

# ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2018

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

### OFFICER REPORTS:

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

- We are working on a packet for new IGRs. The purpose is to educate you more as to what being an IGR entails as well as give you information about the available standing committees that need volunteers. Once completed, the packet will be offered to those interested present IGRs as well.
- Rhubarb Jim's family just contacted Kevin; a memorial service will be held sometime in May, more information to follow.

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

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 47 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The February Meeting Minutes were previously emailed to the IG Reps and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

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

- The March financial report was provided to the IG Reps and was approved by voice vote.
- In March, contributions were received from 5 groups and the bookstore, as well as the Bethlehem Bid Committee.

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

- No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- The H&I committee consists of four persons. The next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the IGR office; all are welcome!
- Sacred Heart Hospital still has openings for volunteers to take in meetings and is our biggest need at present.
- There are many opportunities available to carry the message, please contact Heather.

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

- Brigham has graciously accepted to fill the vacancy. Please join in welcoming him as the newly appointed Schedules Chairperson.

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

- No report.

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

- Now that we have a budget for PI, we are looking at opportunities to be able to best utilize the money in carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic. Scott would like to use our best resources, our website and Hotline, to carry the message. He is looking to spread the word about these specific items to more alcoholics in the Lehigh Valley Area. We are looking to branch out from pamphlets and use more radio, television and social media. **NOTE: Every idea will be validated by GSO's "AA" Guidelines prior to being put into action!!**

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

- Reminder: Come out and join our weekly Saturday Hotline Meeting at 1pm at the IGR office! We have been getting a decent crowd and have a "remedial reading" version of the 12 & 12.
- We are getting more volunteers for the Hotline; however, Answernet, NOT an alcoholic, took five calls. How would you feel if you were looking for help and had to wait for a callback? Please come out and get involved.

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

- Low sales this month, mostly due to weather and mid-week storms. We expect business to pick back up!
- Reminder: Duane will be vacating the premises in June; we need a volunteer to fill his position. He is willing to train any interested person! Please contact him.

Fellowship (Tom)

- The NYE Dance Committee planning has already commenced!
- We are working on a bus trip to Stepping Stones, but we need volunteers to help organize the trip, including bus, hotel, and catering. Check out the website: [www.steppingstones.org](http://www.steppingstones.org) for more information.

District #37 Representative (Sarah)

- No report.

District #57 Representative (Jessica)

- Mica announced the district has formed a committee to try to get more GSRs to attend the monthly meeting, in Jessica's absence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trina Marie*

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Secretary