

A.B.E. Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Chairperson – Kevin M., (chairperson@aalv.org)

- 7:30 pm Called to order the meeting of ABE Intergroup at Wesley Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18016
- 30 groups were represented during Roll Call

Secretary – Darlene H. (present) (secretary@aalv.org)

- The December 2023 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Brandon M. and Pam B. (treasurer@aalv.org)

- Brandon and Pam presented the November, December and year end budget reports. Each was approved.
- The lost of group contributions for 2023 was reviewed.
- Pam and Brandon reviewed the 2024 budget proposal and the prudent reserve. The computer expenses line item was increased to cover QuickBooks.
- It was suggested that the AAWS (AA World Service) contribution be increased. A motion was made and seconded to add 50% to the AAWS contribution. Information will be shared in February about the current financial challenges of AAWS.
- There will be a final vote on the proposed 2024 budget in February.

Bookstore – Danielle J. (bookstore@aalv.org)

- Dream Host hosts the message board for committee chairs but there was some concern that it is not working.
- Danielle requested a new label maker which was approved and she will order.
- This past month Danielle, Pam and Brandon did a full bookstore inventory, cleaning, and training at the bookstore.

Unity - Dawson N. (unity@aalv.org)

No report.

Schedules – John D. (schedules@aalv.org)

- Only a small number of schedules are left. New schedules will be printed when the current amount is depleted. The printing is expected in March.
- Forward all updates and flyers and announcements to John to be uploaded to the website.
- Printed schedules can be picked up at the bookstore.

Public Information – Deb Z. (<u>publicinfo@aalv.org</u>)

- Deb recently stepped up as the new chair for Public Information.
- We will continue with Via Media (cable spots, display ads & pre-roll). Pre-roll is an ad that starts prior to seeing a video on a website.
- New, local ads will be created because all the current ads national and do not refer to aalv.org. There was a motion and a second to approve the redo of the ads to make them local.
- An example of new literature ads was shown. They can be displayed at hospitals, schools, colleges, doctor offices, etc. Deb Z. is looking for suggestions and assistance with distribution.
 Also looking for new committee members.



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Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) - John L. (institutions@aalv.org)

- No report.

Telephone Hotline – Lisa B. (telephone@aalv.org)

No report.

District 37 Jared (d37adcm@gmail.com)

- Jared spoke to the current financial challenges of AAWS and noted that finances ran into trouble in 2020 at the start of the pandemic. There was a significant loss of donations and general income. He notes there are only 2 ways for AAWS to make money sales of literature (books and Grapevine) and donations. That is why it is important to buy from the Intergroup bookstore instead of Amazon or other sources.
- World convention is in Vancouver Canada this summer.
- There is a workshop January 27 on the 3 legacies.
- The District meeting will now be in person.

District 57 – Mac E. (district57@aalv.org)

- No report

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

8:30 p.m. – Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting – February 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you for your service!

ABE Intergroup Steering Committee