

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATE

Date: Wed. November 17, 2021

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm with “*Serenity Prayer*”

Intergroup Attendees: Brian C, Frank C, Bill T, Andy E, Patti S, Cletus C, Traci K, John S, Damon, Carl S, Kevin L, Karen B., Jay D, Frank Z, Pete R, Rick M, Eileen T, Ken T, Joe O, Ruthie S, Larry, Paul S, Sam P, John K, Dominick M and Vanessa J.

Trustee Reading: Patti S, Step 11.

Anniversaries: Carl S. celebrated 12 years earlier this month, Frank celebrated 26 years on 11/12.

Group Announcements:

There is a Solution group will be conducting an in-house and zoom **12 Step Workshop** on Saturday Nov 20th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the 482 Social Hall 6702 N Crescent Blvd (Route 130 North side). Materials, food and coffee will be provided at this FREE event.

The Zoom ID is: 837 0319 6020 Password: solution (all lowercase)

The workshop will be facilitated by Marin H. from the "There is a Solution" group a Big Book Step Study meeting held every Sunday 10:00 am at the 482 Social Hall. Please bring your Big Book. Thank you, Jay D.

Pete R. asked for support for the Maple Shade Thursday Night Meeting 8-9pm.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 26 S Forklanding Rd Maple Shade.

Tradition 11: Pete R.
Concept 11: Frank C.

next month Tradition 12: Bill T.
next month Concept 12: Andy E.

Chair: Brian C.

chairperson@asj.org

Many openings for Inter-Group positions; please spread the word and encourage everyone to do service. Elections are at next month's Intergroup Meeting 12-15-2021.

Vice-Chair: Frank C.

vchairperson@aasj.org

Please encourage sponsees to do service at Intergroup. It is a great way to be involved in AA.

Treasurer: Bill T.

Asst. Treasurer: Andy E.

treasurer@aasj.org

Hi all...

Come out and get involved at Intergroup. Elections in December; will seat a new Panel and Trustees, and lots of Committees will need Chairs and Co-Chairs, as well as committee members. Let this be the year you decide to step up and give back to the Fellowship.

We had higher expenses in October, as expected, but still ahead of where we expected to be at this point thanks to your Group's strong support. Please include your Group Name and Day on Money orders, as well as "Bill Pay" payments.

Stay safe and keep carrying the message! Peace... Bill T. & Andy E. ☺

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Steve M.

Co-Chair: Pete R.

answeringservice@aasj.org

Answering Service serviced 89% incoming calls. We had 109 total calls... 98 calls answered by our volunteers and 12 by Answercom.

Several time slots opened, and we are looking for volunteers.

Sunday 8-10am

Tuesday 4-6pm

Wednesday: 6-8 am and 10-12 noon

As meetings begin to open and people willing to meet others one-on-one; please continue to remind everyone that more volunteers are need for the 12-step list. Areas we need most help: Berlin, Camden, Hammonton, and Salem. We have signup sheets available for anyone wishing to take a copy to their home groups. If you know anyone who would like to be of service, please have them contact us at answeringservice@aasj.org or invite us to speak at your home group.

Steve M

Archives Chair: Rick M.

Co-Chair: Jennifer D.

archives@aasj.org

No Report; Rick and Jennifer stepping down. Thanks for 4 years of service. Replacements needed for both chair and co-chair. Contact Rick if interested at archives@aasj.org.

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@aasj.org

Bev and I held our last Bookers Meeting tonight on Zoom. We had 28 groups in attendance and filled 166 speaking commitments.

We've been honored to chair/co-chair this commitment for the past four years. Please spread the word that we are looking for two volunteers to take over. The next bookers meeting will be February 2022. It is up to the new chair /co-chair to decide if they want to have the meeting live or on Zoom, however if they continue to have it at St. Bart's and the mask requirement is still in place, it will have to be on Zoom. It's too difficult to do live with masks on.

Any questions let me or Bev know.

Thanks!

Traci K

Budget & Finance Chair: Jay

Co-Chair: Ryan K

budget@aasj.org.

The Budget will be voted on at next month's intergroup. Any questions about the budget, please contact Jay and Ryan at budget@aasj.org. Thank you. Jay

H&I Chair: John

Co-Chair: Damon

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No Report.

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Vacant

literature@aasj.org

Literature Report for November, 2021

Opening Balance	\$ 3,827.87
Deposits	\$ 2,212.55
Transfer to SJIG for Rent	\$ 200.00
AA World Services Purchase	\$ 1,664.00
Debit	\$ 18.62
Closing Balance	\$ 4,157.80

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Tim A.

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The Meeting List Committee has no changes at this time. Thank you, Kevin L.

Newsletter Chair: Nancy L.

Co-Chair: Skye S.

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Attached is a jam packed South Jersey Anonymous November 2021 Newsletter. Please distribute to your groups. Thank you to those that helped by sending in articles and other information on events. This helps make this commitment so much easier. As always, please announce at meetings that articles, poems, pictures, anniversaries, group histories, etc. are needed on a monthly basis to make this newsletter a success. Thanks for allowing us to serve and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Public Info Chair: Eileen T.

Co-Chair: Vacant

publicinfo@aasj.org

Public information continues to support IDRC. The high school service commitment is getting back into full swing again. Thank you to everyone that has helped with requesting speakers as I have had many people asking to be of service Public information needs a co chair and also will need a chair in January. I will stay on assisting and helping as long as possible but will be transitioning out at some point. This is an amazing commitment that has given so much more in return by those it has helped. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service. !

