



**MAY 2020
(From April 2020
Monthly Committees and
Monthly Five-County Zone Meetings)
STEERING MEMBERS and
COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Each zone will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7 pm

For all Zone and Committee Zoom Information – see the spreadsheet included with this report.

Chairperson's Report from the month of April 2020

This month has proved too quiet to say the least. The Virtual Round-Up was a success! I would like to say thank you and a job well done to Rich and all others that participated in it.

The office is still closed to all visitors except the office staff that works there. This includes all members of the Steering Committee. As Philadelphia lifts restrictions this will be revisited.

All committees are encouraged to continue using Zoom or any other means of communication for their meetings. As we move forward and open the office up, I am sure that some members will still want to attend by internet, and this will have to be addressed by the Steering Committee.

Finally, there is a possible need to update the Bylaws that is required. We will be discussing that in more detail under New Business.

Sincerely,

Mark P.
Chairperson

Vice Chairperson's Report from the month of April 2020

I attended the following meetings this month: Chester County Zone, Ad Hoc Website, Finance, Office Staff, and Steering Committees. I chaired the Special Events Committee meeting held on April 27th. See pages 7 and 8 for the minutes from this meeting.

The Virtual Round-Up was held on the weekend of April 17-19th via Zoom. Attendance was good: 315 participants for the Friday night A.A./Al-anon Speaker Meeting, 410 for the Long-timers Panel on Saturday afternoon, 374 for the Saturday night Banquet Speaker Meeting and 303 for the "God as I Understand Him" meeting on Sunday morning. Some time for general sharing happened after each meeting. Fred S. provided welcome entertainment during the run-up to the meetings.

The Round-Up in Cape May has always been the largest funding raising event in past years. Many members have donated their registration fee to SEPIA after the cancellation. The office reported a large increase in contributions during the Virtual Round-Up. Orders are still being taken for "Miracles by the Sea" tee-shirts and hoodies. Due to the lock-down, the shirt/hoodie order has been delayed. We will make an announcement when the order is processed by the vendor. Arrangements will be made to provide delivery of these items. Thanks for your patience. I would like to thank all the committee members, participants and hosts who made the Virtual Round-Up possible. Credit must be given to Dan S. who suggested this during the March Special Events Committee meeting.

The committee is looking to reschedule the Gratitude Breakfast in the fall. More details to follow later.

Rich M.
Vice Chairperson

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from April 23, 2020

OPENED at 7:00 P. M. with the Serenity Prayer

PRESENT:

Andrea S Bucks
Mike O Chesco
Janet D Chesco
Mike W Chesco
Gary T Delco
Rich M Vice Chair
Mark P Chairperson

Elaine J Office Manager
Maria F Office Manager
Diane C Assistant Treasurer
Janet C Treasurer

Introductions

Read and discussed Tradition 6 and Concept 6.

Reviewed and discussed financials:

- Balance Sheet
- Profit and Loss YTD, Profit and Loss by Class.
- Reviewed Monthly Office Expenses for February and March.
- Discussed Round up Income versus Refunds.
- Discussion contacting remaining 113 folks regarding resolution of Round up registration Costs.
- Opened a Venmo account for Sales and Donations AA-SEPIA.
- Initiated discussion to purchase a SEPIA dedicated cell phone, approved by committee.

Next Meeting (Virtual) will be held on Thursday May 21, 2020.

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Yours in Service
Janet C, Treasurer

Bank Balances (as of 4/30/2020):

- PNC Checking balance: **\$13,914.52**
 - PNC Money Market: **\$10,000.00 (April Monthly Interest: \$.62)**
 - Capital One 360 Account: **\$76,466.87 (April Monthly Interest: \$109.53)**
 - Franklin Mint Credit Union: **\$81,135.10 (April Monthly Interest: \$134.84)**
 - PayPal Account balance: **\$690.82**
 - Petty Cash: **\$139.20**
- Total: \$182,346.51**

Office Manager’s Report

SEPIA Office details: The Office is still closed to volunteers or visitors due to ongoing restrictions. Staff continue to work from home and office to keep the needs of the fellowship and business moving forward.

Phone Calls: We receive calls daily from members and newcomers seeking meeting information about face-to-face and online meetings available.

On-line Meetings and Updating of Website: The Office Staff continues to maintain the information posted as members send the updates in daily. We do receive complaints about incorrect or missing passwords for online meetings and do our best to retrieve data from the Groups.

Literature Sales: Although sales are down due to the pandemic, we receive orders and continue to conduct business as usual.

