



A.B.E. Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Chairperson – Rich H. (chairperson@aalv.org) Rich called the meeting to order with the Responsibility Pledge

Secretary – Keith H. (secretary@aalv.org)

- 31 groups were represented during Roll Call.
- The January 2025 meeting Minutes were approved with no changes.
- Motion to Approve was raised and seconded

Treasurer – Brandon M. (treasurer@aalv.org)

- Discussion and Questions about changing by-law from 6 months to 4 month
- Vote was taken and 1 opposed, 1 abstain, 29 Approved
- **Approved changing the By-Laws for the Prudent Reserve to change to 4 months**
- Proposed Budget Increases:
 - Telephone Hotline \$700 to \$1000 – \$57/month(\$684/yr) – need pamphlets/brochures etc.
 - H and I \$1,000 to \$2,000 – literature was in stock
 - Public Information - \$7,150 to \$10,000 – continue but better – PSA, Social Media/Internet. I would like to increase the number of months. Requests for literature stands etc. One program is 4 months and the other is 5 months. Would like to do 9 months for both.
 - Unity - \$1,500 to \$2,500 – Workshop(s) on Step 10(\$1000)
 - PENNSYPAA Donation - \$1,000
 - GSO - \$1000
- Discussion and Questions around the proposed changes to the Budget
- Vote was taken and 1 opposed, 2 abstained, 28 approved
- **Approved the Budget that was proposed**
- Next month we will review the finances for the first 2 months (January & February)
- GSO \$1000 from last year needs to be sent
- PENNSYPAA will request the \$1000 from Pam/Brandon before the check is written.
- Michelle PENNSYPAA Chairperson Represented the group to accept Intergroup's donation

Bookstore – Lois (bookstore@aalv.org)

- ***** Lois is stepping down in June – please inquire if interested**
- Need someone for Lois to train ASAP – start in May if possible
- Volunteers are always welcome! Especially on Wednesday.
- New prices are coming. Current inventory is the old price. Hopefully we will have all new prices updated by end of March.
- It was mentioned – is there a way to supplement the increases that are coming? That would be cost prohibitive and the costs for books are a responsibility of the individual groups.
- Come check out the Bookstore!
- Wednesday 9-11 and Saturday 9-11. Star of Bethlehem Church on 3rd avenue in Bethlehem

Unity – Dawson N. (unity@aalv.org)

- Rich represented in Dawson's **absence**
- Unable to attend – no updates at this time.

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

- This weekend was a little crazy with snow and cancellations – Thanks Becky!
- Printed schedules are available here and at the bookstore.
- New Schedule will be coming out May/June – please get any changes to us as soon as you can.
- Currently 216 meetings in the Lehigh Valley(5 Hybrid and 41 Zoom)
- We buy \$1000. John will bring the list to 2 Intergroup meetings before ordering – make sure to approve your Home Group's listing.
- There is a listing of meeting updates on AALV.ORG – meeting chair app is not always up to date.

Public Information – Deb Z. (publicinfo@aalv.org)

- Internet PSAs, Social Media PSAs, Literature Stands, Information Packets
- **Anyone interested in helping?** Public Information could use you!!
- State ID, Social Security, Background clearance is done and a Zoom call – Access to Jail

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) – Tom C. (institutions@aalv.org)

- ***We could use a co-chair for H&I – please let us know if anyone is interested***
- H&I Flyer up on the AALV.ORG Bulletin Board
- Books from Bookstore are a big help
- Could use AA people for Victory House and other places
- Big need for a coordinator for Pyramid Recovery Center for Women.
- State ID, Social Security, Background clearance is done and a Zoom call – in order to Access Jail
- Increase ask for budget is for Literature etc.

Telephone Hotline – Bobby unable to be here (telephone@aalv.org)

- Sal represented Bobby in his absence
- Please remind your home group that we are always looking for Hotline Volunteers Try to incorporate this into every meeting.
- ***Bobby is stepping down next June – we need someone to step up. Please don't wait***
- Shout out to all the volunteers – join the team and get the word to your homegroup.
- A few groups out there really responded with Volunteers – Thank you!
- Hotline Volunteers continue to go above and beyond – Thank you!

District 37 - Fred (d37adcm@gmail.com)

- Meeting 2/25 at Star of Bethlehem @Star of Bethlehem on 3rd Ave
- New GSR Orientation
- Budget Discussions – under similar pressures as Intergroup
- GSRs are supposed to take a survey that has been shared
- Purchased 200 Books to distribute – 4 big books for every group – please pick yours up if you haven't.

District 57 – Janis (district57@aalv.org)

- Flyers available at the end of the meeting for upcoming event(Emmaus Moravian Church)– Speaker from Virginia Beach
- Meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 on South Ott Street. If you don't have a GSR for your home group, please elect someone and send them to the next meeting.
- April 11th workshop on emotional sobriety in Emmaus

AREA 59 – Alex

- All Intergroup Day on March 28th in Leesport
- 10 active Intergroups in Eastern PA – hotlines, insurance, bookstores,
- Come share what ABE is doing for our area
- Food – Fun – Fellowship
- Reach out to Alex at alt-delegate@area59aa.org for more information

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Sal presented Insurance Update: Group insurance through Intergroup cannot cover outside groups at this time. This is different than what was reported previously. We are looking into this further.
 - Is there anything Intergroup to facilitate or help Groups get insurance.
 - Insurance is Premise based – ie. The church where we meet. Need to look into the Bookstore.
- PENNSCYPAA – email contact is lehighvalleyYPAA@gmail.com

Commercials – please see the website AALV.ORG and check out the Bulletins Page

Motion to close the meeting and second

Sal closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Rich adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM. - **The next meeting – March 24, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**

Thank you for your service!

ABE Intergroup Steering Committee