



MARCH 2020
(From February 2020
Monthly Committees and
Monthly Five County Zone Meetings)

STEERING MEMBERS and
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Chairperson Report from February, 2020

The month of February has proved to be an interesting one.

First, we find ourselves settling into our new office. Realizing the changes that are taking place with regards to parking, entering the building, setting up our committee meetings, you must admit it has been a change.

Regarding parking, we will reimburse for parking when members attend their respective meetings.

Second, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss Share-A-Day and the lack of participation from the Intergroup side. If anybody has suggestions on how to increase participation at this event, I would like to hear from you. Please send your suggestions to: Chairperson@aasepia.org.

I did attend the following meetings this past month: Steering Committee, Delaware County Zone meeting, Share-A-Day, Finance meeting, and Special Events.

Sincerely,

Mark P., Chairperson

Vice Chairperson Report from February, 2020

I attended the following meetings this month:

Montgomery County Zone, Ad Hoc Web Site Committee, Steering Committee and Finance Committee. I chaired the Special Events Committee on Monday, February 25th. See pages 6, 7 and 8 for the minutes from this meeting.

I co-chaired the Share-A-Day combined workshop with Caroline, Alternate Delegate from Area 59. 12th step committees made presentations in the morning session, followed by lunch and then workshops in the afternoon. There were approximately 130 in attendance.

The Round-Up is fast approaching. Registration is \$25 until April 5th, it then becomes \$30. You can fill out a paper registration form and mail it into the office or register on line. You must contact The Grand Hotel directly to make room reservations. The cost is \$168 (plus taxes and fees) per night, with a minimum of a two-night stay. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Rich M., Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer - Finance Committee Minutes from February, 20, 2020

Attendees:

Janet C.	Treasurer	Diane C.	Assistant Treasurer
Mark P.	Chair	Rich M.	Vice Chair Montgomery County
Gary T.	Liaison Delaware County	Mike W.	Liaison Chester
Mike O.	Chester County Liaison	Andrea S.	Liaison Bucks
Elaine J.	Office Manager		

Opened at 7:02 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Read and Discussed Tradition 4

Read and Discussed Concept 4

Reviewed: Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

Profit and Loss vs. Budget

Parking at the 1903 South Broad Street location:

Currently paying for two full time employees at \$120 each per month.

Reimbursing one part time employee for parking.

New Business:

Elaine, current Office Manager, brought to the meeting a concern of two part-time employees that use public transportation. The concern is that due to the relocation, they are traveling 30 minutes more than before and there is an additional cost incurred due to the need to take an additional bus/train. There was discussion

regarding compensation for the additional travel time and/or additional transportation costs. Gary T. made a motion, seconded by Mark P. that EXISTING part-time employees be compensated for 50% of their current cost for the rest of this fiscal year ending October 31, 2020. Motion passed 5-3 in favor.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Due to the Round-Up, the April meeting will be held on fourth Thursday (instead of the third Thursday), which will be Thursday, April 23, 2020.

Yours in service,
Janet C., Treasurer

Bank Balances (as of 2/29/2020):

- PNC Checking: \$23,164.05 (QB \$17,563.45)
- PNC Money Market: \$15,000 (February Monthly Interest: \$0.84)
- Capital One 360 Account: \$76,244.33 (February Monthly Interest: \$105.57)
- Franklin Mint Credit Union: \$80,861.16 (February Monthly Interest: \$129.91)
- PayPal Account: \$2,855.95
- Petty Cash: \$259.16

Total: \$192,548.57

Office Manager’s Report

80th Birthday Party for A.A. in Philadelphia: Please come out and celebrate with us on Saturday, March 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Food, fun and fellowship. Two A.A. speakers with long time sobriety and knowledge of A.A. history.

Round Up: Currently as of 3/2, we have 220 people registered for the Round Up. Also, we have received \$319 in extra donations for scholarships for newcomers, \$205 for donations for literature for prisoners and \$56 for extra donations for SEPIA. This is our biggest fundraising event each year. The funds are used to keep the SEPIA office open and able to help carry the message to those still sick and suffering. Thank you one and all in advance for your support of our annual event. Hope to see many of you there!

Move Details: The new office has been slowly and steadily getting organized. Please feel free to stop by and check us out and feel free to volunteer. We can always use help with making Beginners Packs or sorting cards or of course answering the phones!

Phone Calls: Below is a breakdown of all calls received into the SEPIA office for the last two months by both the office staff and the Interphones volunteers.

	Office Hours	Interphones	Weekends	TOTAL CALLS
	Monday to Friday	7 days a week		
	<u>9 am to 5 pm</u>	<u>5 pm to 9 am</u>	<u>9 am to 5 pm</u>	
January 2020	492	113	74	679
February 2020	450	106	245	801

A big thank you to all our volunteers who answer calls at any time!

