

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Wed. March 16, 2022

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

Steering Attendees: Karen B., Christian B., Frank C., Trish L., Brian L., Ryan K., Clete C., John S., Kevin L., Jen G., Andy E., Jennifer H., Tracy S, Jay D, Alex L, Patti S, Pete R, Damon M, Bill T, Eileen T, Wendy M, Laura K, Ruthie S, Dan F, Cecilia D, Brian B, Charles P, Ashley A, Larry, Paul S, David H, Keven O, Joe O and Frank M.

Trustee Reading: Patti S.

New Members: Paul (Chews Landing); Jim (Mount Laurel Masonville); Kristin (Such Unfortunates); Cat M (How Did I Get Here?); Brian (Cherry Hill Young People).

Anniversaries: None

Group Anniversaries: Masonville 32nd Anniversary- May 23rd- Food/Fun/Fellowship at 6, speaker at 7; Collingswood Early Risers 15th Anniversary- Saturday April 16th 7am.

Group Announcements: “There is a Solution Group” at 482 Social Hall is having “Comedy Night” on Saturday April 9th at 8:30pm.

Tradition 03: Jay

Concept 03: Frank C

next month Tradition 04: Patti S

next month Concept 04: Cletus

Chair: Frank C.

chairperson@asj.org

No Report. Frank welcomed Christian (vice chair) and Joe (new trustee). Attended Area 45 meeting and it was filled with good information. They elected their new secretary.

Vice-Chair: Christian B

vchairperson@asj.org

I am looking forward to serving South Jersey intergroup. I also look forward to establishing a good working relationship with the groups we represent, our committees, their chair people, and the panel. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome. I am very grateful to be of service and am looking forward to serving with you all! - Christian B

Treasurer: Jay D

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

treasurer@asj.org

Hello All,

The Treasurer's Report for Feb 2022 is in the red for the month of February (\$336.01), but year-to-date is in the black for \$810.08.

When submitting Group contribution checks, please include your group's AA number and phone number in case we need to reach out.

In addition, all L.I.P.S contributions should be mailed to: Area 45 (LIPS), PO Box 3724, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Thank you again for your service! Jay D

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R

Co-Chair: Theresa B

answeringservice@asj.org

Answering Service Committee Report February 2022

Total calls received = 53

Total of calls serviced by Volunteers = 41

Total of calls answered by Answercom = 11

Report Submitted by Committee Chairman Peter R.

Archives Chair: Damon M

Co-Chair: Rob P

archives@aasj.org

Archives are looking for Personal Histories, Homegroup Histories, and Covid Adaptation Stories.

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@aasj.org

No report from bookers. We are still looking for two people to replace Bev and me as Chair/Co-Chair.

Budget & Finance Chair: Ryan K

Co-Chair: Jennifer H

budget@aasj.org

Hi all,

As Jay said, we are in the red for the month but in the black for the year so far. Our group contributions are 16% above budget, committee expenses are 80% below budget, and office expenses are 41% below budget. These are the main factors contributing to our surplus.

Ryan added that any committees that don't know what their budget is can contact him.

Question from Joe C. – are the budgets on the treasurer's report? Andy says they show up on the report if they spend money and also on the annual budget.

Question from Theresa—wanted to know if she could be involved on H&I committee. John S. asked her to contact him.

Jennifer H is new Co-Chair.

Thanks, Ryan

H&I Chair: John S

Co-Chair: Brian L

handi@aasj.org

H & I continues to try to rebuild and expand. We have secured commitments at Pinelands again and should have an additional 3 facilities for March's meeting. We also have recently opened a new email to facilitate communications between Reps & the Committee. Going forward all communications should be directed to: southjerseyhandi@gmail.com.

If Intergroup Reps could please relay this information to their home groups that would be greatly appreciated. If they could also have their H & I reps email that address so that I can make sure they are included on the email chain that would also be greatly appreciated. I apologize to those who did not receive last month's email and invite. As always, thank you to everyone who helps to spread our message of Experience, Strength and Hope to those just getting sober!

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Joe C

literature@aasj.org

Literature Report for March, 2022:

Opening Balance	\$ 6,363.52
Deposits	\$ 440.82
Debits	
Transfer to SJIG, Rent Feb, 2022	\$ 225.00
Grapevine Books Purchase	\$ 565.25
Other	<u>\$ 170.97</u>
	\$ 961.22

Closing Balance \$ 5,402.30

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Vacant

meetinglist@aasj.org

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

Question from Theresa—says she has gotten calls on answering service from Ocean City group and they are wondering why they are not on the meeting list app. Frank said that's a different area, it is Cape Atlantic. They may have called the wrong intergroup.