The Office Manager’s new official cell phone number is 267-547-5857.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria F., Office Manager

Archives Committee Report from Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read short version of Tradition 6 and Concept 6

Attendees: Fran G, Jerry McT., Mark P, Elaine J-Member, Alan A-Member, Anne Marie,-Member, Mike M-Bucks Liaison, Ryan B-Bucks Alt. Liaison, Ed-Phila Liaison, Don F-Chester Liaison,

No reading was done

Archivist Report: Jerry McT-Jerry has been working a few days at the office. Working on the Jimmy Burwell items. Getting them into 8 1/2" x 12" folders and the smaller items into folders.

Zone Reports

Bucks: Mike M-Zone meetings discussed the virtual Round-Up

Chester: Don F-Zone meeting discussed the virtual Round-Up

Delaware: Dean not present

Montgomery: James- not present

Philadelphia: Ed - Discussed virtual Round-Up at zone

Archives Director Report: Fran

Taping of Old Timers: None

DVD Showings None

Group Histories: Keep announcing for the histories. They can be emailed to Jerry or Fran

Upcoming DVD Showings - None

Upcoming Taping- (New Business) Can we do this via zoom and then save in the cloud to be downloaded later.

No Saturday Preservation work until further notice

Old Business: DVD redo is on hold until further notice.

New Business:

*Long-timers Meeting for Saturday Round-Up. Procedures

Cut-off date for sign-ups for people with 20 years and more of sobriety is Thursday 4/16/20

*Download Archives Book from GSO so we can read next month. Email pages we will be reading when sending out reminder email

New Business from the floor?

**Went over Venmo and Sepia donations

Long-timers Meeting for the Round-Up was very successful and went extremely well.

We had 16 speakers from 54 years down to 21 years.

Next two meetings will be set up on this same ZOOM account. Dates are May 12 and June 9th. A reminder will be sent out beforehand.

Close with: I Am Responsible

Fran Gaudini

Director of Archives

CPC Committee Report from April, 2020

There was no meeting in April. We will be having a Zoom meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Jon Hamilton
Director | Cooperation w/ the Professional Community

Interphones Committee report from April 29, 2020

The Interphones Committee conducted, by way of Zoom, its regularly scheduled bimonthly Committee Meeting on 04/29/2020. The Director and the Assistant Director were able to discuss Committee business without interruption.

During the past month, the Committee has been joined by four volunteers, each of whom has been trained and assigned to a shift covering the SEPIA phones while the office is closed. There are, as of 04/30/2020, six vacant volunteer slots among the 125 volunteer opportunities, so Zone Chairpersons are asked to mention our need for more volunteers at their Zone Meetings. The good folks at the SEPIA office will relay gladly any requests for information.

Our HUSSHH activities have been curtailed by concerns for public safety. We are helping by phone those that we can.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:00PM. Hopefully, we will be able to zoom to the SEPIA offices for that gathering.

Thank you for your Service,

Bob Quinn,
Director / Interphones

Prison Committee Report from the month of April 2020:

There was no April 2020 Prison Committee meeting with agreement of an informed group conscience (including prisons zone liaisons and available committee members, committee director Matt F and assistant director Anne Marie S-G).

Director's Report: Two members previously cleared at SCI Phoenix have been resubmitted and are waiting for the facility to reopen for volunteers (Pete M and Jeff C) to update their badges.

Old Business:

- SEPIA provided stamped envelopes and forms to Chester County person for AA involved inmates to request communication from a member.
- Philadelphia volunteer director consented to very general e mails (no names) which could be distributed to inmates involved in AA.
- SCI Phoenix is discussing the same possibility with the volunteer contact.

New Business:

- At this time, no May commitments need to be filled due to facility lockdowns. We will continue to communicate with committee members and liaisons as needed to facilitate any changes in plans.

Respectfully,
Anne Marie S-G
Assistant Director of Prisons

Public Information Committee Report from Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Attendees: Claire B. (Director PI), Scott B. (Asst. Director PI), Brian F. (MC PI), Glenn S. (PC PI), Jeremy S. (CC PI), and Elaine J. (Office Manager)

