

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019

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

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson (Kevin D: chairperson@aalv.org)

- Save the date: we have an upcoming Sponsorship workshop on May 11.
- We have two chair vacancies that need filled: Unity & Telephone. If you are interested, please contact Kevin.

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

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 46 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The January Meeting Minutes were emailed to the IGRs and was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer (Janis S: treasurer@aalv.org)

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

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

- No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- We are presently holding 70 meetings a month and we are nearing 100% coverage! Thank you to all of our volunteers!
- Starting up a Men's work release meeting for Lehigh County Prison.
- An Inmate Sponsorship Program is being launched for Lehigh County, please contact Jim if interested.
- Jail Cans are being distributed to Home Groups for literature funds for those alcoholics freshly released from jail or Keenan House.

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

- We are thrilled to announce the bookstore now has Saturday hours from 9-10:30am!
- If anyone is interested in volunteering at the bookstore, please contact Susan!

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

- Thank you to everyone for emailing flyers to flyers@aalv.org; so far we've posted 36 flyers this year.
- The Meeting Guide App developer is transferring the licensing to GSO!
- We will be hosting a table and handing out information at Rally in the Valley on May 19 at the SteelStacks.

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

- We are looking at the possibility of changing from our Answering Service to a phone forwarding service to better serve suffering alcoholics by getting them in touch immediately with a live alcoholic rather than playing phone tag with the answering service and wasting valuable time. The product costs about \$30/month, which will save us over \$200/month and has many great items we can utilize. It will allow a call to ring up on up to 15 different phones simultaneously and the first person to answer gets to help the calling alcoholic. Please see Tom or Scott if you are interested in getting on the phone list for this trial.
- We also need to update our 12th step volunteer list – If you are interested in being on the list (both males & females needed) to speak with alcoholics who call in looking to talk to someone about getting sober and early recovery.

Schedules (Brigham MC: schedules@aalv.org)

- Schedules will be available at the March IGR meeting.
- Reminder since our schedules were printed: District 57 is now meeting at 7pm, not 7:30pm. This needs to be adjusted on schedules that are presently being handed out.

Unity (Vacant: unity@aalv.org)

- No Report.

OTHER REPORTS:

Fellowship (Tom L)

- No Report.

District #37 Representative (Melissa)

- May 4 – Pre-Conference Sharing Session in Harrisburg, PA

District #57 Representative (Vacant)

- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dave made a motion to lift the tabled motion from last month concerning the young people and ICYPAA. It was seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote. During discussion, Sarah introduced Andy & Drew as members and they brought flyers for a St. Patrick's Dance on March 16 and their officer's contact list. There was then group discussion. There was voice vote and the motion was approved to give the young people a \$500 donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Marie

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Secretary

Our next Monthly IGR Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26.