

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2020

Freddy 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 (Freddy M. Chairperson@aalv.org)

- Due to last chairperson stepping down, Freddy M., former Vice-Chair, volunteered to step up to Chairperson position.
- Statement read concerning former Chairperson. Asked that comments be held until end of meeting.

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

- Roll Call: The Secretary called the roll and noted that 44 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum.
- The Minutes of the November 2019 meeting were emailed to the IG Reps and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

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

- The November & December financial report was provided to the IG Reps.
- December's year-to-date column reflects contributions & jail can donations. Proposed budget included.
- Cost-cutting benefitted AA members. Money saved by hotline changes. Fellowship & Unity combined. Jail can donations healthy - this goes directly to literature to hand to inmates/people in institutions.
- **IG Reps asked to take proposed budget to groups, and vote on it next meeting.**
- If your group contributed & it does not appear on report, please contact Treasurer.
- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO IG & TO JAIL CAN!

Vice-Chair (OPEN: Vicechair@aalv.org)

- **THIS POSITION IS OPEN!**
- It's been suggested that the previous Chairs/Officers look for a replacement when they're getting ready to leave.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS! There are approx 80 meetings with 200 volunteers. Do you want to be #201?
- H&I committee & volunteers meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month @ 10am at the Intergroup office (Westgate Mall - upstairs). Everyone welcome to join & learn about H&I service opportunities.
- Literature donations &/or donations to jail can very important to volunteers & inmates.
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! - Crea House, 1920 E. Market St., Bethlehem** (former Hogar Crea facility) now transitional living for male & female. **Looking for male volunteers for Men's meeting Sunday nights at 7.** Nice facility. Clearances required. Affiliated with LCP. Great commitment for Bethlehem groups.
- **H&I Chair position will be open soon. Contact Jim ASAP**
- 80 meetings (over 200 contacts). All organized well & ready for new H&I Chair to take over.
- **LCP men's openings - Saturday afternoon, Tuesday & Thursday nights. MEN only.**
- Pyramid & White Deer run going smoothly.
- See aalv.org for more details about each commitment.

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

- Starting in February! Literature stands to place in public areas (hospitals, libraries, doctors' offices, anywhere you can think of) are in the budget for this year. Look for flyer from November, 2019.
- St. Luke's & LVHN have been contacted.
- AA will now be listed in United Way Resource Guide.
- Website gets 2,500 original visitors every month.
- 25 flyers a month on average are being posted on aalv.org!
- District 37 CPC (Coordination with Professional Community) & Scott, our PI Rep are teaming up so there is not duplication of work.

Telephone Service (Bob L. & Sue B.: Telephone@aalv.org)

- Hotline doing very well. Phone getting answered quickly by recovering alcoholics. Still more volunteers needed to rotate monthly.
- Suggested you pass sheet around your home group & at your business meetings. Sheet can be downloaded from aalv.org. Also, more will be printed & distributed at IG meeting in February.
- About 300 calls last month. 14 people's phones ring at the same time, currently. AA members pick up within seconds. Many people have called hotline & are attending meetings.
- There is Spanish speaking volunteer as well. More welcome to volunteer.
- AA Hotline is strictly volunteer. No more answering service. Please see hotline flyer. **PLEASE DISTRIBUTE flyer/commitment sheet at your home group & bring back to IG meeting, or contact Bobby/Sue.**

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

- Bookstore doing fine
- If your group needs 10 or more books, please email Susan ahead of time so she can have them in stock for you.: bookstore@aalv.org

Schedules (Brigham: Schedules@aalv.org)

- 5,000 schedules being printed soon (down from 12,000 which were not all used) — by February IG meeting.
- Pocket cards being printed with abbreviated version of meeting list with space for phone numbers on back.
- It is suggested that when you approach a newcomer at a meeting, to bring pocket cards AND schedules to & give them choice which they want.
- **REMEMBER: YOU CAN UPDATE INFORMATION ON THE MEETING FINDER APP IN "REAL TIME"**
If groups have celebrations or anything to be posted in "temporary notes" (closures, parties, picnics, or any temporary changes) on Meeting Finder app, **contact Brigham — send an email. It's easy!**
- **OPENING for Schedules Chair soon (term up). Brigham will train beforehand. 2 years of sobriety suggested.**

Unity (Meg H: Unity@aalv.org Chair)

- New Year's Eve party went well. Karaoke, singing, dancing. Covered dish. Approx 156 people attended. \$172 profit, which was returned to IG. **A committee is being formed to help with 2020 dance. See Meg!**

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

- District 55 proposed to audit first 164 pages of Big Book: pronoun usage, passages that do not reflect present membership, specifically chapter "To Wives."
- Every spring there's a General Service conference. They all have agenda items that get voted on by the conference. These changes get passed on. If your group does not have a GSR, you will not get a vote. Conference item in 2021.
- March 8, 1260 E. Cherry Rd. Quakertown — Benner Hall. General Service Conference.
- General Service Office revamping database. When you get a receipt from GSO there is a group #. There will now be a NEW number and a "Legacy number." Either number is fine to use for now.
- Please contact District 37 Rep with specific questions.
- area59aa.org

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

- Reminder — Area Conference Preconference Sharing Session 4/5??
- NY Day Alcolthon successful. Thank you to everyone who attended & participated!
- Next event NARASSA in NH in Feb 21-23. Anyone can attend.
- Public Info & District 37 will talk about joining efforts for hospital outreach.
- area59aa.org

OLD BUSINESS:

- No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Importance of respect, patient, love, tolerance. New chairperson addition.
- No Intergroup Treasury money was taken.
- Dave M.'s name was taken off the bank account & Freddy's added.

➤ Floor was opened for questions. No questions asked.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary