \$575. This software can be used by Tech, Newsletter and Meeting List activities. Newsletter and Meeting Lists groups will share expenses.

Motion to close by Tracy, Seconded by Carl. Meeting adjourned at 9:02p.m. with the *I Am Responsible* pledge.