

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 18, 2015

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

Intergroup Chair: Tina O

chairperson@asaj.org

No Report

Intergroup Vice-Chair: Brett R.

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Spring is around the corner. And so are the Area 45 Convention, March 20-22 (in Cherry Hill), the Mini-conference April 11 (in Bordentown) and the International Convention July 2-5 (in Atlanta).

Treasurer: Joe M.

Asst. Treasurer: Catherine E

treasurer@asaj.org

No Report

Anniversaries:

- Becky: 8 years
- Marissa: 3 years
- Mark: 3 years
- Paul: 25 years

Announcements:

- Mike Volpe passed away. Services will be held this Saturday, March 21st from 10am-noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade.
- New Beginnings in Runnemede needs support.

Tradition # 3: Janet

next month **Tradition # 4: Brett**

Concept # 3: Joe

next month **Concept # 4: Kelly**

Greeters for March: Tom, Andy, Ernie

Set-up/Cleaners for April: Ray, Tom, Cletus, Patty, Andy

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Lisa S.

Co-Chair: Tom C

answeringservice@asaj.org

29 shifts reported their call totals for February, and that totaled 126 calls taken by volunteers. We request that all volunteers continue to send in their monthly totals! As usual, volunteers that cannot cover their shift should notify us, so we can try and have it covered by a "real AA" rather than by Answercomm.

This month we did a shout out to all our veteran volunteers asking if they needed updated lists or resources. Some of them took us up on our offer and we have been diligently addressing their concerns.

Answercomm reported taking 96 calls. This number is down from the 113 calls taken by Answercomm in January. However, we still feel this number is high and will continue to work to keep this number down. We will continue to work to keep this number lower.

Currently we have SIX open shifts: Tuesday from 8pm-10pm, Thursday from 10am – 12 noon, Thursday from 2pm – 4pm, Thursday overnight from 10pm until Friday at 8am, Friday overnight from 10pm until Saturday at 8am, and Saturday overnight from 10pm until Sunday at 8am. We have had inquiries from interested volunteers but none that can do the night shifts – so we now have a good size waiting list, and are still taking volunteers for phone commitments and/or to sign up to be available for a 12 Step call, so please have interested volunteers continue to contact us via answeringservice@asaj.org.

Finally, we are looking for replacements for Chair and Co-chair at the end of 2015. We feel it is best to begin this recruitment process now, so that interested AAs can get training early in the process and make the transition as smooth as possible. Please have interested volunteers contact us for more information on what we do, and how we do it! If any phone service related issues are identified feel free to call us for assistance anytime.

Archives Chair: Teddy P

Co-Chair:

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No Report

Bookers Chair: Mike M

Co-Chair: Carrie M

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No report. Out next exchange will be May 7, 2015.

Budget & Finance Chair: Steve C

Co-Chair: Karen

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We have review every 2014 statements and receipts from Office Expenses. We completed an itemized list to see if bringing another vender on Board could save us money. After all that we have come to the conclusion there is no area where another vender would significantly lower expenses. We would like to thank Marge (office manager) for her use of coupons there were a lot of them. The intergroup records for 2014 have been closed and are ready for tax preparation. We will be reaching out to Literature to review and close the Literature records. We are recommending a mid- year budget adjustment to be done in the form of budget transfers so that the overall budget will remain the same. All committees are asked to review their needs and get back to us by May. We will be happy to work with committees if they need help.

H&I Chair: Becky P

Co-Chair: Patti S

handi@aasj.org

At our last committee meeting we had 12 groups in attendance, 151 commitments, 10 open commitments for the month of April. Please help us find speakers to cover the following commitments:

Thursday Daybreak MICA 10:30a-12p April 23

Friday Maryville Women's 8-9pm April 17

Reminder that the Ambrosia Treatment Center changed their time to 3pm on Saturdays. Only 1 meeting combined.

We started the Mount Laurel Treatment Center on April 2nd and 16th.

Also, Cooper Hospital is looking to bring meetings into their facility, this is currently in the planning phase.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 30 at 7pm at the Intergroup Office. We will be booking commitments for May. If you or your group would like to be involved in H&I, please contact us or attend the next committee meeting. We welcome anyone interested in getting involved in carrying the AA message of hope to the alcoholic in these facilities.

