

# ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2019

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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](mailto:chairperson@aalv.org))

- Reminder: Officer Elections are coming for Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer – If you are interested, please review the responsibilities in our By-Laws and contact the presiding officer for training! Elections will happen at the end of our June meeting.
- Welcome Dan C., as our newly appointed Unity Chair!

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

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

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

- The April Financial Report was provided to the IGRs and was approved by voice vote.
- If you are sending money for the “jail can” program please be sure to clearly note this on the check so we know whether it is for H&I or is a monthly IGR contribution!
- If you have any interest of taking on Treasurer, please get in touch with Janis! She is willing to train; you only need working knowledge of Excel for reports.

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

- Sponsorship Workshop – Saturday, May 11 from 9am-2pm, here at Wesley Church. GSR has opted to not co-sponsor with us, so we will need extra volunteers! Please contact Jim!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Thank you to all of our H&I volunteers – we are up to 90% coverage but still need help! Our biggest needed area is for women at the Northampton County Prison.
- Our Inmate Sponsor program (men & women’s work release) needs volunteers! This is an excellent opportunity for service!
- If you are purchasing AA literature for H&I donations, we would appreciate soft covers, however, we gratefully accept any used/new donations! If your home group has not gotten a jail can, please be sure to pick one up to help support our literature needs. Please be sure to mark on your contributions if your money is to go to the “jail can” fund.

#### Literature (Susan C/Susan A: [bookstore@aalv.org](mailto:bookstore@aalv.org))

- Bookstore is doing well! Thank you to all the volunteers! Reminder – we are now open Saturdays 9-10am!

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

- Rally in the Valley – Sunday, May 19 at SteelStacks; we will have a table & be handing out packets.

#### Telephone Service (Dave M: [telephone@aalv.org](mailto:telephone@aalv.org))

- In May, we will be doing a trial for our Hotline, to get away from our answering service. We want suffering alcoholics to be able to speak to a live alcoholic and not leave a message for a callback. We will be using CloudPhone – every incoming call will ring on up to 20 volunteer phones at the same time, whichever person answers first, gets the alcoholic. This will save us roughly \$235/month. We do want to run this as a trial so we can gather information and work out any issues. Please see the attached flyer for further information! Please contact Dave if you are interested in being on the phone list or being a 12<sup>th</sup> step contact.

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

- No Report.

Unity (Dan C: [unity@aalv.org](mailto:unity@aalv.org))

- No Report.

## **OTHER REPORTS:**

Fellowship (Tom L)

- No Report.

District #37 Representative (Melissa)

- May 4, Hershey, PA, Pre-conference Sharing Session
- May 21-June 2. Northeast Regional Forum, Tarrytown, NY

District #57 Representative (Jen)

- No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- No Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trina Marie*

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Secretary

Our next Monthly IGR Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28.