- Opened with The Serenity Prayer, Introductions, Distribution of PI Information Kits to New Liaisons, Read and Discussed Tradition VI, and Read Pages 16-17 in the PI Workbook with discussion.
- Claire B. led committee discussion
 - PI Trifold Update -
 - On hold
 - Table Top Banner -
 - Glenn S. is still working on the imagery.
 - Due to uncertainty of SEPIA financial projections due to the cancellation of the Round Up, holding off on spending until better direction is available.
 - Pathways To Recovery Event (3/11 in Plymouth Meeting) –
 - Brian F. attended and note that overall attendance was light, precursor to COVID-19 SIP order.
- New Business
 - Upcoming Calendar Of Events
 - 5 events March-May, events canceled due to COVID-19 SIP order.
 - Recovery Forum, 4/7: Claire *****CANCELED*****
 - Addiction 101, 5/12: Brian and Scott *****CANCELED*****
 - Family Fest-Bristol, 5/13: Glenn S. *****CANCELED*****
 - Family Fest-Quakertown, 5/28: Jesse O. *****CANCELED*****
 - SEPIA Round-Up
 - Virtual!
 - WPHT 1210 AM Interview
 - Claire B. participated in a radio interview focusing on “sobriety during a pandemic”.
 - Will post this link on PI web page for public listening.
 - Television and Television PSA
 - Circling back to gain interest in and or placement of AA PSA.
 - Open Discussion
 - Inform fellowship of “best practices” regarding on-line meetings.
 - Importance of and adherence to AA Traditions.
 - Importance of SEPIA website and telephone number, how to reach us.
 - Making sure the newcomer can still find us and get the help needed.
 - Consideration of announcing the SEPIA Round-Up on digital bulletin boards (i.e. PATCH)
 - Claire B. to follow up with Special Events and SEPIA Chairperson
- Liaison Follow Ups
 - Please make a report at monthly Zone Meeting.
 - Distribute new Wawa Flyers with QBR code, can post in any community center or location with a public bulletin board.
 - Please ask permission first and take thumb tacks!
 - Please make sure groups communicate any changes to their meeting to the SEPIA office.

Claire B. closed the meeting at 7:46, concluding with the Responsibility Pledge.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (Most Likely Remote)

In Service

Scott B.

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, April 27, 2020

Rich opened the meeting at 7pm and recited the Serenity Prayer.
Roll call (Rich has the list of attendees)

VIRTUAL ROUND-UP COMMENTS:

- Rich thanked everyone who worked on it behind the scenes and participated.
- Maria: great speakers, received a lot of positive feedback
- Mark: he got great feedback as well. Suggested a zoom mtg for the next R/U so more people can attend.
- Rich: people who could not afford it were able to attend online
- Elaine: suggested Zooming the Saturday night speaker mtg. people wished they could have taped the main speakers.
- Rachel: Asked how did we do financially?
- Rich: Sold 216 items– 600 ordered initially. Zip-ups and hoodies are selling well, t-shirts not selling as well.
- Elaine: From Registration Fees: \$4,300 refunded to people, \$7,800 were donated.
- Rich: The office is still trying to obtain responses from people who signed up for the registration and banquet to see if they want to donate the money.
- Janet: You can detail on Venmo if you want the donation to be allocated to the R/U or other.
- Rich: We will not make nearly as much money as in the past from the R/U.

Refund Status:

- The entire original t-shirt, hoodie order will be cancelled. We will then place a reduced order based on our current and expected sales. (\$4,600 in sales received to date.)
- The pin order cannot be cancelled. We ordered 1,400 pins and the cost was \$1,000. Possibly give them out to the people who order hoodies/t-shirts.
- DJ will be reimbursing the full \$2,000 submitted to him. We'll be receiving the return payment in installments.
- Ice cream order was cancelled. (no penalty mentioned).
- This year's deposit at the Grand Hotel was rolled over to next year (April 16-18, 2021).

GRATITUDE BREAKFAST:

- Rich is going to get available dates in October 2020.
- Fred: Referenced other activities that fall in late Sep/ early October may be a good time to acknowledge the incoming and outgoing committee members
- Bebe: suggested having 2 meal events to raise money.
- Timsky: have a virtual event ready to go in case the virus flares back up in the fall.
- Greg, Elaine: both expressed concern that social distancing may still be an issue in the fall.
- We should explore more ideas of other possible types of events or virtual events at our next meeting.
- Next mtg on Monday, May 18 via Zoom- not at the office.
- Timsky- expressed concern that he had been sharing too much this meeting.
- Multiple people suggested virtual fund raisers.
- Noreen: Googled virtual fund raisers, believes this may provide some good ideas to share next month.
- Fred: suggested a talent show.

- It has been announced at Intergroup Meetings and told to people who have called into the office that they will be advised of a new date; it will likely be rescheduled for a date in the fall. If the participant cannot make the new date, they will be given the option of reimbursement if the new date doesn't work for them.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Glenn: Sepia will not be making as much this year, maybe start selling additional items (medallions or coins, etc.) to raise money. (Per Rich: This will have to be approved at the Steering Committee. Special Events can't decide on this.)
- Bebe: How will the shirts be delivered? Rich: distribute these at the zone meetings or arrange for a location to be dropped off too.
 - Volunteers (if needed) to drop off the hoodies, etc.: Mark P, Timsky, Glenn, Maureen, Bebe, Noreen, Fred, Janet, Fran, Nick, Maria, Lorraine, David and Rachel.

