

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 24, 2018

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 D: Chairperson@aalv.org)

- We received the lease renewal for our office space at Westgate Mall. It is a three year term. The rent is not going up! Our office is being more utilized then it has in the past. The lease renewal was approved via the steering committee and is presently allocated within our budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.
- If anyone is interested in serving as our Unity Chair, please contact Kevin. This position is vacant.

Secretary (Trina Marie F: Secretary@aalv.org)

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

Treasurer (Janis S: Treasurer@aalv.org)

- Our prudent reserve should be between \$5,063 and \$10,125; this is three to six months of operating expenses, per our By-Laws. The reason behind this amount is because we are legally obligated to pay certain bills, regardless if group contributions are made. On the Financial Report, Operating Funds = what we have in checking and Prudent Reserve = what we have in savings. Most of this is allocated in our 2018 budget for expenses and committees.
- The July Financial Report was provided to the IGRs and was approved by voice vote.

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

- A flyer was distributed for our fall workshop. It will be "The Forgotten Steps, 6 & 7" on Saturday, October 6 from 9am-2pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, Allentown. This is a FREE event sponsored by IGR and District 37. Jim needs help for setup/breakdown and Food; Dave M. and Sue C. volunteered. Thank you!
- We are looking to have another workshop in the winter and in need of ideas, contact Jim P.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hospitals & Institutions (Jim W: institutions@aalv.org)

- We have a few commitments open, only 50% of them are actually filled.
- The next H&I committee meeting will be Saturday, August 25 at 10am in the IGR office.
- Literature Donations in both English and Spanish are needed! Please contact Jim W.

Public Information (Scott F: PublicInfo@aalv.org)

- A flyer was distributed about our "information packets". We will be reaching out via email to schools, both High School and Colleges, as well as churches in the Lehigh Valley. This email will ask if they are interested in information to hand out to possible alcoholics. They can choose one, five or ten packets, which will be mailed with a cover letter explaining who we are and how to reach alcoholics. Scott will be speaking at District 37 tomorrow night to possibly get the Districts & IGR to collaborate this effort. (Synergy)

Telephone Service (Tom R: Telephone@aalv.org)

- Tom R has agreed (once again) to fill in as interim Chair until one so presents him/herself. He will train!
- Reminder, the Hotline Meeting meets on Saturdays from 1-2pm at the IGR office. It has been going strong for six months and will be added to our schedule. They read AA literature and have group discussion on the material read. If a call comes in, the meeting halts until the alcoholic on the line has been helped!
- The AnswerNet report was unavailable prior to this meeting.

Literature (Susan C/Susan A: Bookstore@aalv.org)

- Welcome Susan squared! They are presently working with Duane to get the bookstore operations down pat.
- We are presently at 11% over Year-To-Date in sales.
- If anyone needs literature available from GSO, please let them know and they will try to get it!

Schedules (Brigham MC: Schedules@aalv.org)

- In January, new schedules will be printed. Reminder if you have any corrections, please contact Brigham.
- The new listing/flyer of temporary group closings seems to be going well. This is listed both on our website, facebook and at the Hotline.

Unity (Vacant: Unity@aalv.org)

- No report.

Fellowship (Tom L)

- The Stepping Stones trip planning has been halted. Interested parties will tag along with the already planned trip. Should you have any other fellowship ideas, please contact Tom!
- The NYE dance planning is rolling along!

District #37 Representative (Sarah)

- Their meeting is tomorrow night!
- In August, they are planning the Group Inventory.
- In September, an open house. A flyer will be coming!
- If you are interested in any of the upcoming Area events, please check out the website: <http://www.area59aa.org>

District #57 Representative (Frank / Sue)

- Their meeting is tomorrow night!
- No one has stepped up as ADCM. They are looking to fill this vacancy!

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM. Our next monthly meeting will be held on August 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Marie

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Secretary