

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2018

The Vice Chairperson, Jim, 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)

- No Report.

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

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 52 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The September Meeting Minutes were emailed to the IGRs and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Treasurer (Janis S: treasurer@aalv.org)

- The **October** Financial Report was provided to the IGRs and was approved by voice vote.

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

- Our workshop was a success with over 150 attendees! The basket was passed and we ended up in the black. The bookstore table did well. District 37 had an exhibit. If anyone has any concerns/complaints, please talk to Jim, as he is looking to improve future workshops!
- Our next workshop is slated for March/April with the topic of "Sponsorship". Jim is looking for volunteers to get this moving!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Thank you to all the individuals/groups contributing literature donations! Remember, there is a donation box available each month at our IGR meeting and 24/7 at the IGR office! There is an urgent need for soft cover Steps & Tradition books! All new/used donated literature will be used!!
- Lehigh County Prison is going very well! They are looking to start up a new program for inmate/sponsor time. Details to follow once solidified. The hope is for lower relapse rate to keep their recovery ongoing while inside. A new step meeting will be starting; hoping to use audiobooks to facilitate this. The application process has become easier; now those on parole/paper or have had a felony are allowed to take in meetings! See Jim for your clearance application!!
- Northampton County Prison administration has changed and unfortunately, a few apps have been lost. If you recently applied for clearance, please see Jim to get a new form.
- Reminder, the H&I Committee meets the third Saturday at 10am at the IGR office. The next meeting is 11/17.
- Each month we have roughly 70 meeting commitments; at present, we have roughly 40-50 of these covered. Please volunteer your time and help the next suffering alcoholic!

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

- The bookstore is doing very well since the transition from past Chairperson to our new fantastic duo co-Chairs! They loved seeing the book sales at the workshop with sponsors teaching their sponsees about literature and making purchase suggestions.

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

- Scott put out a flyer noting the upcoming homepage changes.
- Thank you to those who helped get the one thousand PI packets ready. They will be available to AAs via our bookstore. These are to be used to carry the message to potential alcoholics, as an outreach program. They are different from our existing newcomer packets, which are intended for individuals who already know/have an interest in sobriety.

Schedules (Brigham MC: schedules@aalv.org)

- At present, there are not many corrections to the printed schedule. We are looking to print and have these available for our **November** meeting. If you know of a change, please contact Brigham ASAP!

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

- No Report.

Unity (Ryan S: unity@aalv.org)

- Ryan has a plan and now needs to take action!
- If anyone has group issues, Ryan is willing to be the liaison between groups. He will be visiting meetings that have not been to IGR to get them more involved. He is looking to create a committee to assist him with daytime meetings he cannot personally attend. If interested, please contact Ryan!

OTHER REPORTS:

Fellowship (Tom L)

- The NYE dance is quickly approaching! The committee will be gathering next month see Tom.
- Serenity in the snow flyer was distributed. When this meeting is set to happen, it will be posted on our Facebook page!

District #37 Representative (Sarah)

- Election of officers will happen October 24 at their regular monthly meeting.
- Upcoming happenings: November 2-4 General Service Assembly, Gettysburg and December 9, Area 59 Quarterly Meeting

District #57 Representative (Vacant)

- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Marie

Trina Marie F.
Secretary

Our next Monthly IGR Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27.

**** 2 amendments:**

- 1 - October Financial Report was given & approved.
- 2 - New Schedules will be printed & distributed at our next meeting in November.