Rich adjourned the meeting at 7:52, followed by the Responsibility Pledge.

Rachel C.
Assistant Secretary SEPIA

Treatment Facilities Committee Report April 2020

Treatments Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis since the last week in March.

Below is our report:

Open each weekly meeting with Serenity Prayer

- online meetings were launched for facilities on April 13th.
- meetings through TFC are strictly for the facilities, the meeting info is not being shared with anyone other than the facilities and those chairing/hosting.
- each county facilitates 2-3 meetings per week.
- each liaison and assistant liaison from each county are continuously reaching out to facilities to get the meeting information to the directors/counselors.
- meeting attendance by facilities is low; we are finding that many facilities are holding their own meetings and asking for outside speakers.
- we are providing all IGRs and general members the opportunity to be in service as chairs/speakers
- we have set security measures as strictly and appropriately as possible to ensure that we are protecting HIPPA laws and anonymity.
- Currently we are holding 12 meetings a week on the following schedule:
 MONDAY'S- 7PM & 8PM CO-ED
 TUESDAY'S- 7PM & 8PM CO-ED
 WEDNESDAY'S- 7PM & 8PM CO-ED
 THURSDAY'S- 7PM CO-ED
 FRIDAY'S- 7PM CO-ED
 SATURDAY'S- 7PM (CO-ED) & 8PM (MEN'S ONLY)
 SUNDAY'S- 11AM (WOMEN ONLY) & 7PM (CO-ED)

Treatment Facilities Committee is open to suggestions on how to bring more participation from the facilities. There is a workshop on May 6th given by Austin Bid for ICYPAA discussing best practices in bringing online meetings to facilities. There will be two AA members speaking on this and two professionals who work in the v

treatment field who will be speaking. Members of TFC will be attending. I've attached the flyer for this workshop.

Any questions please reach out to Bob D, Director or Mary R, Asst Director.

Yours in Service,
Mary R., Treatment Facilities Assistant Director

Unity Committee Report from April 2020

There was no official meeting in April.

- **Unity Picnic:** Because of all the things going on with COVID-19, we decided to **postpone the Unity Picnic** that was scheduled for Sunday, June 14th, at Neshaminy State Park until further notice. <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/NeshaminyStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Next Unity Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 19th @ 7pm:** I/we are going to work with SEPIA so we can hold our meeting on-line (or via phone). The meeting into is to come.

Hope all are well and safe and look forward to seeing everyone on May 19th, if not sooner.

Yours in Service,
Steve Mc (Former director of the Unity Committee, helping out with announcements)

Website/Tech Committee Report from Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Wednesday, April 8 via video conference

Opened at 5:30 pm. Present: Kris, Kate, Sam, Tim, Claire, Steve, Brandon, Rich, Elaine, Scott, Mark, Maria, Kevin

Website

Suspended vs. online meetings. Some meetings are still in person and people are calling the office staff adamant about attending face-to-face meetings. What is SEPIA's position on this? We support the groups; we don't govern the groups.

We will place classifying neighborhoods on indefinite hold. Now we pivot to PayPal, Venmo, and online meeting platforms. We will also table Abby's action items from the last meeting.

Brandon said the committee is doing an excellent job adjusting so rapidly to the changes.

Sam and Brandon will meet on Friday afternoon about the literature website. Shipping is still happening. Sam needs help with analytics on the store. We want a single inventory system - Zen Cart that can synch with Quickbooks. There are issues with Stamps.com. We should be using them to create the label automatically. Sam adjusted the handling fee down a bit and adjusted the weight preset.

Round-Up

Get the Round-Up flyer on the website. Elaine is working on sending out emails with a pdf of the Round-Up to get the word out. How to pick-up merchandise for the Round-Up? Once restrictions are lifted, volunteers will deliver the items, or they can be picked up from the SEPIA office.

New Business

Venmo account for SEPIA? It is set up for now on Elaine's mobile phone. Kevin suggested the Treasurer's phone should be linked to Venmo. Sam suggested getting a burner phone to keep in the safe and link to PNC. Scott feels the office staff should be able to manage the Venmo. Maria agreed that the Venmo and money should be kept in the office (rather than with the Treasurer). Venmo is the same as PayPal, 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction.

Maria feels the Office Manager should have a mobile phone. She uses her personal phone a lot for SEPIA business.

Sam reminded everyone that SEPIA can use Google Hangouts. Sam sent an email with instructions. This can be used for the committee meetings.

Elaine mentioned that the San Diego website lists every group that has gone online.

Steve said that when he clicks "Philly Area Online Meetings" it is no longer happening now. Sam will help Steve with this.

NAATW in September has been cancelled.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 5:30pm via Bluejeans video conference

Submitted by Claire B.

