

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 23, 2019

The Chairperson, Dave M., 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 (Dave M.: Chairperson@aalv.org)

- Dave M. volunteered to be new Chairperson.

Secretary (Rachel F.: Secretary@aalv.org)

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 36 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The Minutes of the June 2019 meeting were emailed to the IG Reps and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Treasurer (Susan A.: Treasurer@aalv.org)

- The June financial report was provided to the IG Reps and was approved by voice vote.

Vice-Chair (Bill R.: Vicechair@aalv.org)

- Introductory speech. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Jail Can program going well. 62 meetings per month are held & benefit directly from Jail Can.
- Discussed implementation of AA pamphlets in prisons.
 - Pamphlets are less expensive than Big Books. (47 pamphlets to prisoners = cost of 1 BB).
 - All pamphlets can be distributed directly to all inmates except for LCP which is stricter.
- Discussed Inmate Release packets to be given to selected inmates upon release.
- Inmate Sponsor program needs more volunteers.
- St. Luke's Behavioral Health moved to 4th & Chew, Allentown. Requirements stricter. Volunteers requested.
- See aalv.org for more details about each commitment.

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

- 7/13 - AA had table at Emmaus Community Park community fundraiser (Joseph Broccoli foundation)
- 7/16- McCann Business School event - for McCann Business school students
- Public events help reduce stigma

Telephone Service (Dave M: Telephone@aalv.org)

- New flyer - on aalv.org
- New service going very well. Tech support responsive. 18 volunteers. (7.5 hours of talk time logged)
 - Moving forward, a revolving service list is requested.
- Requesting 1 NAME PER GROUP to be on 12-step call list
- TELEPHONE CHAIR IS OPEN!

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

- Doing well. Reminder that last Saturday of month 9-10:30 needs volunteer.

Schedules (Brigham: Schedules@aalv.org)

- No report.

Unity (Dan C: Unity@aalv.org)

- No report.

Fellowship (Tom)

- No report.

District #37 Representative (Melissa A.: d37adcm@gmail.com)

- EPGSA discussed. Nov 1-3 in Lancaster. more info: area59aa.org

District #57 Representative (Jen S.: adcm.district57@gmail.com)

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed possibility of closing the Intergroup office. Office rarely used by AA volunteers — bookstore needed only approx. 5 hours per month. Property owners are demanding \$2000 increase per year in insurance coverage. Looking for ideas/locations for new bookstore.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary