

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Brigham 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)

- Brigham filled in for Freddy.
- Positions coming open soon due to rotation of service include: Vice-Chair, H&I, Public Information, Telephone, and Schedules.

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 January 2020 meeting were emailed to the IG Reps and were approved as submitted by voice vote.

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

- The February financial report was provided to the IG Reps & approved by voice vote.
- All money accounted for. No money was missing. Treasurer & Chairperson are only 2 names on bank account.
- \$400 has been reserved in IG budget for someone to attend EPGSA. IG will look for volunteer.

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)

- Going well. Had a burst of volunteers for Men's prison.
- Jail can fund doing well. Stocking up prisons (with literature). Thank you to everyone for donations.
- Thank you to all volunteers. If you know of LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY that would host a meeting, please see H&I chair.
- **THIS POSITION IS OPEN SOON DUE TO ROTATION OF SERVICE! GET INVOLVED TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT. FREE TRAINING.**
- See aalv.org or email Jim for more details about each commitment.

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

- 20,000 pocket cards printed & available to be handed out at IG & distributed to groups.
- Rally in the Valley in May — information packets (2 versions — young people/adults) will be handed out.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to put together information packets.**
- Literature stands ready to be distributed. New flyer created. If you know of a place out in the community (medical offices, libraries, religious institutions), tell your IG Rep or contact Scott to pick up a literature stand.
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Telephone Service (Bob L. & Sue B.: Telephone@aalv.org)

- Hotline doing fantastic. Almost 80 volunteers.
- Please take sheet back to home group. Pass around or announce & Bobby/Sue will get back to them. No duplicates necessary.
- If you have closings on Easter week, please contact schedules@aalv.org so hotline volunteers can tell callers if meetings are open or closed.
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Literature (Susan C: Bookstore@aalv.org)

- Bookstore doing well.
- Bookstore will be at Big Book Comes Alive weekend in April.
- Reminder: If your group needs 10 or more books, please email Susan ahead of time so she can have them in stock for you.

Schedules (Brigham: Schedules@aalv.org)

- New schedules distributed at IG meeting. 5,000 printed. (Still 1200 old schedules left). 20,000 (full-color) pocket cards were printed. Therefore, members are encouraged to approach newcomers with both pocket cards & a printed schedule in-hand. Ask if newcomer can use Meeting Guide app; if so, give pocket card. If newcomer does not have computer access/knowledge or has no smart phone, give him/her a schedule.
- Pocket cards are less expensive to print, and there are still 1200 outdated, unused schedules.
- **REMEMBER: YOU CAN EASILY UPDATE MEETING INFORMATION ON THE MEETING GUIDE APP & AA WEBSITE (AALV.ORG) IN "REAL TIME"**
If groups have changes, closings, picnics, parties, celebrations, or anything to be posted in the "temporary notes" section on Meeting Guide app, & aa Website
contact Brigham by email - schedules@aalv.org
- **OPENING for Schedules Chair soon (term up). Brigham will train beforehand. 2 years of sobriety suggested.**

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

- Volunteers working on ideas for fellowship (dances, sports, activities).
- Next month Meg will be passing around New Year's Eve volunteer sign-up sheet.
- Hellertown church available quarterly for events in the area. Email Meg if interested.

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

- Next area meeting March 8 in Quakertown. Benner Hall 1260 E. Cherry Rd. You can observe but not vote. <https://area59aa.org/event/aq2-area-quarterly-meeting/>
- Pre-conference sharing April 5. University of the Sciences 723 S. 43rd St., Philadelphia. <https://area59aa.org/event/pre-conference-sharing-session/>
- Please contact District 37 Rep with specific questions.
- area59aa.org

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

- Attended NERASSA 2020. 2021 is in Pittsburgh. Jen highly recommends this conference.
- BIG CHANGES are proposed to all wording (gender-neutral wording) and changes to first 164 in BB, To Wives chapter, Preamble, and other literature. We are all strongly encouraged to read agenda items. They can be found at: NERAASA.ORG or area59aa.org & search Neraasa 2020.
- Attend Area 59 meeting on March 8 to see what is going on. (see District 37 report above)
- District 57 has a visitation committee if groups want explanation of why having a GSR for your group gives you a voice in larger issues that affect all of AA.
- area59aa.org

OLD BUSINESS:

- Several positions rotating out. We need people to volunteer for openings. Take this back to groups. 2 years for committees, 5 years for officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A member is questioning 6 -month wait to put new meetings in schedules. With new meeting app, it may be possible to put meeting in the app right away. Ad-hoc committee may be formed to discuss/change bylaws. **IG Reps encouraged to bring this issue back to groups for feedback.**
- Lending money in AA flyer distributed. You do not have to lend money to people in AA if they ask.
- Who will attend EPGSA? (\$400 item in budget questioned).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary