

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Wed. February 16, 2022

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

Steering Attendees: Karen B., Joe C., Tracy S., Joanne M., Joseph M., Frank C., Patti S., Carl S., Andy E., Patty H., Pete S., Ryan K., Brian C., Jenny (volunteer), John S., Damon M., Trish L., Christian (volunteer), Cletus C., Bill T., Alex L., Pete R., Rob P., John S., Ruthie S., John K., Gary T., Charles P., Ashley A., David H., Rich M., Jay D., Keven O and Joe O. New Reps: Kevin- Welcome Home; David- TGIF; Christiana- Pen to Paper.

Trustee Reading:

Anniversaries: Andy E. Celebrated 25 years on February 7

Group Announcements: Audubon Friday night 45th anniversary on 2/25—food at 7, speaker at 8 pm.; meets in the basement now, not Calvin Hall. New Meeting BYOB study group begins Friday march 4th at 7-8 at Epworth United Methodist Palmyra. 26 S fellowship rd, Maple Shade use Helen Ave entrance grape vine discussion group 7-8pm .Welcome home meeting (Runnemedede New Beginnings) celebrating anniversary on the 28th.

Tradition 02: Damon
Concept 02: Joe C

next month Tradition03: Jay
next month Concept03: John S

Chair: Frank C.

chairperson@aasj.org

Thanked everyone for their service. Spoke with alt. delegate Wendy for some ideas on how to reach out to groups and get increased attendance at Intergroup.

Vice-Chair: Christian

vchairperson@aasj.org

Welcome to the new Vice-Chair. Thank you for your service.

Treasurer: Jay D

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

treasurer@aasj.org

It was a great month from all groups. Thanks for all the support.
3 years of sobriety to fill the vacancy for Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R

Co-Chair: Theresa B

answeringservice@asj.org

AASJIG Answering Service Committee Report

Pete says he and co-chair have sent emails out to members on the committee. Trying to ensure all time slots are filled. They are having some problems with Mail Chimp, but report stands as submitted.

Service Month : 2022

Total Calls Received for Month: 38

Total calls serviced by Volunteers: 37

Total calls serviced by Answercom: 1

Open Slot: Sunday morning 6am-8am

**Report prepared and submitted by Peter R. MS Chairman Answering Service Committee
Submitted on Feb 4, 2022**

*****There is an open Slot: Sunday mornings 6am-8am*****

Archives Chair: Damon M

Co-Chair: Rob P

archives@asj.org

Rob P has graciously offered to join the Archives committee as co-chair. We met at the office and got familiar with all the archived materials. Rob has experience with digitizing tapes so he'll start with that.

Thanks,
Damon M

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@asj.org

The Bookers meeting was held on February 3, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was attended by 32 groups and 172 speaking commitments were filled. Thank you to everyone who attended our Zoom meeting and for helping to fill every commitment needed.

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on May 5, 2022.

Bookers’ commitments are only filled at the Bookers meeting. If you cannot attend, and want to book speakers, please have someone join our Zoom meeting in your place. Traci and Beverly are looking for replacements.

Beverly Manny

Budget & Finance Chair: Ryan K **Co-Chair: Vacant** budget@asj.org.

Based on January's Treasurer's Report, SJIG is well under budget so far. The two main reasons are that a) it's only the first month and a lot of the expected expenses haven't come out yet, and b) Group contributions were way higher than projected. This might just be because it's a new year and groups are all doing their splits at the same time.

Volunteer Jen would like to be co-chair for budget and finance. Ryan will talk to her after meeting.
Ryan K.

H&I Chair: John S **Co-Chair: Vacant** handi@asj.org

Attendance at last month’s meeting – at or above 20 groups/individuals. Next meeting is Feb. 28th at 7pm. Hybrid or in-person (at SJIG office). Please spread the word that H&I is operational.

Literature Chair: Carl S. **Co-Chair: Joe C** literature@asj.org

Literature Report for February, 2022

If you’re planning on being at the Annual Area 45 Service Convention in Atlantic City this coming March, consider helping out at the Literature Table by volunteering for a 2 hour shift or to help set up Friday between 11 am and the 2pm Convention opening.

Opening Balance	\$ 5,656.06
Deposits	\$ 2,348.05
Debits	\$ 1,640.59
Closing Balance	\$ 6,363.52

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L. **Co-Chair: Vacant** meetinglist@asj.org

There are no updates for the Meeting List Committee at this time. Thank you.
Kevin L

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Bill T

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Hi All,
Attached is the February 2022 Anonymous Newsletter.
Submit by 03/11

In Loving Service
Clete & Bill

Public Info Chair: Trish

Co-Chair: Eileen T

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. We continue to work on scheduling schools for various speaking commitments and several have asked us to speak at the school's assembly. We hope to share Public Information's message to as many young people as possible. We also need volunteers to assist with distributing literature to public venues. Please contact Public Info if you would like to do service.

Thank you
Eileen T
Trish L
AA Public Information

Social Events Chair: Joanne M

Co-Chair: Tracy S

socialevents@aasj.org

No Report, still learning about position. We are brainstorming events right now. Says she's been contacted by other groups in North Jersey to perhaps do a joint event.

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

tech@aasj.org

No problems with the website for the month of January 2022. Our IP landed on a few blacklists, still working to a complete resolve. A likely cause is the use of emails where there was no subject or body when sharing attachments. This has caused recipients on comcast.net and outlook.com not receiving committee emails. Our web host is still working to restore our reputation. They, Hostwinds, are partially to blame as some of the blocks have us blacklisted for the network we are part of. Updated website, plugins, security 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.

Continued thanks to all of our groups for keeping us updated of your meeting format changes. Many meetings are still adjusting formats as we manage COVID. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, online, or hybrid), please find your meeting at <https://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. 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: 498

of Suspended Meetings: 90

of Online* Meetings: 116

of Indoor* Meetings: 336

of Outdoor* Meetings: 8

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Vacant

unity@aasj.org

No replacement yet. As of right now Trustees will continue to handle.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Patti S Jen G Andy E Joey H Joe M.

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Hello everyone!

We are pleased to announce that we have filled the 5th trustee position. Joe M. has joined us and was voted in at the last intergroup business meeting.

Thank you Joe!

As this year progresses, we look forward to taking a look at the By-laws and updating as necessary. Once completed, we will bring to the Steering Committee and then to the Intergroup business meeting for your review and approval. We do not have a time frame yet, but once we get started we will be able to assess how long this may take.

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
SJ Intergroup Trustees

Area 45 Delegate: Ken T.

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No Report.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M.

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Hi, I'm Wendy, and I'm an alcoholic. January has started to be a great first month of working with each Intergroup. I'm learning a lot and hoping to pass along as much information as possible from our Area and other Areas.

1. If you do not know, the Grapevine has a new book published, called Free on the Inside. Its 50 stories of those who got sober or stayed sober behind bars. You can order that book or any other book from the Grapevine and receive free shipping in February.
2. As you may have heard at the last General Conference Committee, there were two action items concerning our beloved Big Book. One is that they are in the works of creating an abridged Simple Language Big Book. The simple language Big Book is considered a translation similar to translating it to another language. They also voted to start a 5th Edition Big Book. AA creates new editions of the Big Book every so often, not to change the first 164 pages, but to update the stories in the back to ensure that they reflect the current fellowship. And although a call for stories has not been sent out to our fellowship yet, I believe that it will be in a similar fashion as it was in 1997 when we did this for the fourth edition. I will attach Box 4—5-9 to my report if the Secretary can send it out with the minutes that explain the process of receiving new stories and the importance of why we do it.
3. On February 20th, please join us at our 1st General Assembly of the 72nd Panel. We will be having an emergency election for Area Secretary and voting on a Hybrid budget. Please pass the word. You can find the Zoom ID and log in here: <https://www.snjaa.org/district-calendar/2022/1/20/area-45-winter-assembly-virtual>
4. If you have not heard, NERAASA 2022 is in Pittsburgh from February 25th to 27th. It is a beautiful learning experience for anyone in service, and I started to attend them when I was Intergroup Chair 14 years ago. I encourage you to get a group of trusted servants and join us. The website to register. and find out hotel information is <https://www.neraasa.org/>
5. And finally, on March 18th -20th is the Area 45 Convention. I encourage all to register now if you plan on staying at the hotel, as they have had to open up a new block of rooms and will probably go just as fast. You can register here: <https://area45convention.org/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy M.

Area 45 Panel 72 Alternate Delegate

Office Manager: Karen B.

sjintergroup@verizon.net

18 Participants

Mangers spoke about the Big Book hard copies being on back order. However, one Inter-Group in Detroit, Mi did receive all 200 they ordered.

There was discussion on assisting others (callers) as Office Manager vs. AA member. Some Inter-Groups are stricter than others with traditions. For ex., recommending half-way houses and Inpatient Treatment Centers/Rehabs is ok for some States; we however, do not make recommendations on outside issues, other than AA.

I brought up issue of literature orders being delivered to wrong places and asked if GSO uses strictly Fed-Ex as a carrier? One manager stated that Fed-Ex has been the best for his office, but they do use other carriers too (smaller companies). They suggested sending the problems/issues to GSO w/documentation and pictures, as they do like to get this information.

Old Business:

Spotlight on committees—the committees that will be “under the spotlight” for February’s meeting will be Archives and Budget & Finance. “Archives is preserving the past and keeping the present.” We want to document the times of Covid for future generations. We will try to preserve the cassettes and cd of speaker tapes. Obtain group histories. We are brain storming ideas of Old Timer Workshops. Budget and Finance was unable to attend. They will take March.

Vacancies that need to be filled: Assistant Treasurer, Unity Chair and Co-Chair, Booker’s Chair and Co-Chair, H&I Co- Chair, Meeting List Co-Chair.

New Business:

Karen would like a stamp with the new address for 7th tradition submissions for GSO, so she can update documents in the Unity packages she’s put together. Karen made a motion, all in favor. Cost will be between 20 and 40 dollars.

Frank C. – Discussed ways of generating more attendance/involvement in IG with alt.delegate Wendy. He suggested sending out committee reps to meetings that haven’t been coming to IG. (Unity used to do that.) Wendy suggested to do that and with digital meetings—looking for volunteers (7), would need to go to 4 meetings on the day of their choosing.

Patti says it's a good idea. Cletus says if you can find 14 volunteers they can work in pairs. Says it will keep them accountable. Frank C. says think about this tonight and talk about it next week at IG meeting. He would help build this team.

Bill T. adds newsletter is looking to build a committee rather than 2 people.

Carl—New Meeting March 4th, Friday at 7pm in Palmyra. "Bring Your Own Book" study group.

Joe C. – the newsletter did a nice job with fellowship announcements/anniversary meetings. He was happy to see them back.

Jay- "What's holding us up from publishing a new meeting guide?"

Frank- "My understanding is that the changes are still coming in rapidly. The concern is that they will be outdated by the time they reach people."

Christian B elected Vice Chair by majority
Joe M elected as Trustee by majority

Adjournment at: 8:17 pm: with the *"Declaration of Unity"*

Secretary: Alex L

Assistant Secretary: Patty H

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