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, April 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Dom

Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Concept 5 and Tradition 5 were read

March Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes referenced, and everyone was asked to let Dionne or Dom know if they saw any errors.

Sign-in Sheet - Be sure to sign in. If your group is not listed, please let Dom know

Attendance:

Intergroup Representatives - 62

Alternate Intergroup Representatives present without their Intergroup Representative-2

Other Members in attendance - 7

Total # of people in attendance – 71

Introductions and Welcome

- No new representatives.
- Members with anniversaries since last meeting announced their anniversaries.
- No Group Anniversaries announced due to Stay at Home order.

Guest Reports:

Finance - Diane

- There was no March meeting, so there is nothing to report.
- There will be a virtual round-up next weekend. The information is on the SEPIA website. This is our biggest fundraiser, so SEPIA will be short about \$30,000 this year. Round-up t-shirts and sweatshirts are available online. Payments are taken via VENMO on the SEPIA website.
- The Gratitude Breakfast has been postponed until the fall. More information to come.
- When asked if the new landlord contacted about rent forgiveness or deferment, Diane said she was unsure.

Public Information - John

- Recovery Radio can be heard on WPHT on Saturday at 6:00 PM.
- There will be a virtual meeting tomorrow night.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Steering Committee Report - Zone Coordinator, Dom

- There will be a Round-up this weekend, 4/16 - 4/18. There will be meetings Friday night (AA and Al-anon speakers), Saturday afternoon (Old Timers panel), Saturday night and Sunday (God As I Understand Him). The rooms open 45 minutes before each meeting and attendance is limited so get there early.
- There are t-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase on the SEPIA website. Payments will be taken via VENMO.

Assistant Zone Coordinator - Mike

- If anyone wants their money back for the Gratitude Breakfast, they can contact Elaine. Otherwise the tickets will be good for the rescheduled date (to be determined).

Archives - Mike

- The committee is discussing making changes to the DVD.
- There will be a virtual committee meeting tomorrow.

CPC - Eric

- CPC stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- The committee has not met for the last two months, so nothing to report.
- Need escorts to take nursing and med students to meetings.
- Requirements to be an escort - 1-year sobriety, attend 2 CPC meetings, shadow another escort for one meeting

Finance - Andrea

- No meeting last month, so nothing to report.

Interphones - not present

Public Information (PI) - Dennis

- Did not attend last month's meeting.
- All upcoming events have been cancelled.
- aa.world website is updated daily.
- WPHT 1210 AM aired Saturday and is available for podcast at <https://www.radio.com/media/audio-channel/sobriety-during-a-pandemic-recovery-radio>.

Unity - not present

Prisons – Carolyn

- There was not a meeting last month.
- SEPIA wanted to do a pen pal program. Only people that don't take meetings into prison can participate. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn at cjcarolyn62@gmail.com or 267-614-6875.

Special Events – Ryan

- There was no meeting last month.
- All special events have been cancelled.
- Did not receive information about a virtual meeting this month yet.

Treatments – Matt

- The committee is working on setting up Zoom meetings for treatment facilities. The first test meeting took place last week. There is a New HIPPA rule, Blue Jeans, that interferes with using

Zoom. Drop Matt a message at bulski7@gmail.com if you are interested in taking one of these meetings.

BCYPAA – Mike

- The camping trip is being changed from an in-person event to a virtual event. It will be held on 5/30 4 PM to 12 PM, and the theme is Spiritual Compass. There will be meetings until 10 PM and then there will be a virtual dance. There will be a scavenger hunt throughout the event. More information to come.

Old Business:

- Donation basket will be passed at April meeting to collect money to create a basket for the Gratitude Breakfast. This could not be done due to the lack of in-person meeting.

New Business:

- None

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, April 13, 2020

Meeting is being held via ZOOM

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

1 new rep WELCOME!

22 reps present

Congrats on the 3 anniversaries!!

Tradition 4 - Read by Steve

Concept 4 - Read by Steve

March minutes were **approved**

Visitors from Steering:

Vice Chairman: Rich-

- Sepia will be hosting a Virtual Round Up on April 17th-19th, see flyer for details including Zoom login information. It will be limited to 1000 people.
- First meeting will be on Friday night from 7:30-9pm, the room will open 45 min before each meeting begins.
- This is a free event no need to register. Since this is the case Sepia is encouraging group and individual donations as they are taking a big hit from not having a physical conference. We lost around \$20-\$30,000. However, more than half of the registrants donated their registration which helped a lot.
- There are a couple of options to send in donations:
 - Mail to the Sepia office at: 1903 S. Broad St, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19148.
 - Sepia website: <https://www.aasepia.org/donate/>
 - Venmo - @aa-sepia
- All 12-step committee meetings are postponed due to the pandemic or will be held virtually.
- A lot of groups are hosting their meetings virtually and they are not taking 7th tradition. There are a lot of options to receive 7th tradition for your homegroup - Venmo, Paypal, etc...
- Suggestion from Gwen - Our homegroup is giving what would be rent money to the Church to Sepia instead.

