

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATE

Date: Wed. April 20, 2022

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

Steering Attendees: Joe C., Carl S., Karen B., Christian B., Frank C., Ryan K., John S., Jen G., Theresa B., Andy E., Joanne M., Jennifer H., Tracy S., Traci K., Patti S., Beverly M., Bill T., Pete R., Patty H., Cletus C., Eileen T.

Trustee Reading: 4th step reading

New Members: Kelly from Sheets, Steve from Hemmingway Group, Mary from Wednesday Women’s Big Book meeting, Mike from Folsom Literature, Patrick from Medford Central Facts Group

Anniversaries: Frank C. had 9 years on April 2nd.

Group Announcements: Saturday Men’s Early Risers Group is celebrating its’ 15th year Anniversary on 04-16-2022 at 7AM .There will be 2 speakers, light breakfast to follow. 710 Collings Avenue, Collingswood NJ. YMOM’s 11th Anniversary 5/19/2022 @ 7PM. Tansboro 5/1/22 @ 10AM.

Tradition 04: Patti S

Concept 04: Cletus

next month Tradition05: Charles

next month Concept05: Ryan

Chair: Frank C.

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Thank you to the panel and committees for another great month at SJIG!

I attended the Area 45 mini-conference on April 3, 2022, with other representatives of SJIG. The Area panel explained how recent changes to the preamble and 12 & 12 were proposed, voted on and made at the last General Service Conference. Exhaustive discussion followed with all attendees. If you'd like more information, please reach out to me directly or to your group's GSR, if they attended.

Vice-Chair: Christian B

vchairperson@aasj.org

Thank you all again for a welcoming first good month of being of service to everyone. - SJIG Vice-Chair, Christian B.

Treasurer: Jay D

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

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We continue to see the strength of group contributions. For this month, we included Group totals from Jan to March 2022. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to send an email. Again, thank you for your incredible contribution to South Jersey Intergroup!!

Jay D SJIG Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R

Co-Chair: Theresa B

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Total Calls received in March 2022	115
Calls serviced by Volunteers	93
Calls received by Answercom	23
Percent of calls serviced by volunteers	= 80.86%
Percent of calls serviced by Answercom	=20%

The revised 12 Step call list has now been finalized. A copy of the new 12 step list has been forwarded to my Co-Chair Theresa B for her review, and distribution to the members of the Answering Service committee. We now have two Spanish speaking volunteers on the 12-step list. We would like to advertise in the newsletter for individuals who are foreign language speakers who would be willing to volunteer their talent to the members of the Answering Service committee. Of particular interest are individuals who speak Ukrainian, or Russian. The President announced that the United States would be accepting 100,000 refugees from the Ukraine, and while it is impossible to know where these individuals will settle; it is our position that we would like the Answering Service committee to be prepared if we may need a foreign language speaker. Remember that our Fellowship exist around the world.

Received E mail from Sara L, Assistant General Manager for Answercom requesting updated contact information for the answering service. The Chair replied to the e mail and provided both the Chair, and Co-Chair contact information to update their records.

I have retained a copy of the original e mail in my Answercom folder, which I have created in Outlook, and have also created a MS word document containing the same information for my records, should I need to reach out to her.

Report Submitted by: Peter R. Chair and Theresa B. Co-Chair of Answering Service.

Archives Chair: Damon M

Co-Chair: Rob P

archives@asj.org

Few projects in the works:

Digitizing speaker tapes.

Organizing and protecting meeting lists. (We have some as far back as 1975!)

Put out a flyer to spread the word that we are looking for group, personal, and COVID histories.

Thanks, Damon M Rob P

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

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BOOKERS REPORT- The next bookers meeting will be held the first Thursday in May. It will be in person at St Bart's starting at 8 PM.

Budget & Finance Chair: Ryan K

Co-Chair: Jennifer H

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Not a whole lot to report for the end of Q1. Payroll taxes are going to be way over budget, but group contributions more than make up for it. Committee spending is 72% under budget so far as well. On our current track, we would have a \$9,000 surplus by year's end.

Ryan question—at what point in year does he start working on budget for next year? Andy says it's up to him. He will have numbers for Ryan in July and September.

H&I Chair: John S

Co-Chair: Brian L

southjerseyhandi@gmail.com

Hospitals and Institutions continue to reestablish its presence after Covid. Maryville Post-House and Williamstown remain closed to H&I. I recently received word that Ancora and Jefferson Hospital are reopening to have outside speakers so those commitments (and more) will be back on the list for April's H&I meeting, held on the last Monday of the month (4/25) at 7:00pm.

This meeting is both hybrid and in person at the Intergroup Office located in Pennsauken. I encourage all Intergroup reps to help spread the word that H&I is active. At last month's meeting we had over 20 representatives from Home Groups present and filled all available commitments.

I also attended the Area 45 mini-conference and coordinated with the Area Corrections Committee as well as with Central Jersey Intergroup's H&I.