Karen says she can tell them to go to “resources” on our aasj.org website, and it lists some of the intergroups in our area for example, Cape Atlantic, North Jersey, etc.

Question about what areas, towns are in our SJ Intergroup?

Andy explains how meeting guide app. works and there was more discussion.

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Bill T

newsletter@aasj.org

Hello All,

The deadline for April's Newsletter is April 15th.

All the best
Clete and Bill

Public Info Chair: Trish L

Co-Chair: Eileen T

publicinfo@aasj.org

Public Information continues to support IDRC. We are working with several schools in the area, in hopes to bring the AA message and resources to as many young people as possible. Schools are contacting us to attend more as the Covid restrictions ease. This work avails great service opportunities through speaking commitments for those in AA to share their experience, strength and hope. There is also a need for volunteers to distribute AA literature to public venues. Please contact Public Information if you or anyone you know would like to do service. Thank you, Trish L.

NOTE: Trish says they have many speaking commitments during the day, and they need speakers. John says he'll bring that up at the next H&I meeting.

Social Events Chair: Joanne M

Co-Chair: Tracy S

socialevents@aasj.org

Social events has been brainstorming & receiving suggestions about events & started recruiting volunteers.

Joanne

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

tech@aasj.org

No problems with the website for the month of February 2022. IP email blacklist problem resolved. 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.

As COVID restrictions are changing and we approach warmer weather, please keep your meeting listings current on our website, [https](https://aasj.org) and the A.A. Meeting Guide App. 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 as we have it. 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: 89

of Online* Meetings: 112

of Indoor* Meetings: 338

of Outdoor* Meetings: 8

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Vacant

unity@aasj.org

Discussion about what the Unity Committee does. They work with IG reps, do not do outside events. The sobriety time requirement for Chair position is a "soft" two years.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

trustees@aasj.org

No Report.

Area 45/SJIG Liaison—Delegate

Delegate@snjaa.org

No Report.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M

altdelagate@snjaa.org

New Secretary is Jean W. Area mini conference is April 3rd at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin or on Zoom. Some topics include: "Homegroup, Where it Begins", 12 & 12 (do we add a historic disclaimer or handle proposed changes via footnotes? A discussion of whether the change (that happened at last year's conference) to the Preamble added unity or created division? The possibility of taking out the phrase "lustful enough to rape" and changing "opposite sex" to "partner"; moving the Doctor's Opinion to Page 1 in the Fifth addition of the Big Book.

Office Manager: Karen B.

sjintergroup@verizon.net

I purchased candy and water from BJ's. I used my family's membership card but maybe SJIG should have their own membership card?

I scheduled the fire department for our annual inspection and our bi-annual inspection for the fire extinguishers. They will come sometime in the week of March 14th for the latter and April 5th between 1:00pm and 3:30 pm for the former. I will be here. I also received both stamps and ink pads for the GSO 7th tradition new address. This is very helpful.

Can people who have to come to AA due to DUI's but don't think or say they are alcoholics contribute to 7th tradition or not? One office Manager said they told students attending their meetings to please don't contribute to 7th tradition but it was ok for them to bring snacks.

There are still issues with literature and grapevine. SEPIA (Philly) is having problems with getting literature, but the Midwest States seem like they have better success with getting their literature. Big Books (B01) are not available on-line as of today. One OM placed an order with Grapevine, payment sent 4 weeks ago and order did not come yet and no answer (answering machine only and no return call) at Grapevine. Another state had problems with getting literature brought upstairs. GSO or WSO was contacted and problem resolved. OM encouraged that WSO strongly wants to know this information because they are paying for this delivery service and it should go to correct location. I shared our incident last month with literature left outside in the rain/snow.

Mike from Kansas shared strong feelings about WSO offering sales on literature. He feels that AA is not a customer but an owner. If WSO can offer sales then why not just reduce cost? Running like other businesses doesn't seem suitable for AA.

There were questions and discussion about meeting directories: what do you include Zoom and/or in-person meetings only? Are you printing now? Some states are, some not. One state has many members wanting the printed AA meeting list (elder members who are unwilling or can't use technology), so they continue to print it.

Old 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 alternate 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 also with digital meetings—looking for volunteers (7), would need to go to 4 meetings on the day of their choosing.

New Business:

Karen—wants to purchase a BJ's membership card for SJIG which is \$25.00 per year, to buy candy/and water at reduced prices (in bulk). There was discussion and then a Motion made and passed.

Andy mentions email address for Area 45 alternate delegate is not correct on steering report. Karen will fix.

Adjournment at: 09:15 pm: with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

Secretary: Alex L

Assist. Secretary: Patty H

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