

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP STEERING MINUTES

Date: Steering- Weds, March 14, 2018

NOTE: THERE WAS NO INTERGROUP MEETING DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Opening: Opened at 7:30pm with "Serenity Prayer"

Steering Attendees: Patti S, Brian C, Janet I, Bruce B, Cletus C, Tracey C, Rick M, Jennifer D, Beverly M, Phil K, Carl S, Anna D, Judy P, Rich M, Dylan C, Jen G, Wendy W, Richie M, Rich and Karen M

Trustee Reading:

Anniversaries

Phil K – 3 years

Brian C – 6 years

Announcements

Growing Spiritually through Service: Sat 3/24 6pm at St Mary's Guild Hall, Burlington; Workshop/Dance – Beverly M will be representing SJ Intergroup

Area 45 Mini Conference: Sun 4/7 8:30am at Ocean Acres Community Center 489 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin; your chance to weigh in on the future of AA

Tradition #3: Jen

Concept #3: Amy

Greeters for March: Dylan, John

Set-up/Cleaners for March: Joe, Brian, Tim

next month Tradition #4:

next month Concept #4:

Greeters for April:

Set-up/Cleaners for April:

Chair: Patti S

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This year keeps moving right along and keep moving with it. I met with the Unity Committee last month, and am meeting with the Meeting List committee next week. Right after that I will meet with the Answering Service Committee- this is going to show if there are slots open for answering service. If anyone is interested, please see Tracy or Nancy after tonight's meeting.

I attended NARAASA last month, what a inspiring conference! I met with other Intergroup Chairs and brought back some very valuable information about where AA is going to improve. See the report on the back table.

Area 45 is holding a Mini-conference on April 7, 2018. 9-12 noon. Everyone should try to attend. We will be voting on issues to take back to New York. This is how our voice is heard!

New meeting - Philly Speaker Group has moved from Philadelphia to Audubon NJ. Come out and support them. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Wednesday nights.

Thank you everyone for being in service by coming to the Intergroup meeting each month! It really makes a difference.

Vice-Chair: Brian C

vchairperson@aasj.org

Went to first Social Events meeting and discussed upcoming events. Everybody evolved had some really good ideas. Social Events is working on getting new location for Founders Day. More information coming from them. As always if you need help or have any questions, I'm always available. Social Events will meet on the last Saturday of every month @ 8pm at Intergroup office. COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Treasurer: Janet I Asst. Treasurer: Jen T

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Presented on separate report

COMMITTEE REPORT

Ans. Service Chair: Tracy C Co-Chair: Nancy L

answeringservice@aasj.org

Confirmation and updating of the Answering service schedule has now been completed. We have verified each shift, checked in personally with each volunteer and verified all contact information. We also put into place a monthly email reminder to assist in getting a more accurate total count each month. This new system seemed to work well as a total of 36 out of 41 shifts reported their call totals for February. Volunteers reported taking a total of 132 calls for the month. Answercomm took a total of 76 calls. We are confident that this number will drop even further once we fill the remaining open shifts.

We signed up 5 new volunteers this month, but still have 14 open shifts. Nancy and I are covering as many open shifts as possible between the two of us so that callers reach an AA member and not Answercomm but we need your help in spreading the message to your home groups that volunteers are needed.

Currently we have an open shifts on Sunday 10AM-12PM, 2-4PM. Monday 10AM-12PM, Tuesday 8-10PM, O/N(10PM-7AM), Wednesday 10AM-12PM, 4-6PM, Thursday 8-10AM, 10AM-12PM, 8-10PM, O/N(10PM-7AM), Friday 2-4PM, Saturday 2-4PM, 4-6PM.

We will be moving onto updating the 12 step call list in the near future and ask that anyone who may be interested in being of service in that capacity contact us via answeringservice@aasj.org.

If any phone service related issues are identified feel free to call us for assistance anytime.

Archives Chair: Jennifer D Co-Chair: Rick M archives@aasj.org

We will be attending the Sunlight of the Spirit's 4th anniversary March 23rd and request their group history. If you are aware of any groups started in the past 5 years we would love to hear about how they started. Please ask a member to reach out to us.

We are continuing to ask for any Old timers with 30 or more years of sobriety willing to complete a questionnaire to reach out to us. We would appreciate you sharing your experience, strength and hope!!!