CPC Director: Jon H. -

- We usually escort students from Drexel Medical to AA meetings but we have stopped that due to the pandemic. However, we are trying to invite them to AA Zoom meetings but there are concerns. Our goal is to have a better idea to set that up for next month, it might be easier for students as they don't have to travel.
- We meet on the first Monday of the month at 7pm via Zoom. Email cpcdirector@aasepia.org if you have questions.

District Announcements:

District 30 – **Shannon:** No present

District 38 – Not present

District 44 - **Claire B:** Not present

District 56 – **Gwen B:**

- We will be having our second District meeting via Zoom next week. We are working with members within our district and Sepia to keep Zoom meeting IDs & passwords up to date.
- Spring workshop was cancelled. Hopefully our Fall workshop held in September will be held in person.

District 29 - Not present

Zone Announcements:

Finance Committee - Mike O:

- Did not have a Finance meeting due to the pandemic, however, there will be a Zoom meeting held this Thursday the 16th at 7pm.
- Sepia is really suffering due to the Round Up being cancelled so individual and group donations are welcomed!

Interphones - Tamatha:

- Nothing new to report. Calls are still coming in and we are well staffed.

Treatment - Pierre:

- Sepia has started Zoom Speaker meetings to treatment facilities in all 5 of our zones as of April 13th; there is at least one meeting every day.
- HIPAA laws restrict the type of meetings we can facilitate. They are speaker meetings- chairman introduces a speaker who speaks for 20-30 minutes. There is no direct dialog discussion or video between us and the treatment facility because of HIPAA.
- But this is still a powerful way we can still share the message of recovery with those who might not have any contact with AA members right now. Interested? We need your help! Please contact me at pierreamy11@gmail.com.
- I will also reach out to groups who signed for commitments in April, starting with those who signed for this and next week.

PI - Jeremy:

- All upcoming health fairs and events have been cancelled.
- Claire B. was interviewed by Recovery Radio which was aired on Saturday evening. It is 40 minutes long and is available via podcast. She did a great job explaining what AA does and does not do and how we are adapting during this pandemic <https://www.radio.com/media/audio-channel/sobriety-during-a-pandemic-recovery->

- Next meeting will be Wednesday April 15th via zoom ID - 720 696 5759
password - SEPIA1903

Special Events - *Position not filled*

- Rich - Gratitude Breakfast that was supposed to be held in May has been postponed and might be held in the Fall.

Men's Prison - Mark:

- Have been in touch with a prison counselor and tried to get a Zoom meeting set up but due to social distancing within inmates the prison decided not to go forward.
- Prison is not accepting any applications until everything settles down with the pandemic.
- Spoke to someone regarding the contact names to be changed on the clearance forms

Women's Prison - Gwen:

- Have not taken any meetings in due to pandemic.
- Been in touch with Ann Marie regarding pen paling inmates, if interested get in touch with her.
- You can also email GSO and become a pen pal through them.

Archives - Don:

- Looking for people w/ 20+ years for their stories.
- Next meeting is tomorrow night via zoom contact Don for more info
- Long-timers panel at Round-Up is looking for members with 20+ sobriety to fill up the panel you can email the Archives Director at Sepia if interested.

CPC - *Position not filled*

- Heather resigned

Unity - Mary:

- Things will be rescheduled as everything has been cancelled.
- Needs to discuss Unity Picnic with Noel and see if it needs to be rescheduled.

Chester County Committee of Young People in AA - Jaimie:

- Bingo event has been postponed until further notice

Zone Coordinator - Bill:

- Not present

Alternate Zone - Steve:

- Attended Steering Committee Meeting, and the Round Up practice set up meeting.

Old Business:

-Secretary position needs to be filled come June.

New Business:

-None

In Closing:

Closed with the *Serenity Prayer*

Thank you for your service. Our next meeting is May 11th, 2020

Delaware County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, April 13, 2020

NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS MEETING WAS HELD USING THE ZOOM MEETING APP.

Zone Coordinator, Gloria B., opened with the Serenity prayer at 7:00 PM, followed by a reading of Tradition Four.

Attendance:

IGRs or alternates: 28

Steering Committee Members: 2

District Reps: 0

Guests: 3

Zone minutes from March presented by Gloria and approved by the zone.

