



# A.B.E. Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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**DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**Chairperson** – Kevin M. ([chairperson@aalv.org](mailto:chairperson@aalv.org)); Rich H. (Vice-Chair)

**Secretary** – Darlene H. (*unable to attend*) ([secretary@aalv.org](mailto:secretary@aalv.org))

- 25 groups were represented during Roll Call
- The August 2024 Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer** – Brandon M. and Pam B. ([treasurer@aalv.org](mailto:treasurer@aalv.org))

- The proposed 2025 budget is now being drafted based on 2024 actuals.
- Brandon reviewed the prudent reserve.
- Group contributions are down slightly (\$2,000) from last year.
- Brandon presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**Bookstore** – Lois ([bookstore@aalv.org](mailto:bookstore@aalv.org))

- Plain language books will be available November 1.
- A volunteer is still needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month for 2025 (9 to 11AM).
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**Unity** – Dawson N. ([unity@aalv.org](mailto:unity@aalv.org))

- Dawson continues to work on New Year's Eve party with LVYPAA. A flyer is available. There will only be 150 tickets available.
- Operation Road Trip continues. Volunteers are needed and a flyer is available.
- The October 26 workshop was discussed.
- LVYPAA is holding a variety of events to fundraise for an upcoming Young People's conference. A pancake event on November 16 is next. The committee is looking for additional volunteers. They meet the last Sunday of the month at 1:45 at Star of Bethlehem Church.

**Schedules** – John D. ([schedules@aalv.org](mailto:schedules@aalv.org))

- Printed schedules can be picked up at the bookstore.
- Flyers for upcoming events are posted on the AALV website.

**Public Information** – Deb Z. ([publicinfo@aalv.org](mailto:publicinfo@aalv.org))

- Deb and Scott presented Public Information info at a recent job fair at Lehigh Valley mall.
- ViaMedia responses are high.

**Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)** – Tom C. ([institutions@aalv.org](mailto:institutions@aalv.org))

- Additional books were ordered for distribution at prisons and institutions. Some concerns were raised by reps that we should not be distributing Big Books in rehabs, but other members also spoke up to say that we have a role in sharing the message and we need to provide books where needed.

**Telephone Hotline** – Staten Island Bobby. ([telephone@aalv.org](mailto:telephone@aalv.org))

- Telephone service was switched over to new provider Grasshopper at a cost of \$40/month.
- There is still a need for female volunteers.
- Bob noted that he received a question about whether a transgender person should be permitted at a Women's meeting or at a Men's meeting. The consensus was that each meeting is autonomous. This is a question that is only recently arising in our area and at GSO.



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**District 37 Jared** (*unable to attend*) ([d37adcm@gmail.com](mailto:d37adcm@gmail.com))

**District 57** – Mac E, ([district57@aalv.org](mailto:district57@aalv.org))

- Mac discussed the free movie, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, on November 16 at Civic Theatre.

## Old Business

- A \$2,500 contribution to AA World Service was approved.
- An additional \$200 contribution to Public Information committee was approved.

## New Business

- Because of the \$2,500 contribution to AAWS, a motion was made to stop the ongoing \$200/month payment to AAWS. This will be voted on next month.
- The EPGSA convention is coming up in November.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting – November 26, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you for your service!

**ABE Intergroup Steering Committee**