

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2020

Scott 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)

- Scott F. filled in for Freddy. We opened the meeting 8pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Secretary (Rachel F: secretary@aalv.org)

- Secretary called the roll and noted that 24 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum. September meeting minutes approved by voice vote.

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

- Five groups contributed to Intergroup, totaling a little over \$1,000. Treasurer paid security and rent for new location and for lock services (under line item improvement & equipment). Taxes needed to be paid. We are still above water, but contributions always welcome. We will be starting to look at a budget for next year, and that will reflect the most recent costs (lower rent, phones, etc).
- Treasurer's report approved by voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Literature (Susan C: bookstore@aalv.org)

- Susan A. filled in for Susan C.
- The Bookstore is temporarily closed Tuesday evenings. Closure is due to lack of groups coming in Tuesdays, a volunteer stepping down, and pandemic (not many groups buying literature). See updated Wednesday & Saturday hours below. Contact Susan if you need to make other arrangements for different day/time to purchase literature.
- **BOOKSTORE LOCATION & HOURS:** Star of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem — Room 208
Wed. 9-11:30 am, Saturday 9-11am

Unity (Meg H: unity@aalv.org)

- no report

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

- There are many changes this month — meetings going inside due to weather, meetings transitioning to Zoom. Please check Meeting Guide app or aalv.org often, as some of these changes occur unexpectedly.
- **REMINDER! — email Rebecca with changes so your meeting info is accurate!**

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

- Scott filled in for Betty Jo. They are rounding up **VOLUNTEERS for Public Information Committee**. You can contact Betty Jo or Scott. You can pick up three types of PI materials at the Bookstore:
 - o Literature stands
 - o Information packets (young people, adults)
 - o Meeting pocket cards.
- Reminder to submit a flyer, email flyers@aalv.org

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

- All meetings at Pyramid in Catasauqua are fully booked with volunteers. Pyramid follows Covid-safe guidelines & all residents are required to wear masks.
- **Pyramid in Quakertown needs men** to take in meetings. There are currently no volunteers.
- **Keenan House (men) has opening** for a volunteer to run meeting Tuesday night @ 6:15pm.
- Allentown's **HALFWAY HOUSE is looking for volunteers** m&f to run a Step meeting on Saturday nights. It could also be a speaker meeting. There is potential to run this meeting on Zoom. Please contact Herbie.

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

- Everything running well. Around 200-300 calls coming in per month.
- Reps — when you go back to your home groups and other groups you attend in-person and on Zoom, please **ANNOUNCE that HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**
- There are still 80 or 90 volunteers being rotated, but we could always use more. It would be nice to get new people involved. Explain that it's a very easy, simple service. There are 15 members receiving calls at once, so there is only a 1 in 15 chance you will get the call. If you are not able to pick up, if you are busy when the phone rings; don't worry about it...there are 14 other people who can pick it up.
- We need to be there for the sick & suffering alcoholic calling in, and this service can greatly enhance your own sobriety.
- Best practice: 6 months sobriety or more.

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

- no report (stepped down)

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

- Service Workshop "Rocketed into the 5th Dimension" (Service is the Secret) was well-attended.
- Next District 37 elections are in tomorrow, 10/28. Will have new ADCM soon (liaison between District & IG).
- 11/13-15 EPGSA — all are welcome to attend; it will be on Zoom. No cost to attend, and no hotel fees (joke). No need to register also unless you are voting. <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 at 8:34 PM.

The next IG Meeting will be held (on Zoom) the 4th Tuesday, November 24 at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

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Secretary