

**ABE INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2021**

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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 8 PM with the Responsibility Pledge.

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

- Secretary called the roll and noted that 25 groups were represented at the meeting, constituting a quorum. Minutes approved by voice vote.

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

- Shout out to the several groups who made large donations. It's always appreciated whenever groups make donations.
- The contributions came in below budget but so were expenses so all in all, we are above budget.
- Since we have money above the prudent reserve we wrote \$1000 check to World Service. Also will need to spend this money on outreach. We will be talking about it later.
- Treasurer's report approved by voice vote.

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

no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Bookstore switching to QuickBooks and getting new printer and laptop make working at the Bookstore so much better.
- Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Bookstore will be ordering new AA book "Free on the Inside", experiences of members carrying the message inside prisons and also inmates' experiences. If you are interested, please contact Susan; they're \$11.50 each.

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

- Main task of Unity in the past has been to coordinate NY Eve party. There were 250 at the last NY Eve party in 2019. As we know, 2020's party was not held.
- Meg is looking to get **volunteers** for the party by July so it can be planned ahead. First task is picking a DJ and getting a venue.
- There are several people who already volunteered to plan. **PLEASE CONTACT MEG TO GET INVOLVED!**

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

- Schedules going well. Got help to co-chair committee. Keep sending in updates. Email gets checked once a day...so turnaround is pretty quick.
- Check Facebook page for other updates. Also for suggestions please contact Rebecca.

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

- Will have table at Rally in the Valley & need volunteers. Rally will be held Sun, Sept 12 at Steelstacks.
- Literature stands & packets are still at Bookstore. If you see a public spot, sign one out. Just check back once in a while to see if it needs refills.

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

- Jails are still closed. Keenan House & Pyramid in Catsauqua are only service opportunities right now. Keenan House is Tuesday 7:15 to 8:15. Wed in Catty 7 to 8. Keenan men only but can be female speaker. Catty is female.
- Taking donations of used books for facilities like Victory House or anywhere that needs literature. Can drop off literature at Bookstore Wed & Sat 9-11.

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

- **Please continue to announce the need for hotline volunteers.** Hotline running well & volunteers are great.
- **Could use more women volunteers for 12-step call list.**
- "We are not a taxi service" but **could use different members from outlying areas to take people to meetings.** Completely optional.

District #57 Representative

(Vicki M: [adcm.district57@gmail.com](mailto:adcm.district57@gmail.com)) [area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org)

Unavailable.

District #37 Representative

(Laura F: [d37adcm@gmail.com](mailto:d37adcm@gmail.com)) [area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org)

No report. Attended but no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Need to spend around \$5,000 in extra funds above prudent reserve to reach alcoholics.

Proposed: WFMZ, Facebook ads, bus cards, and pocket cards.

Proposal 3 months on bus, 3 months on WFMZ, (this will use 50% of this excess funding) \$2300.

Vote: Majority vote. We will advertise & also look into translating into Spanish.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Any suggestions for reaching alcoholics...please reach out to IG officers or bring to the group.

We value all feedback. Can email any officers.

**Elections In June coming up soon.** If interested in seeing what service positions are open please come to 7pm Steering Committee meeting before next regular meeting. Also, you **can join committees to help reach alcoholics.**

**OPEN POSITIONS: Vice chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, Unity Chair**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

**The next IG Meeting will be held (on Zoom) the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Rachel F.*

Rachel F., Secretary