Literature Chair: Janet I.

Co-Chair: Debbie C.

literature@aasj.org

Beginning Balance: \$9169.30

Purchases: - \$5496.65

Sales: + \$2962.35

Ending Balance: \$6635.00

We are pleased to announce our new co-chair Debbie C.!!

New pamphlet entitled "Many Paths to Spirituality" is now available for \$0.25 a piece.

Low sales for February were due to snow days & a short month. We are preparing for the Area 45 Convention - Mar 20-22, 2015. If you would like to volunteer to sell literature during the convention, please call me for available shifts (2 hours).

Meeting list Chair: Kelly B

Co-Chair: Traci

meetinglist@aasj.org

There's been only a few changes this month but I will send the committee the recent updated changes and Marge to print out for Intergroup reps. There is one meeting we are trying to find out in Haddonfield on Wednesday nights if it's still active. It's in the meeting list as starting at 8pm. It was said that maybe the time changed. I'm looking to see if someone can check out if this meeting is still active. Going earlier to see if maybe the time has changed or if it is no longer. If any changes need to be made go to aasj.org Meeting list then hit change form then submit.

Newsletter Chair: Marty

Co-Chair: Marissa

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Dear Intergroup: It's snowing quite heavily right now and hopefully, my crew's inside writing! April's issue promises to be a good one with several new voices. The Newsletter welcomes April E. to our 'fold.' We're hoping for fresh new insights from April about the challenges and joys of living sober. Also, Intergroup's own, Lise S., sends us her impressions after attending NERAASA (Northeast Region A.A. Service Assembly) two weeks ago in Somerset, N.J. Besides perhaps, a Step and Tradition piece, we'll run Area 45 (Cherry Hill) Convention announcement for the last time as well as announcements for the International Convention in Atlanta in July, the Founder's Day picnic in June at Parvin State Park, and the Jersey Shore Roundup in November. If anyone has other material for inclusion, please send it on.

PS. We'll be looking for Newsletter Committee replacements to take over in 2016.

P & I Chair: Gail V

Co-Chair: Jimmy

publicinfo@aasj.org

We are currently looking for a Spanish-speaking person who is willing to take a meeting once a month in Vineland. Thank you!

Social Events Chair: Edward S

Co-Chair:

socialevents@aasj.org

Founders Day at Parvin Park June 13, 2015 10-4PM

Unity Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Patricia P

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Unity Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening starting at 730 (ish). Meeting at Intergroup office. If you can make it, we would love to have you. If not, no worries. Will be finalizing the (short) script to be used for attending local Home Group business meetings, and further refining the list of our target home groups. We are looking for volunteers to visit these meetings. All are welcome for this service opportunity.

Website Chair: Dave P.

Co-Chair: Charlie S

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I have had 2 replies showing interest in possibly taking the webmaster position starting 1-2016. The 1st Ray W. Who I met and he will now be part of my committee. After training, he will assist in the daily maintenance of the site to determine if he wants to take continue after I step down. The other person I have made arrangement to meet at the convention.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Andy E., Jimmy P., Bev M., Kelli S.

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Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Andrew L

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Office: Marge

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Office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 12:00pm to 3:00pm

No Report

Old Business: Verizon phone bill. Verizon was called again to fix phone bill

New Business:

- Motion to create ad-hoc committee for Convention Participation in Area 45. Motion passed
- Anna will be stepping down as a trustee. We now have an open trustee commitment to fill until the end of 2015. There is a 10 year sobriety requirement. Trustees serve as elder statesmen for advising Intergroup reps. Anyone interested who meets the sobriety requirement is welcome and encouraged to reach out for this service opportunity.
- A group is having an issue with a LIPS (Literature In PrisonS) check that was never cashed. Intergroup would like to remind groups that all LIPS contributions go directly to Area 45 and are not handled by Intergroup. In the event that Intergroup receives a contribution for LIPS, it is automatically forwarded to the Area. LIPS checks should be made payable to "Area 45 CTF Committee".

Adjournment: 8:43 PM with the *"I Am Responsible" Pledge*

Respectfully Submitted- Secretary: Brian C.

Assist. Secretary: Dan Z

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