Steering Committee Member Reports:

Bob Q., Director, Interphones Committee

- Bob reported that the quarantine resulting from COVID-19 has led to an increase in calls to SEPIA.
- Bob thanked Tatiana for her commitment as zone liaison and for volunteering to take calls.
- Committee is looking for volunteers to help. Anyone interested please see Bob or Tatiana for information.

Bob D., Director, Treatment Committee

- The committee has put together a schedule for daily meetings using Zoom which will be made available to the treatment facilities in all five counties. Delco Zone has drawn Sundays and Mondays at 7PM. Speakers will be needed for these meetings. Please reach out to your group members to see if anyone is interested in taking a commitment. Anyone interested in filling these commitments, should contact Jackie S. @ 610-550-1588 or Seth F. @ 484-803-2060.
- Depending how it goes, more meetings may be added in the future.

Zone Coordinator Report: Gloria B.

- Cape May Roundup was cancelled. Refunds will be forthcoming, but you will have an option to donate.
- Roundup Tee Shirts, etc. will be available through the Sepia website.
- Contributions can be made using the Venmo Account "AA-Sepia."
- A virtual roundup will be held. A flyer with information as to times and types of meetings are available on the website.
- The Special Events Committee is looking for long-timers and speakers for Sunday morning "God as I Understand Him" meeting. Please contact Fran G. at archivesdirector@aasepia.org if interested in long-timers panel.
- Fortunately, no cancellation fees were incurred due to event cancellations.

- The May 17th gratitude breakfast honoring Elaine J. was also postponed. Hope to set a new date for the fall.

LIAISON REPORTS:

ARCHIVES - (Dean M. - David T. alternate)

-- No report given, no liaisons present

- Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and the third Saturday at 9am.

CPC - (Liaison and alternate OPEN)

-- No report given.

- Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm.

FINANCE - (Gary T. - alternate OPEN)

-- Gary gave the report

- Given the current circumstances relating to COVID-19, SEPIA is losing revenue from its major fundraiser. This is a huge loss.
- Individual contributions will be most important going forward.
- The Finance Committee is working on ways to achieve a happy medium regarding asking for contributions.
- The Finance Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7pm.

INTERPHONES - (Tatiana W. - alternate OPEN)

-- Tatiana gave report.

- Tatiana reiterated Bob's comments that the Interphones Committee is vital to AA's commitment to "always be there."
- Now more than ever volunteers are needed to answer phones. Phone calls coming into the office have increased due to the pandemic.
- Volunteers for interphones must have at least one-year of continuous sobriety
- All volunteers are trained and a six-month commitment, at minimum, should be considered.
- More information is available on the website or by contacting Tatiana or any member of the committee.
- This Committee meets the last Wednesday of even months at 7pm.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - (Jesse O. - alternate OPEN)

-- No report given. No liaison present.

- Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS - (Liaison open - alternate OPEN)

-- No report given.

- Committee meets the last Monday of the month at 7pm.

UNITY - (John S. - alternate OPEN)

-- No report given. No liaison present.

- Unity Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

PRISONS - (Frank K. - Mac alternate)

-- Frank gave the report.

- For the foreseeable future, volunteers are not being permitted inside the prisons.
- Committee discussed the possibility of starting a pen pal system. This might be a problem because inmates don't have access to paper, stamps or envelopes. Committee will be looking into ways to provide them.

- Prison Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.
- NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR Chaplain Dunn is 610-361-3200 ext. 546. Email: codunn@geogroup.com. Any issues filling the commitments please call Frank 484-832-5287.

TREATMENT - (Jackie S. - Seth F. (alternate))

-- Seth gave the report.

- Seth went over what Bob D. reported.
- As of now, Delco Zone is committed to Sunday and Monday nights. Meetings are open to facilities in the 5-county area. Facilities are given the meeting numbers and passwords to sign in.
- Jackie S. 610-550-1588 or Jaclyn.Somes@gmail.com or Seth F. 484-803-2060 or [SFerguson1234@yahoo.com](mailto:S.Ferguson1234@yahoo.com).
- Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. However, they have been scheduling extra meetings as necessary to coordinate new procedures.

Temporary Contact (OPEN)

- Committee meets the first of the month at 7pm with Prison Committee

Old Business:

Delco Zone is in need of ALTERNATES for Zone Coordinator, Secretary, CPC, PI, Special Events, Finance, Interphones and Temporary Contact. We still need a liaison for CPC and Special Events, and Temporary Contact.

New Business:

Please inform your groups that if they are setting up a Zoom meeting, they need to contact SEPIA so that the information can be made available to anyone looking for a meeting. Also, if any groups are still meeting face-to-face, make sure you are following the guidelines for safety issued by GSO.

Gloria motioned to close the meeting with the Responsibility pledge - motion accepted.
Meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Kathy M., DELCO zone secretary.

