

ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2021

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)

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

Secretary (Rachel F: secretary@aalv.org)

- Secretary called the roll and noted that 22 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum. Minutes approved by voice vote.

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

- Budget good. We came in above contributions & no unexpected expenses.
- See report concerning prudent reserve & additional money left over. A 6-month prudent reserve is approx \$8,000. Proposing World Service contribution. More details from Vice Chair, and will be put to a vote.
- Treasurer's Report approved by voice vote.
- Any questions, feel free to reach out to Susan at address above.

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

- ABE Intergroup Update flyer was emailed out to all Reps.
- We have extra money left over after prudent reserve - \$5,700. One of the uses for this is to get the AA message out to the community through advertising.
- 2020 Contributions down half from 2019. Many cost reductions made due to change of Bookstore locations and Hotline transfer. Therefore we have money left to contribute to World Service. Also there is a proposal to spend additional money on Public Information in the form of Bus, Facebook, or WFMZ advertising. Also idea proposed to send Pocket Info Cards out to shelters, colleges, doctor's offices, etc.
- In addition to the budget numbers, World Service's A.A. Guidelines for anonymity on the Internet were sent out to all Reps to bring back to group to answer questions.
- **Reps – please take these proposals back to your group.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Bookstore just switched to QuickBooks. Bookstore & Treasury will be connected. Will make it much easier for volunteers & more accurate.
- Just got in big shipment of coins. They are available.
- All books are in except for 12&12 Hardcover.
- **Hours: WED 9-11:30 AM & SAT 9-11 AM**
These are Temporary hours – when pandemic is over, Bookstore will be open Tues 6-8.
- *Shout out to the volunteers who manned the bookstore; they took the time to learn QuickBooks, and they are very patient. The volunteers are terrific!*

Unity (Meg H: unity@aalv.org)

- Main task of Unity in the past has been to coordinate NY Eve party. Meg sent out letter to all Reps in January. Many ideas are being talked about including a comedian & a live link to ball drop in NY.
- **We'd like to get volunteers for a planning committee by July.** Please contact Meg.

Schedules (Rebecca D: schedules@aalv.org)

- Everything going well. Got another volunteer/Committee Member. If you email schedules@aalv.org, you might hear from John D. or Rebecca.
- Anticipate more meetings opening soon.

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

- Thank you to Scott & Rebecca for all their work & research on advertising with Lanta, WFMZ & Facebook.
- Literature stands still at bookstore.
- **Can still use more volunteers for the committee.** Not much is open right now, but as things open up, we will need more people to put together literature packets, keep up with flyers, etc.

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

- Rehab facilities – Catasauqua Pyramid & Keenan House Allentown are opening up. Already have volunteers, but soon will need more for Keenan House. Transitional home only Men – 1 year sobriety & Tuesdays only – need to bring in speakers.
- Jails still closed to the public.
- Thanking Susan & volunteers at the bookstore for their help. **Still taking donations for AA literature/Grapevines** – they may be dropped off at the Bookstore Wed & Sat 9-11.
- Any donations for H&I from groups can be directed to Intergroup with the

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

- **Please continue to announce the need for hotline volunteers**, at your home group. We could always need more people. Have over 100 volunteers & the phone rings constantly. We get 200-300 calls per month.
- **If we get more advertising, the phone will ring more. We'll need more of you to volunteer!**
- Hardly any calls go unanswered. Most of the time, volunteers pick up in seconds.
- Please contact Bobby/Sue by email & make sure to INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER so they can get back to you & tell you all about this invaluable service.

District #57 Representative

(Vicki M: adcm.district57@gmail.com) area59aa.org

Vicki M. is the new ADCM for District 57.

No report. They are still looking for more GSR's to attend the meetings. Only about 7 attend currently.

District #37 Representative

(Laura F: d37adcm@gmail.com) area59aa.org

Laura F. is the new ADCM for District 37.

No report. Area 59 preconference sharing sessions is ????? can reach out

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to send \$1,000 to General Service. GSO. Passed with majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers will be rotating out. Scott will be volunteering for Chair. **Need Vice Chair**. Meg thinking about Treasurer. **Secretary is available** & according to Secretary is the best job in Intergroup. Please take back to your group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel F.

Rachel F., Secretary