

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2018

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

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson (Kevin: Chairperson@aalv.org)

- Laura, our PI Chair has stepped down. Thank you to her for her service and we wish you the best of luck in Chicago! Due to her resignation, Chairperson, Kevin appointed Scott F. to fill the vacancy for the remainder of her term, until June Elections. This was approved by voice vote.
- Due to the appointment of Scott, there is a vacancy for Schedules Chair. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Kevin or Scott; their email is listed within these minutes. This position will also be active until June Elections.
- Kevin appointed Duane N to serve as Chairperson for the Audit Committee. They will be responsible for completing an audit of the IG Treasury. If interested in serving on this, please contact Duane.
- Welcome to all the new IGRs! We are in the process of creating "welcome packets" for new and present IGRs to explain what this position entails and how you can be of maximum service! More information to follow.
- Our IG office is getting more use, which is welcomed! If you need a space to meet with sponsees, want to visit the bookstore or take a commitment for the hotline, stop by the office.

Secretary (Trina Marie: Secretary@aalv.org)

- Roll Call: The Secretary called roll and noted 42 groups represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The December Meeting minutes were emailed to the IGRs and were approved as submitted by voice vote.
- If you would like to be included in our Monthly E-Mail Distribution List, please e-mail Trina.

Treasurer (Janis: Treasurer@aalv.org)

- The January financial report was provided to the IGRs and was approved by voice vote.
- This month, 7 groups and the bookstore made contributions. Thank you!
- The 2018 Budget was approved by the steering committee. We added money to bond the IG Treasurer. We raised the allotted amount for more workshops. We increased the budget for H&I and Public Information so more money is spent on our primary purpose, carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic.

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

- The Bylaws Review Committee will present a copy in February. Jim will hold meetings at the IG office for anyone interested in which changes were made. We hope to have our updated bylaws voted on in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Please see this month's H&I Flyer; we are in need volunteers!
- Concerns have been raised concerning "missing commitments". A new structuring of scheduling commitments is forthcoming; each month IGRs will pick commitments to take it back to their group for fulfillment. This is for hospitals & rehabs ONLY, the prisons scheduling will not change as there is no clearance requirement for institutions. It will take some time for this to be put into place but this structure IS coming! This should alleviate "missed" meetings. At present, we have 52 (rehab/institutions) commitments each month that need to be filled.
- If you are interested in volunteering at Northampton & Lehigh County Prison, see Heather for clearance forms.

Schedules (Scott: Schedules@aalv.org)

- The new 2018 schedules are here! Thank you to Duane and his crew for rubberbanding all the packets. Thank you to the IGRs for signing out schedules; this has helped us stretch 12k schedules over 9 months, creating the extra funding for H&I and Public Information, which Scott is looking forward to chairing and is looking for help to form the PI committee.
- The Schedule chair opening will be easy to walk into, as it operating smoothly; it just requires computer skills & organization to finish out the remaining three months of commitment.

Unity (Bryan: Unity@aalv.org)

- No Report.

Public Information (PublicInfo@aalv.org)

- No Report.

Telephone Service (Tom: Telephone@aalv.org)

- As always, Tom is looking for volunteers!
- Thanks to the new Hotline Meeting, he has gained more help. This meeting has had good attendance so far. Reminder, they meet every Saturday at 1pm at the IG office; all are welcome!!

Literature (Duane: Bookstore@aalv.org)

- Sales down due to snow and only 3 weeks in January.

Fellowship (Tom: Fellowship@aalv.org)

- No Report.

District #37 Representative (Sarah)

- The Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) will be held February 23-25 in Cromwell, CT.

District #57 Representative (Jessica)

- District 57 will be hosting next Area 59 Meeting on March 12, at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Allentown.

LVYPAA (Brigham: LVYPAA@aalv.org)

- Elections for Chairperson, Co-Chair and secretary will be held on Saturday, February 3 at 11am at the IG office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Steering Committee will meet at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Marie

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Secretary