Montgomery County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, April 13, 2020

Attendance of Internet Meeting: 15

Opened the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition 6 ...asked for sharing/comments

Read Concept 6...asked for sharing/comments

Meeting Summary: The meeting got off to a rocky start due to a problem with the original login. The meeting started around 7:10 pm and ended at 8:00 pm. Unfortunately, the secretary was not present, so no minutes were taken. Hopefully, everything will run more smoothly in May!

Jim M.
Montgomery County Coordinator

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday, April 13, 2020

I. Opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7 PM

II. Read Tradition 6 and Concept 6 - No discussion from the floor

III. Zone Coordinator's Report

-Virtual Roundup 4/17/20 to 4/19/20 via Zoom; each meeting is limited to 1K participants. Can purchase merchandise or make donations via Venmo: @AA-SEPIA. See flyer. Please don't post the flyer publicly on social media (use closed/private social media groups)

-Volunteer for Long-timers panel by sending info to archivesdirector@aasepia.org. 10 people with 20+ yrs sobriety will be selected out of hat to speak for 5 mins.

Roll Call - Virtual meeting via zoom; roll call not taken. Zone Coordinator - Bebe, Alternate Zone Coordinator - Lorraine, Assistant Secretary - Lynn, Secretary - Liz W

Visitors from the Steering Committee

Vice Chairperson, Mark:

-Gratitude Breakfast is being rescheduled for Fall, Special Events will revisit planning it in July 2020.

-Donations in lieu of Round-Up are being accepted. Round-Up is Sepia's largest fundraiser.

Asst. Public Info, Scott:

-Please send updating meeting information for website

-Next meeting via Zoom is scheduled for Wed 4/15/20: ID: 720 696 5759, Password SEPIA1903

Asst. Prisons, Anne Marie:

-March meeting was not held.

-Commitments in prisons were halted approx. 3/13/20

-Trying to establish pen pal program with facilities

Asst Interphones, Karen: Not present.

Office Manager, Elaine:

-There is one staff member in the office during office hours. Calls/Voicemails are being returned. E-Mail communication is best due to the increase in call volume: manager@aasepia.org

New Representatives

Steve, Rep 1776 Group

Linus, Alt Franklinton Group

Anniversaries

Jim B, 12 yrs

Lynn, 28 mo.

Group Anniversaries

5/19/20 - Young Women's 49 yrs, still scheduled as of now

Secretary's Report is available on pg. 21.

IV. New Business

- Virtual meetings were discussed, feedback appreciated. Passwords and preventing zoom bombing were discussed. See link on pg. 9 of the Steering Committee Report for virtual meeting resources.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SieXAzf3zJoEtLTiLwsiu_PBgIHZ8KUv?usp=sharing
- Physical meetings: 19th & Walnut

V. Old Business

VI. Committee Reports - * Liaisons are needed - CPC (pg 5), Interphones (pg 5), Finance (pg 2)

Treatment, Diana H (report on pg. 8)

- Visitors not permitted at facilities, working on establishing virtual meetings with facilities. Diana or Joe would host the meeting on Zoom and the speaker would join and share. Contact for more info or to get a commitment: pztl@gmail.com.

Will need speakers beginning on 4/17/20 for the following slots:

1. Thursdays @ 7 PM - COED
2. Fridays @ 7 PM - COED
3. Saturdays @ 8 PM - MEN Only
4. Sundays @ 11 AM - WOMEN only

Prison, Jillee (report on pg 5)

- Contact to be a pen pal for prison inmates: jillsx77@gmail.com. Sepia office will be the go between for the correspondence not home addresses.
- Next meeting is 5/7/20

Special Events, Andrea (report on pg. 7)

- 2021 Round-Up scheduled for 4/16/2021 to 4/18/2021

Public Information, Glenn (report on pg. 6)

- Next meeting is 4/15/20 via Zoom
- Events are canceled
- Claire B, Director of PI, did a radio interview with WPHT1210 called Sobriety During a Pandemic. Available on the radio's website:
<https://1210wpht.radio.com/media/audio-channel/sobriety-during-a-pandemic-recovery-radio>
- New display board is on hold for budget purposes

Archives, Ed (report on pg. 4)

- Next meeting via Zoom 4/14/20; no Saturday meetings

Unity, Paul (report on pg. 8)

- Meeting was not held

Young People's Bid (PhillyPAA), Kat

- Virtual young people's conference weekend of 4/17/20
- Merchandise available for sale

Web Committee, Scott

- Still updating the new website. Current focus is updating meeting info as needed.

VII. Items from the floor

VII. Closed with I Am Responsible Pledge

Next Phila. Zone Meeting will be held on Monday, 5/11/2020 @ 7 PM

Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Submitted by: Liz W, Secretary, Phila. Zone