

# ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

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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](mailto:chairperson@aalv.org))

- Freddy opened the meeting 8pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Secretary (Rachel F: [secretary@aalv.org](mailto:secretary@aalv.org))

- Secretary called the roll and noted that 19 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum. August meeting minutes approved by voice vote. 2 more groups came late, bringing total to 21.

Treasurer (Susan A.: [treasurer@aalv.org](mailto:treasurer@aalv.org))

- Year to date budget analysis finds IG \$7000 behind in contributions. Please refer to Treasurer's report. This is understandable, due to Covid. Steering committee worked hard to keep expenses down. So far we haven't had to dip into prudent reserve. If your group is considering donations, we can certainly use them.
- Treasurer's report approved by voice vote.

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

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- The Bookstore opened the Tuesday after Labor Day. The space is terrific! Bright & airy; so much better than the old office. Not many sales right now, but even if you are not picking up literature, stop by to say hello & take a look at the new space.
- A Big Thank You goes out to all the Volunteers!
- **BOOKSTORE LOCATION & HOURS:** Star of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem — Room 208  
**Tues. 6-8pm, Wed. 9-11am, Saturday 9-11am**

Unity (Meg H: [unity@aalv.org](mailto:unity@aalv.org))

- Unity committee was formed to coordinate activities with members such as golf or canoeing. These activities are on hold for now due to Covid and right now, the Bookstore move was the number one priority.
- The Unity committee held a yearly New Year's Eve party, but this is another activity that is affected by Covid. Unity committee will not be holding their annual party. If, however, an individual or group is interested in planning & organizing a New Year's Eve event, Unity will gladly help you coordinate it.

Schedules (Rebecca D.: [schedules@aalv.org](mailto:schedules@aalv.org))

- There are a few changes per week being submitted meetings going on & offline, going hybrid, etc.
- Previously, an online meeting couldn't be listed on the Meeting guide app if it didn't have a physical address. The Schedules committee worked hard to get this changed, and the online meetings can now be listed as ABE area & don't need physical address.

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

- All PI literature is moved to the new bookstore. Literature stands, young people packets, meeting cards, etc.
- If you know of a place that can use a literature stand, please take one.
- Once more public places are open, Public Information can do more.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help assemble the literature stands.**
- Please note flyers attached and distribute freely. Flyers can also be found on [aalv.org](http://aalv.org) Bulletin Board.

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

- **HALFWAY HOUSE NEEDS SUPPORT!** to run meetings. Format is half-speaker, half-discussion. Must have 1 year to lead or speak.
- Pyramid in Catasauqua is doing well.
- **Pyramid in Quakertown needs support!**
- **Please see attached commitment sheet with specific days & times.**

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

- Home connect box working well. This will save lots of money compared to buying a cell phone & having to get a data package. Payment is \$17/mo compared to \$55-\$60.
- **Reps — please continue to pass the word at in-person or Zoom meetings: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** The same volunteers are being rotated over & over. You JUST have to ANSWER THE PHONE. All calls are answered by alcoholics; no longer paying an answering service. Was \$250/month. Now less than \$50 a month.
- Smart phone needed.
- Best practice: 6 months sobriety or more.

District #57 Representative (Jen S.: [adcm.district57@gmail.com](mailto:adcm.district57@gmail.com)) [area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org)

- no report

District #37 Representative (Melissa A: [d37adcm@gmail.com](mailto:d37adcm@gmail.com)) [area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org)

- 10/24 Service Workshop “Rocketed into the 5th Dimension” (Service is the Secret) <https://area59aa.org/event/district-37-workshop-rocketed-into-the-4th-dimension/> — Click on “flyer”
- Next District 37 elections are in October. Will have new ADCM soon
- 11/13-15 EPGSA — all are welcome <https://area59aa.org/event/63rd-annual-epgsa/>  
It is an election year. The panel turns over every 2 years.
- Events are listed at: <https://area59aa.org/events/>

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- none

The meeting was adjourned around 8:45 PM.

**The next IG Meeting will be held (on Zoom) the 4th Tuesday, October 27 at 8:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Rachel F.*

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Secretary