

Harrisburg Area Intergroup
1251 South 19th Street, Harrisburg PA 17104
10 / 7 / 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:39 PM

Call to order: 6:41 PM

Role: 21 officers (*actual headcount*)

- **25** Groups Represented (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- **6** Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- **2** Group Alternate Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)
- **13** Other than Group Reps present (*as per attendance sign-in sheet*)

New Reps Present:

Diane – Holy Smoke Group

Tradition Review: Tradition 10 – Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

- Ben talked about how straying from AA's primary purpose is detrimental to helping others.
- Tim talked about concept 10, which states that responsibilities provided to trusted servants should be well defined and understood, and the authority to do those jobs is equally important.

Secretary Report / Meeting Minutes:

- ✓ No questions

Treasurer's Report: *SEE ATTACHMENT* – *Treasurer's Report*

- Normal operating expenses
- Big Book East check was post-dated so won't be cashed until at least 10/13/2021

Chairperson's Report: *Ben in absence of Melissa P.*

- Mentioned that intergroup sub-committees need help!
- Suggested that an Adhoc committee be formed to digitize binders of records.

Committee Reports:

Central Office: *Matt N.*

- The Nooner Group in Hershey is getting the hotline for October

- Jessie stated the phone is in good working order, no complaints.

Literature: *Albert C* *SEE ATTACHMENT - **Literature Intergroup Report**

- Joyce went over literature report.
- Perry County got \$90 of literature.

Sobriety News: *Jose* *SEE ATTACHMENT - **HAI Intergroup Website/Committee Meeting Report**

- Keeping October events and meeting changes up to date
- Volunteer will update the print meeting list for in person only meetings (will be posted on website). Can search for in-person and virtual meetings on intergroup website. Email info@aaharrisburg.org to make any changes
- Joe will list which meetings are accessible.

Public Information: *Anthony (also CPC chair)*

- CPC/PI now has third member
- Ava and Anthony met in person and handed out flyers at the Recovery Day event. Recovery Day event went well; people were receptive and had lots of random questions, a few were interested in program.
- 10/9 will see if can set up a table at an event sponsored by Race Project.

Cumberland Corrections: *Steve*

- Cumberland and Dauphin County still doesn't allow visitors.
- Perry county allows groups that come in every Wednesday.
- Work release centers are open for now.

Dauphin Corrections: *Mandi & Stevie T*

- N/A

Treatment Centers: *Jose A.*

- Reached out to Andy H. to see if Daystar groups can be re-opened.
- C90 in Harrisburg has volunteers and is doing well.
- As for the other centers, some are open and some are not.

Activities: *Norm S.*

- Camping trip went well; 15-17 people stayed over. They had campfire meetings Friday-Saturday
- Chili Cookoff on October 17th starting at 11:30 AM in Lykens Glenn Park. Hike and meeting included, and alternate meeting for those who can't hike.
 - More competitors (bring a crockpot full of chili) and side dishes are needed
- Pancake Breakfast on December 4th in Carlisle New Life Church
- New Years Party at 1251 S. 19th Street with a 9:00 am speaker

Accessibilities: *Joe B.*

- Updating the list of meetings with handicap accessible bathrooms. Otherwise, all good.
- They are working on updating bathrooms to be accessible.

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

- Committee chairs will get together to discuss budgets maybe 30 mins per meeting.
- Bring a budget and they will discuss; left phone number if anyone needs it.

District 36: *Jessie M.*

- Andy H. gave an archives presentation (see him for Harrisburg AA history).
- Meeting updates
 - Bridge St. group mandates masks
 - Vision for you – still zoom only for now
 - BBSGE/W – Oct 15th and 16th primary purpose, has Venmo option for payment
 - BBSGW masks mandatory
 - TMTL Saturday 8 AM re-opened
 - Young People’s Group has new grapevine rep
 - Saturday Sunrise – mask policy in effect
 - Progress Group – 2 meetings at same time indoors and outdoors.
 - There is now a Harrisburg Bid Liaison
- Officer Reports:
 - Area 59 DCM meeting on 10/9 from 12-2 pm at Paxton United Methodist Church (masks required)
 - EPGSA tentative schedule is on the website
 - Need volunteer and hospital room sign up (see area 54 website)
 - AA Preamble updated to include people instead of men/women. If an individual group wants to use the old preamble, that is still GSO approved.
 - District 48. See if area can meet more than quarterly. This was brought back to homegroups to discuss, will give general service conference, alternate delegated will be there. Stated GSRs should be more involved, not just DCMs.
 - Officer at large roster of home groups and contacts updated.
 - Delegate – make sure we know about Nov 12-14 General Service Conference
 - Alternate delegate – putting on Share-A-Day
 - Got intergroup support to make Area more accessible.
 - Discussion about permanent archive safe storage; need a recorder to digitize tapes. Finance requests \$35 for digitizing.
 - Portable archive display board for presentation in parks. And oral presentations
 - Treasury reported August balance same as July
 - DCM – Katie J. stated about 6 districts with no rep at Area Quarterly Meeting (though a lot of non-DCM/ADCM Showed up)
- Sub-Committee Reports:

