

**Harrisburg Area Intergroup**  
**1251 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg PA 17104**  
**4 / 2 / 2020**

**APRIL 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting opened at 6:30**

**Call to order:** Serenity Prayer

**Role:** 4 officers (*actual headcount*)

- 10 Groups Represented (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 10 Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 2 Group Alternate Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- 8 Other than Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)

**New Reps Present: none**

**Tradition 4 Review**

“With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub.”

These severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience."

Do we follow healthcare and government guidelines?

**Secretary Report / Meeting Minutes:** *Ciera*

✓ Minutes Accepted

**Treasurer's Report:** *Dick*

- \$1,865.00 - \$555.00 in checks that he got from the mailbox and from his file but they have not been deposited yet - so we have \$2,424.00 → paid up to date on all bills up to March 31st -- no April payments yet, but will be paying \$425.00 in rent -- today or

tomorrow there will be an online charge from ATT and he needs to pay one bill to AA for Literature -- 1379.91 total in outstanding bills

**Chairperson's Report:** *Kevin*

- Happy everyone is here and thanked everyone for adapting to zoom for our meeting - will need to discuss if Intergroup is going to have their own zoom account

**Committee Reports:**

**Central Office:**

- TMTL group has hotline now

**Literature:** *Joyce* **\*SEE ATTACHMENT - Literature Intergroup Report**

- No sales since the last Intergroup
- Total inventory 4481.86

**Sobriety News:** *Jose & Rod*

- Lots of emails - events and meetings being cancelled and then the last few days they have been updating the website to show the zoom meetings - created 2 separate pages on the left side of the navigation bar on the website - all local online meetings are listed
- They are also sending a safety guideline sheet for zoom to help warn people of the 'zoom bombing' that is happening -- \*\*will be included in minutes as attachment\*\*

**Public Information:** *Patrick*

- Reached out to two of the local billboard companies to get some price info to see if they have a need for nonprofit write offs
  - Someone advised it is a good idea to hold off on any extra expenses due to 7th Tradition money not coming in like normal due to meetings being closed - PI advised they are just gathering information for future

**Corrections Facilities:**

- **Mandi - Dauphin Co Womens** - We have no report to give except that we have been restricted from entering all of our facilities since the beginning of March.

**Treatment Centers:** *Jose A.*

- Katy - ADCM - set up a zoom for Evergreen facility - he is assuming that they requested it but did not get into further discussion with her

**Activities:** *Norm S.*

- They cancelled activities, starting with the Comedy Show
- Also cancelled Open Mic Night and the dinner upcoming this month

- Did not cancel the picnic yet as the pavillion is paid for - have it for Sept and October as well - all is paid for, but unsure what they are going to do, will need to wait and see
- Someone suggested that maybe we can get creative and have a concert or something like that

**Accessibilities:** Keegan

- Grapevine is providing their online grapevine for free right now due to everything

**Finance Sub-Committee:** Kevin **\*SEE ATTACHMENT - HAI Budget Sub Committee Report**

- Has not updated budget due to everything going on

**District 36:**

- Meeting is cancelled this month

**Cumberland Corrections:**

- **Ashley - Cumberland Co** - also have not been allowed in the facilities

**Unity:** Patrick & Katrina

- Sent out their second letter to the nonparticipating groups but have not gotten anything back from that - other than that nothing new to report

**AI-Anon:** Mary

- Not present

**Hotline Committee:** Matt

- Josh from TMTL has the hotline - all good!
- Next month is A Vision for You - they have Josh's number and will contact at the end of the month to pick it up

**IcyPA Liaison:**

- Not present, no report

**History:** Norm

- Did not meet and no report

**CPC Committee:** Anthony

- Points to consider - member availability during the day and evening, so they are looking into open meetings to make an updated list, who to confront first - thinking they are going to talk to Veteran's Court because they are right next to them

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Started CPC Committee
- Made a motion to no longer buy books from Amazon

## NEW BUSINESS

- Are we going to follow the government mandates or not? 19th Street is no longer having physical meetings but Fellowship House is still having meeting, however some may say it is not Intergroup's business as it is not AA → someone advised that they think it is irresponsible to have any indoor meeting, on the fence about outside meetings - someone advised they don't think it is practicing doing the next right thing - someone advised that Intergroup should take more action on this... we haven't really responded to the crisis... think it is important to remember our primary purpose.. Most groups have taken the initiative to do it on their own... - someone advised that maybe Public Info can get involved as well, we need public to know that AA is open and available, just not meeting at a physical location
- Trying to decide where and how to keep a master sheet because groups are changing their id's or adding passwords etc and it is hard to keep up to date - if anyone wants to help, that would be great!! - requires a constant update
- Advised that there needs to be a blurb that we put on the hotline letting people know to go to the website to get online meetings
- Our DCM spoke with Pennlive and volunteered to communicate with the reporter, have not heard back from them yet on that though
- **MOTION to continue Intergroup meetings via zoom until everything goes back to normal** - no discussion - **MOTION PASSES!**
- We should as Intergroup pay to host our own meeting since they are using a different account from a local homegroup →
  - 19th St has a paid subscription... if Intergroup only needs it once a month, they are more than welcome to donate a spot for them --
  - **MOTION made to let 19th St host their Intergroup meetings** - discussion on same: their subscription was bought for a year - someone advised that it would be better if we just have our own that way if subcommittees want to use it they can, etc - most people think it is a good idea for us to have our own zoom account as it does not look like our situation is going to change anytime soon - voting → **MOTION DIES**
  - **MOTION for Intergroup to buy month to month zoom subscription** -
    - Discussion: if you do monthly you don't start saving money until after the 10th month and it would be \$30 - or you can do month to month - question if the zoom meetings can be closed captioned for hearing impaired, if it is than that is a great option for hearing impaired so maybe we want to consider getting it for the year - \$150/year or 14.99/month - do we want to buy one or two host accounts, then you can have more than one meeting at a time, things like that → **MOTION PASSES!**
    - Asked Jose if we can use the [info@harrisburgaa.org](mailto:info@harrisburgaa.org) email in order to set up the zoom account - Jose said that him and Rod can handle it and then pass financials over to Treasurer

- We have a PayPal account set up through AA Harrisburg - can use that
  - We can also think about sharing paypal account with homegroups in case they want to donate
  - Someone asked for a tutorial for the home groups so people can have help setting up accounts
  - **MOTION to have a donation link & post it on our website →**
    - that way people can donate money, but does not put our Paypal info out there but will put the funds into the account → will also be able to use the PayPal account to pay bills -- **MOTION PASSES!**
    - **Will have zoom account set up by the end of the next week**

**Meeting adjourned at 821**

**Closed with** – Responsibility Prayer

**\*SEE ATTACHMENTS ON FOLLOWING PAGES**