Thank you all for helping to share your Experience, Strength, and Hope to the newcomer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the end of the month!

NOTES: Says Maryville is open again and will be contacting H&I reps. We have Jefferson Hospital and Ancora and possibly two other commitments. We had 22 members attend last month's meeting. Patti S. asked to be put on the email so she can get commitments. southjerseyhandi@gmail.com is the email address.

John S
H&I Chair

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

Two New Grapevine Books now available: “**Free On The Inside**” comprising powerful stories by sober AA members of who have experienced AA in prison and “**Prayer & Meditation**” which features compelling stories of AA members and the many ways they daily pray and meditate. Also new from World Services we now have “**A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey.**”

Opening Balance	\$ 5,402.30
Deposits	\$ 2,519.26
Debits	\$ 3,274.67
Closing Balance	\$ 4,646.89

Expenses were higher this month due to our service at the Area 45 Service Convention in Atlantic City. Sales at the convention were brisk; we did over \$1K in sales.

Thanks to all the folks who took 2 hour shifts to volunteer at our convention table. (Some of them more than once!!) Special thanks to my co-chair, Joe C., whose tireless effort and sustained support through all phases of the endeavor, made our showing at the convention a success.

Joe C. comment—thanked Andy for helping out at the convention.

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.

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Bill T

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The April Anonymous Newsletter is out.

Public Info Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Eileen T

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Public Information continues to support IDRC. Since school mandates have lifted, we have been able to attend more programs at local schools. We are helping students become aware of where to turn should they need help.

We are in need of people to assist in distributing literature to public venues. Please contact PI if you can do this service.

Trish will continue scheduling and coordinating IDRC and we are in need of some help with Public Information.

NOTES: Eileen is still looking for a chair so she can move on to another commitment.

Thank you, Eileen T.

Social Events Chair: Joanne M

Co-Chair: Tracy S

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Our 1st planning meeting went well. No events are scheduled yet.

We are not a glum lot! We absolutely insist on enjoying life!

NOTES: Tentative plans for a Kayak trip in June, also working on Gratitude Dinner/Dance, also planning something for Founder's Day. Also looking for a location for a summer picnic, possibly in July. May set up Venmo for people to buy tickets to events.

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

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No problems with the website for the month of March 2022. Updated website, plugins, security as needed – controlled spam as was received. Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID. Updating meetings as updates are received.

As COVID restrictions are being lifted and Spring is here, please make sure your meetings are current on our website <https://aasj.org/meetings> 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: 499

of Suspended Meetings: 87

of Online* Meetings: 105

of Indoor* Meetings: 346

of Outdoor* Meetings: 9

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Vacant

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No Report.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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No Report.

Area 45/SJIG Liaison-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. It's been another busy month for Area 45.

Since I was here last; the following events have taken place:

1. The Delegate, myself, and the past Delegate visited Sturbridge, MA attended NERD. The North Eastern Regional Delegate Conference. The purpose of NERD is to allow the current delegates and alternate delegates the opportunity to speak to those who had direct experience going to General Service Conference. While there, we did also attend a fantastic workshop on how the Concepts come alive during the Conference. Just as valuable was the discussion in the hallways between the meetings and meals.

2. Next, all hands were on deck during our Area 45 Convention, a fantastic event with fantastic speakers and workshops. During the convention, the Area 45 panel had the opportunity to be of service and help register for the first two hours of the convention and our North Eastern Regional Trustee. We also had the fun of sitting with the banquet attendees, allowing us to put on a fun skit. We also talked to people about the mini-conference.
3. This leads me to thank those who were able to attend and participate in the mini-conference virtually and in person. Small groups comprised of individual members, GSRs, DCMs, and panel members took part in lively discussions on the changes in the 12&12, possible changes in the Doctor's Opinion, and the change of wording in the preamble. All the discussion was scribed and given to the Delegate for his careful review of what the overall consensus was in Area 45.
4. The next upcoming event, the Spring Assembly held on May 15. This will be a hybrid event so you can join us via Zoom) the Meeting ID is 84474552253 - P/W: May45) or in person at Elmer Grange, 535 Daretown Road Elmer, NJ, 08318. If you want to know what the results were of the topics of the mini-conference, I ask that you attend this meeting so that you can bring the collective group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous back to your groups.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy M. Area 45, Panel 72, Alternate Delegate.

Office Manager: Karen B.

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No Report. Karen asked John to let the tech committee know about changes to his committee's email address.

Old Business:

Carl mentioned that World Service is looking for story submissions for the 5th edition of the Big Book, a 4th edition Spanish book and also a version for black members of AA. Frank says they could put something in the newsletter and get the word out in other ways, make an announcement at Intergruop. Bill T. of Newsletter committee will make sure that is in next edition.

New Business: None

Adjournment at 9:12: pm: with the *“Declaration of Unity”*

Secretary: Alex L

Assist. Secretary: Patty H

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