- Archives – possibly get storage for monthly fee (to be discussed). Digitized a lot of papers. Working to digitize tapes and CDs, \$35 for device
- Possible small archives display, maybe at 19th street.
- Finance – Glenn – 4th quarterly meeting in October will pass \$35 for digitizing device
- Planning next W/S for early December
- Structure – Susan – 5:30 Fellowship House plan prior to October district meeting to discuss any issues to be updated
- District split – about visiting “dark” home groups in distract. DCM working on visiting more
- G.U. – Report on intergroup website
- Intergroup liaison – D36 Intergroup failed, Harrisburg Intergroup remains.
- Subcommittee positions need to be filled!!!
- 14 questionnaire for us to do for our district inventory
- Fill out sheet for any things that have changes with homegroups during the pandemic
- Jason is District 36 secretary (unopposed)
- Need Officer at large, 2 years of sobriety suggested
- D45 proposal to A59 to have more accessibility. Virtual access is not part of proposal.
- Motion for D36 to tell A59 to be as accessible as possible for virtual as well as hybrid.
 - Passed
 - DCM will take action

Unity: Josh

- In November unity day at South East Penn; big events that enables newcomers to learn about AA and Intergroup
- There will also be a unity breakfast for intergroup
- Sunrise Saturday group has an informational pamphlet about intergroup. This should be disbursed to the non-intergroup member; sole purpose is to educate to get people involved in service. Will be posted on website once created (Jose will coordinate with Bruce to put something together).

AI-Anon:

- Minutes are not available as secretary left but Nancy can take questions back as needed
- They voted to go back in person and hybrid
- Monday at 7:30 pm Ridgeway on Progress community church (direct newcomers here)

Hotline Committee: Matt N

- Jessie stated the phone is in good working order, no complaints.
- Hot Line Groups are assigned for the rest of 2021.
 - November 2021 – There Is More To Life Group
- Started 2022 sign-ups:
 - January – There Is a Solution Group
 - February – West Shore Area Group
 - March – Not Yet
- Rebellion Dogs – turned in their group update list to the hot line phone binder

IcyPA Liaison:

- A motion will be needed (covered in New Business)

History: Norm

- Danielle is cross referencing editions to see what's duplicated.
- Kevin will ask printer service what it will cost to print the book – will need funds at some point for this
- History Committee meeting at the Fellowship House 1251 19th Street 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM – needs help!

CPC Committee: Anthony

- No meeting last month, did have anybody else so going to have one once things pick up.
- Members are reaching out to places that deal with drunks to spread the word of AA (he has brochures). Help is needed! Further plans will be made once they have a budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- See last month's new business

NEW BUSINESS:

- Concept 11 will be read by Tim next month.
- Will pick up secretary supplies.
- Josh – Motion to change ICYPAA liaison to PENNSCYPAA liaison.
 - Seconded
 - Passed unanimously
- Amend to previous motion: Motion to change PENNSCYPAA liaison to YPAA liaison.
 - Seconded
 - Passed unanimously
- Molly - Fellowship house status; building and taxes need updated
 - Can't give a tax write off because it's not non-profit. May start new non-profit and get 501 status up to pat with Al Anon (they own the building, land, and incorporation).
 - Will need funds from intergroup for upkeep.

- Air conditioner needs replaced, roof needs repairs
- Suggestion to create a separate basket to contribute to renovations
- Ben stated if board of trustees responsible for rent choose to increase that would be plausible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Closed with – Lord's Prayer (per bylaws)

***SEE ATTACHMENTS ON FOLLOWING PAGES**