Eileen T.

Social Events Chair: Sherrill B.

Co-Chair: Chuck M.

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The Social Committee has no Events to submit for the month of November.

Sherrill B

Social Committee Chairperson

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

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No problems with the website or email for the month of October. Updated website and plugins as needed; controlled spam as was received. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID state mandated social distancing and gathering limits. Updating meetings as updates are received.

We attended Area 45s Virtual Day of Sharing on October 23, 2021 -- great turnout. Discussed with the other Intergroups how our technology/web committee has been able to help other committees and AA's in our areas find meetings during COVID; Assisted SJIG office manager with keeping the calendar up to date.

As more meetings return to Indoor, please continue to keep SJIG informed so that we can in turn keep local AAs informed of meeting options in our area. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, or hybrid), please find your meeting at aasj.org/meetings and click the ""Hosts: click here to update"" link to update your meeting so that AAs can find you easier. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown. Thank you everyone for helping us get the word out on your meeting status, so that our local AAs can find a meeting setting they are comfortable with during this time.

Please note that once your meeting is updated, it may take up to 12 hours for the AA Meeting Guide mobile app to update as it crawls AA websites around the world, hitting each AA website every 12 hours.

of Meetings: 489

of Suspended Meetings: 92

of Online* Meetings: 111

of Indoor* Meetings: 336

of Outdoor* Meetings: 11

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Anna D.

Co-Chair: Laura K.

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No Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Brett R., Patti S., Cletus C., Frank Z., Jen Ga.

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No Report.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Ken T.

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No Report.

Office Manager: Karen B.

sjintergroup@verizon.net

ICOAA Meeting 10-08-2021

Topics discussed: Seminar was great. Pricing of Literature- sell at cost or for profit? Some intergroups do sell at cost, some for 10% or 20% profit, some give discounts if there prudent reserve is at maximum. One manager did an inventory on the prices of all books and found a lot of inconsistency. She corrected the books to be consistent across the board to a 10% profit.

A lot of groups make their best profit on coins/medallions. For ex. a coin is bought at \$7.50 and sold at \$15.50, and then they don't mark up their books.

There was discussion on whether IG's send receipts/ thank you cards/letters/postcards in response to the groups' contributions. Many have found that members really appreciate this response. Some do it every time, some quarterly, some yearly. Some put the info. in their newsletter but some IG's not anymore because of dissention. The smaller groups felt it was unfair to show how much the other groups' contributed because they would like to contribute more but can't. Some don't send postcards because of anonymity. Some send quarterly statements and ask if what is shown matches their records and at end of year thank them and share what they are projecting, hoping for (contribution amount) for the following year.

There was discussion about whether any IG's do Police or background checks on their volunteers. Most do not unless required by an institution such as Prisons/Detox/Rehab.

There is new AA book out called Prayer & Meditation and one manager wanted to know what other IG's are charging. Price varied from \$9.50, \$11.00 or \$11.50.

Managers discussed whether their prudent reserves are combined with the operating budget or separate. Some were combined monies; others were separate and \$ for prudent reserve was put into CD's or Credit Union to obtain interest. One manager shared that his IG is authoritarian in that it is very comfortable with the members in their IG and do not encourage other group members to get involved. Manager is working on improving the IG's participation and its working.

10-22-2021 ICOAA NOTES:

Discussion about Literature Holiday Trio Special Sales from Nov. 1st – Jan 15th with combined discounts of 10% or 15%, can cumulatively add up to big savings.

Discussion about whether to list AA meetings with a **home address**. Some Intergroups (States) do list home addresses, others do NOT. One manager was having a problem in her area in which a **home address** remained in the “system, directory” for a long time even after the member with the home meeting moved. So the new owners kept receiving people showing up for a “meeting.”

The AA service manual was discussed in relation to who decides if meeting is listed or not? Page 42 can be helpful. There was talk of whether the office employees should be paid vs. volunteer work. Traditions state that AA intergroups can have paid office employees.

There was discussion about some meetings (California in particular) having “Invitation Only” meetings. This is because of anonymity and insurance denials if members found to be in AA. esp. actors, doctors, etc.

Old Business:

Everyone needs to **please spread the word** that all service positions in Intergroup need filling starting the new term from Jan.2022- Dec 2023.

Descriptions for each position along with time requirements can be found on the aasj.org website.

Question was posed asking about if the jump in payroll was due to employees going back to their normal full time schedules? Jay D confirmed that they are expected to go back to full time positions. Jay D is available via email for any further budget questions.

There is a Solution requested \$200 dollars for a 12 step workshop. Tom proposed motion for \$200 - motion was passed unanimously. Suggestion was made to contact district for any future requests.

If you interested in any committee please contact the committee chair for more information.

New Business: H & I will meet hybrid (on-line & in-person at SJIG office) the last Monday of each month. Carl mentioned that the QR code business cards and Newcomer Pamphlets are available and can be very helpful to newcomers. He also has Price Lists for all available literature for sale at the office. He needs a Literature Co-Chair; also needs **Volunteers** to help at the March Atlantic City Convention because it is South Jersey's turn to bring literature. PI shared that the high school presentations are going very well.

Adjournment at: 8:50 pm: with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

Secretary: Vacant

Assist. Secretary: Marie G.

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