As a reminder the Intergroup office has many items in relation to archives for anyone interested in the history of AA.

Bookers Chair: Beverly M Co-Chair: Traci K bookers@aasj.org

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on May 3 at 8 PM at New Beginnings, Runnemede, NJ.

If you or your group are interested in filling any of these, please contact Beverly at bookers@aasj.org. The following commitments are still available:

Tuesday, May 1, *Fellowship Group*, St. Stephens, Beverly 8 PM

Tuesday, May 15, *Fellowship Group*, St. Stephens, Beverly 8 PM

Tuesday, May 22, *Happy Hour*, 449 Club, Pemberton, 5:30 PM

Budget & Finance Chair: Phil K Co-Chair: Andy P budget@aasj.org

Total financial contributions from individual groups (to Intergroup) during the first two months of 2018 are approximately **6% less** than during the same two-month period last year. Each dollar of your group's contributions to Intergroup improves the quality and quantity of the services Intergroup provide to alcoholics (sick and suffering, as well as recovering) who live/work/play WITH US, right here in South Jersey.

H&I Chair: Frank C Co-Chair: Debbie F handi@aasj.org

Thanks to all those who attended our monthly H&I meeting on February 26, 2018. We appreciate your service as always. We had 15 groups and individuals attending, 187 commitments in to fill and only 26 left open! Our next H&I meeting is March 26, 2018 at 7PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As always, if you are unable to get a commitment covered please let us know at least 24 hours in advance. If a commitment needs literature, please let us know so we can get it out to them. If there's an issue with the staff at the commitment or a double booking, try to work it out first. If necessary, call either of us so we can get the issue resolved.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of our control the **Robins' Nest - Women's Sober House** commitment in Glassboro is currently on hold for both the Sunday (2-3pm) and Thursday (7-8pm) meetings until further notice. If you, your group, or someone you know has a commitment at Robins' Nest, please advise that it is on hold.

Please let us know if you can take any of the below commitments for March and April

MARCH

Wednesday

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ March 28 12:40-1:30pm
1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

Thursday

Ancora - Hammonton NJ March 29 7-8pm

202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton, NJ
Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ March 29 2-3 pm
121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Daybreak - Atco NJ - March 22, 29 10:30-12:00 noon
368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

APRIL

Monday

Ancora - Hammonton NJ April 16, 23, 30 7-8pm
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton, NJ

JFK Hospital - MICA Unit - April 9, 16 12-1pm
2201 Chapel Ave W, Cherry Hill NJ

Wednesday

Unity Place I - Cherry Hill NJ April 4, 18, 25 12:40-1:30pm
1 Keystone Ave, Cherry Hill, NJ

Camden VOA - Camden NJ April 25
510 Liberty Street, Camden NJ

Solstice Counseling - Lumberton NJ April 4, 18 12-1pm
1561 Rt. 38 W, Lumberton, NJ

Northbrook Behavioral Health - Blackwood NJ April 25 8-9pm

Thursday

Ancora - Hammonton NJ April 19, 26 7-8pm
202 Spring Garden Rd, Hammonton, NJ

Unity Place II - Hammonton NJ April 5, 19 2-3 pm
121 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ

Daybreak - Atco NJ - April 19, 26 10:30-12:00 noon
368 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ

Literature Chair: Andy E Co-Chair: Carl

literature@aasi.org

The new "Yellow Safety Cards" are in, (F-211) as well as a GSO guide for Group safety.
I've asked Carl S. to be my co-chair. He accepted.

We're rebuilding a stock of Spanish Literature, so if your Group needs anything special,
let us know. We are in need of a volunteer for the Thursday AM (10 to 12) shift. Ted, who has
helped out for quite some time, has a new job. Thanks, Ted, for your Service !

Contact us if you're interested in a rewarding Service commitment.

Literature, by the Numbers:

Opening Balance: \$ 10,542.05

Closing Balance: \$ 10,515.05

February Sales: \$ 3,564.10

Thanks for allowing us to serve your Group.

Meeting List Chair: Anna D Co-Chair: Laura K

meetinglist@aasi.org

Over the past month we started going through the new website making corrections to meetings that were listed
wrong. So far we completed all of Saturday and have less than 15 left to check for Sunday. If your meeting is on either
of those days and is still listed incorrectly, please let us know by using the "Online Update Form" (which is located in
the MEETING SECTION) to make any changes. Please remember to mark the "Change Existing Meeting" circle,
make sure you are a homegroup member and include your phone number before submitting the form.

Anyone starting a "NEW MEETING" should complete the same Online Update Form as previously mentioned but
mark the "New Meeting" circle before submitting the form. (We will continue to accept PAPER meeting changes
because we realize not everybody has access to the Internet. However, we prefer those that do have Internet access

to please use it. Thank you.)

Our goal is to finish going through the rest of the meetings on the new website before the IGR meeting in April. Until then, please continue to look up meetings using the PDF version on the website or February's paper meeting list.

Newsletter Chair: Judy P Co-Chair: April E

newsletter@aaaj.org

Please continue to pass the word along that we would love all contributions - articles, poetry, things of interest heard in the rooms, anything that has helped you in recovery. Thank you!

Public Info Chair: Eileen T Co-Chair: Rich M

publicinfo@aaaj.org

Public Information continues to support IDRC. We would like to welcome Kathleen F from Prince of Peace as a part of this service commitment. Kathleen will be an excellent addition. Rich M attended Vineland high schools health class this month to speak to the classes about AA. We continue to have high schools ask for members of AA to come into the class. May 1st Rich and several other young members are going to BCIT, the day of Prom, to meet with all Juniors and Seniors at the high school. Thanks Rich for all your hard work with the schools. Mike from Moorestown will be speaking at health classes at Buena High school this month. The teachers were impressed after his last presentation of AA and his story so they asked for him specifically to attend their health classes. Public Information is attending a program on March 19, Hidden in Plain sight, in partnership with Monroe Twp. Municipal Alliance Commission, the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office, City of Angels, Glassboro Police Department and Rowan University. AA will have members to answer questions and give out literature at this event. Public Information will continue to look for opportunities to be of service to our communities.

Social Events Chair: Dylan B Co-Chair: Dylan C

socialevents@aaaj.org

We had a very successful first committee meeting last month, and I look forward to the upcoming meeting. (Saturday 3/31, 8:00pm at the intergroup office, all are welcome!) Proposed Founders Day Celebration is a little different this year. Proposed plan suggests: 6pm at the Cavalry church in Delran, Saturday June 10th, dinner & four speakers with varied sobriety in an ask-it basket setting. (Ask-it basket: Attendees write down questions/topics they'd like to ask the speakers. Speakers draw from the basket and answer into a microphone.) This plan isn't final and is up for discussion. Suggestions are welcome. Thank you!

Unity Chair: Jen G Co-Chair: Wendy W

unity@aaaj.org

Great turn out last month!!! At February's meeting a total of 53 groups were represented, including 3 new reps and 20 steering committee members. Wendy and I accepting any and all help as we move forward and invite "rep-less" groups to Intergroup! If you go to any meetings that do not currently have an Intergroup rep, please invite them to our next meeting in April!

Website Chair: Josh V Co-Chair: Richie M

webmaster@aaaj.org

We continue to fix and improve our new website at aaaj.org, next building/tweaking pages for submissions of events, flyers, and new meetings. Investigating issues surrounding integration with the Meeting Guide phone app. Addressing issues as they are reported. Future: email migration.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Brett R, Bruce B, Cletus C, Frank Z, Tina O

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No report

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Rich

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News from General Service Office

At NERAASA Rich P, the North East Regional Trustee for AA reported on various issues of interest.

- There has been a lot of work done on streamlining access to AA on social media and upgrading the content we have there. The goal is that when people search for "how to stop drinking" online they can find us.
- As on now the Big Book is in 71 languages around the world & further translations are always in process.
- Financially, in 2017 total revenue was \$17.7 million, with literature sale at \$9.3 million and contributions at \$8.4 million, the first time we ever broke \$8 million. Total expenses were about \$16 million leaving about \$1.7 in surplus. Contributions now cover about 82% of the costs attributable to carrying the message so we are very close to self support.

Rich P.' message is located at <http://www.neraasa.org/from-the-trustee.html>. You can review it but please don't download or post it on other sites or on any social media.

News from Area 45

