

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 28, 2020

Freddy called to order the regular monthly meeting of the ABE Intergroup Association at 8:00 PM via Zoom.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chairperson (Freddy M: chairperson@aalv.org)

- Chairperson opened meeting.

Secretary (Rachel F: secretary@aalv.org)

- Secretary called the roll and noted that 26 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum. 2 more groups joined later, totaling 28. June meeting minutes and Treasurer's report approved by voice vote.

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

- IG is about \$7,000 below budget due to loss of donations (\$6,000) and \$1,000 for IG office insurance. This may affect next year's programs (H&I, PI, etc.) negatively, but for now, IG is using prudent reserve funds.

Vice-Chair (Scott F.: vicechair@aalv.org)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Schedules (Rebecca D.: schedules@aalv.org)

- **ANY CHANGES OR INFORMATION** you would like listed **on aalv.org AND** on the **Meeting Guide**, such as reopening, meeting in person, bring your own chair, bring your own Big Book, etc. - please email Rebecca at schedules@aalv.org

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

- Hotline doing "awesome"; Volunteers are awesome. Great service!
- **Please continue to ask your group for volunteers.** Currently have about 85 alcoholics signed up, and they have all had opportunity to be on call rotation (15 people per month). **More volunteers are ALWAYS WELCOME!**
- There is no answering service anymore, so volunteering for the hotline is easy and very necessary.
- **3 ways to serve: Answering hotline, transportation, 12-step calls.**
- **HOW do you get involved? Contact Bobby or Sue at the above email, call the hotline, or call or text Bobby;** volunteers have his number. He says he will get back to you right away!

Literature (Susan C: bookstore@aalv.org)

- Bookstore still open. Fully stocked, cleaned/disinfected; hand sanitizer available.

Hospitals & Institutions (Herbie M.: institutions@aalv.org)

- Herbie, new H&I Chair, will reach out to previous Chair to obtain contact information for all facilities.
- Prisons & Work Release still closed to volunteers.
- Volunteer opportunities for groups may be available soon. Contact Herbie for details.

Public Information (Betty Jo M.: PublicInfo@aalv.org)

- Betty Jo gave literature stand to her contact at Lehigh Valley Health Network. It was placed in the LVH Cedar Crest Emergency Room. More meeting cards are requested, due to the many people coming through the ER to detox. LVHN also wants 2 more stands for 17th St. & Muhlenberg locations!
- Now that places are starting to open up, you can reach out to Betty Jo if you know of a location to place the literature stands.
- Reminder — to post a flyer on the Web site, email a pdf of your group flyer to flyers@aalv.org

Unity (Meg H: unity@aalv.org)

- Group activities are not being planned, due to pandemic & IG office move, but stay tuned. In the future, IG Facebook page would be an ideal place to post activities related to group activities.

District #57 Representative (Jen S.: adcm.district57@gmail.com) area59aa.org

- no report

District #37 Representative (Melissa A: d37adcm@gmail.com) area59aa.org

- Melissa provided information on upcoming events:

July 31-Aug 2: VIRTUAL PA STATE CONVENTION:

ID: 893 9554 8481 **PW:** PAState20 **Phone:** 1-929-436-2866

August 21-Aug 23 PENNSCYPAA XXXII CANCELLED

November 13-15 EPGSA Convention and Assembly: All GSR's should attend.

This is a voting year. Open to all AA members. The convention will be a virtual event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Recap: Current rent for IG office at Westgate Mall is \$965 per month incl insurance ;\$11,580 per year. Star of Bethlehem Church (on 3rd Ave. in Bethlehem) monthly rent will be \$300/mo with insurance -- \$3,600 per year. Quite a savings!!!!
- Motion made to move IG office from Westgate Mall to Star of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Vote unanimously passed.
- We will need help moving. See NEW Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **We need a moving committee. First time to meet will be Saturday 8/15, 10am at the Westgate Mall office to decide what to move. ANYONE CAN SHOW UP! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**
 - Items that will not go to new office will be offered to home groups.
 - Don the Archivist will be offered opportunity to review and take anything relevant to AA history.
 - **Tentative move is 8/29.** We will have another IG meeting before the move.
 - **Volunteers for the moving committee should contact Freddy chairperson@aalv.org**
 - Freddy's personal email & phone # were given out during meeting to IG Reps in attendance.
- IG Rep with extensive knowledge of Robert's Rules, noted that date should be updated in recently-revised bylaws. These can be found on aalv.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

The next IG Meeting will be held (on Zoom) the 4th Tuesday, August 25, at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary