

# ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2018

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The Chairperson, Kevin, called to order the regular monthly meeting of the ABE Intergroup Association at 8:00 PM at Wesley Methodist Church on Center Street, Bethlehem.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson (Kevin: [Chairperson@aalv.org](mailto:Chairperson@aalv.org))

- A Reminder: Standing Committee Chair Elections will be held at our June meeting. If you are interested in a position, please let Kevin know.
- Rhubarb Jim's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 10am at St. Stephen's Church, 67 West Washington Ave., Bethlehem.

Secretary (Trina: [Secretary@aalv.org](mailto:Secretary@aalv.org))

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 48 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The Minutes of the March meeting were emailed to the IG Reps and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Treasurer (Janis: [Treasurer@aalv.org](mailto:Treasurer@aalv.org))

- The April financial report was provided to the IG Reps and was approved by voice vote.
- Contributions were received from five groups as well as the bookstore this month. Contributions are down this month. Please remember, if every month follows suit, we will not be able to afford existing operating expenses. We have cut way back in expenses, which has given us the present surplus; however, this requires prudent planning to disperse the funds. We would like to know what is important to YOU and how you would like it dispersed. We do not want to rush into foolish spending and our wish is to support our primary purpose.

Vice-Chair (Jim: [Vicechair@aalv.org](mailto:Vicechair@aalv.org))

- The By-Laws revision committee will have two meetings to discuss impending changes. They will be held on Thursdays, May 10 & 17 at 6:30pm at the IGR office. If you are interested in assisting the on-going revisions or have any suggestions, please make every effort to attend one or both of these meetings. The By-Laws will be distributed at the May IGR meeting and will be adopted at our June IGR meeting.
- A note on workshops: It takes a lot of effort to get a workshop together, roughly four months. It would have been a rush to have one this in the spring as we wanted, but there will be a joint IGR/GSR workshop held in October. We will have more participation from GSR if we have the workshop in the fall. We are actively working to foster our relationship with GSR. Right now, the recommendation is a Ninth Step Workshop. If you have any ideas for topics, please contact Jim.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hospitals & Institutions (Heather: [institutions@aalv.org](mailto:institutions@aalv.org))

- We had the second committee meeting this month with nine persons in attendance. Each person has an "action" item for the various commitments available in the Lehigh Valley Area. There is a plan of an H&I workshop in the future. The next meeting will be Saturday, May 26 at 10am at the IGR office; all are welcome!
- If you have any literature lying around, we can use these donations for the prisons and institutions. Just bring them to the next IGR meeting or get in touch with Heather.
- There are many opportunities to carry the message: contact Heather.

Schedules (Brigham: [Schedules@aalv.org](mailto:Schedules@aalv.org))

- If you have any schedule changes for online format (website/meeting guide app), they can be completed immediately. Printed schedules will be updated again in January 2019. Please email Brigham if you have any changes.

Telephone Service (Tom: [Telephone@aalv.org](mailto:Telephone@aalv.org))

- No report.

Public Information (Scott: [PublicInfo@aalv.org](mailto:PublicInfo@aalv.org))

- A Bulletin Board Flyer Submission handout was distributed tonight. This section of the website updates most frequently. Please make sure you are submitting your information in the correct manner for it to be uploaded to our website. Saving your flyers as a PDF is the best way to submit for the website.
- A PI update flyer was also distributed. We are looking to promote our Hotline and website. We want to better utilize the local media (printed and television) to help the suffering alcoholic. Scott explained he can very easily spend our surplus if need be, however, all the committees are trying to be prudent in decision making.
- In May, an IGR Welcome Packet will be distributed to all present IGRs and in future will be handed out solely to newly elected IGRs. This packet will contain information to better explain what is expected of an IGR and job descriptions of all the Steering Committee positions, which will in turn, help educate you prior to June elections.
- If you have any ideas for PI or would like to join the committee, please contact Scott.

Literature (Duane: [Bookstore@aalv.org](mailto:Bookstore@aalv.org))

- This position will be vacated for June elections. Duane is actively looking for a replacement that is skilled in Excel. He is willing to train whomever is willing to take over, ok.

Unity (Bryan: [Unity@aalv.org](mailto:Unity@aalv.org))

- No report.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

Fellowship (Tom)

- The Fellowship committee is talking about organizing a trip to Stepping Stones (Bill & Lois' house), where Al Anon started as well. It is a three hour trip from Lehigh Valley, so an overnight trip is also possible. Any suggestions or if you would like to join the committee, please contact Tom.

District #37 Representative (Sarah)

- A District Inventory will be completed this summer.
- In September, they will have an Open House with pizza, displays and District Officer Nominations.
- The Area 59 Mini Assembly will be held June 2 in Selinsgrove; registration begins at 9am.
- District 49 will hold the Area Quarterly Meeting on June 10.
- GSO is developing an app! More information to follow.

District #57 Representative (Jessica)

- There was a half sheet flyer distributed for "Share-A-Day", Saturday, May 19 in Ephrata, PA.
- The July 4<sup>th</sup> Alcolthon flyer is out and they are beginning the preparation for that event. If your homegroup is interested in facilitating a meeting, contact Cindy 610-417-8149 PRIOR to May 15.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trina Marie*

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Secretary