Fax machine: Our old fax number was 215-923-7133 at our old location. We did not transfer that fax line to our new location. Therefore, we do not have a fax line in our new office. We are researching using eFax. We will keep you informed when and if we get a fax line put back into our new office.

Taxes for fiscal year November 2018 to October 2019: Our CPA/Accountant’s have completed the annual financial statements (audit of our books) and taxes. If anyone wants to review any of these items, please contact us at info@aasepia.org or manager@aasepia.org.

Thank you one and all for all that you do for SEPIA!

Elaine J., Office Manager (retiring May, 2020) and Maria F., Office Manager (in training)

Archives Committee Report

The committee met on Tuesday, February 11, and on Saturday, February 15.

Present at Tuesday Meeting: Gerry McT., Archivist; Alan A., Member., Don F., Chester County Liaison, Dean, Delaware County Liaison and Elaine, Office Manager.

No one present from either Philadelphia or Montgomery County.

Discussion:

We read and discussed pages 42-48 Archives of the General Service Office

Taping of Old Timers: Dave B.

DVD Showings: None

Group Histories: None

Any new materials donated: None

Saturday Preservation Work: Present: Fran G., Jerry McT., Alan A. & Brian Q., Unpacked boxes and put in filing cabinets. Sprayed older Steering Committee Minutes and put in folders.

Old Business:

New Business:

We will skip reading next month and watch the DVD in order to see what needs to be updated.

Please Note:

If you, or someone you know, has 20 years or more of sobriety, we want to save your experience, strength and hope for our future members. Please call the office or myself.

We are always looking for old AA articles, books etc.

Check to make sure your group has their history done and is sent to SEPIA, Area and your District.

Would you like a showing of our DVD? Email: Fran at archivesdirector@aasepia.org.

The Archives Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday and the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Intergroup office.

The next Archives Committee meetings will be Tuesday March 10 @7:00 pm and Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9 am at the 1903 S. Broad St. location. Due to the Round Up in April, the April preservation meeting (usually on the 3rd Saturday) will be changed and held on the 4th Saturday instead which will be Saturday, April 25th at 9 am,

Yours in Service,

Fran G., Archives Director

CPC Minutes from meeting of Tuesday, February 4th, 2020

Attended by 4 volunteers including Assistant Director— Not typical day to meet (changed due to move).

Alyssa is ready to escort. Tom S. to shadow Ralph V, Mary Ann to shadow Roy and Eric won't be ready until June.

- Opened with the Serenity Prayer
- Introductions
- Reviewed what CPC does and does not do, Dress code for Escorts— Doctors, Lawyers, clergy, policeman.
- Reviewed the entire escort process from email to completion.
- Discussed Correspondence for Students: always copy Director and Assistant Director and the Liaison Linda Freer. Please recap with a Thank you Note.
- Upcoming presentations: January 28th & 30th, 2020- Drexel College of Medicine – Queens Lane from 1 to 5 pm. [Positive feedback was received from Drexel and their faculty. We will debrief for next year.](#)
- Temple Public Health presentation on 2/13/2020 from 3:30 to 5 pm- Volunteers: [John Z. Michael L and Eric.](#)
- Eastern University presentation on 2/18/20- [New. Roy is the lead volunteer](#)
- Questions/Comments: update on SEPIA location.

Closed with “I am Responsible”

Submitted by Natasha M., CPC Assistant Director

Interphones Committee Meeting report from Wednesday, February 26, 2020

In attendance were the Director and new members from Delaware County (Tatiana W.) and Bucks County (Jerry A.). They were promptly trained in the Interphones' goals and procedures and then chose their shifts. "Welcome" The Call-Forwarding System lately has been providing us opportunities to get to know agents of the Comcast "Help Desk" Department.

It appears that Comcast desires our system to work as seamlessly as we do and, at the end of each call, the crisis du jour has been solved.

Regardless of intermittent challenges, this system is a great system compared to its predecessors and a continuing "Thank You" goes to each and all those folks who make it happen.

The Interphones Committee meets next on Wednesday, April 29th, at 7 pm, SEPIA Offices.

Bob Q., Director

Prison Committee Report for February 9, 2020 Meeting:

Prison Committee meeting was opened at 7 pm by Prison Committee Director, Matt F., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. No comments were made on Prison Committee Guidelines following their reading.

Introductions: Matt F., Prison Committee Director and Anne Marie S-G., Assistant Director introduced themselves along with Joe C. (Delaware County member). Also, Loretta, Monique, Suzanne W. and Tim H. (Philadelphia County committee members), Ascensione and Ishmael (Hispanic District / Philadelphia County members and Linda D. (Montgomery County Committee member). Frank K. (Delaware County Zone Liaison); and Mark (new Chester County Zone Liaison).

Director's Report:

1. Certain ex-offenders housed at state correctional institutes (Phoenix and Chester) have successfully obtained literature from Box 459 in New York. Anne Marie, with committee consent, is checking with the GSO literature desk regarding back dated Grapevines.
2. The February 25, 2020, Phoenix orientation at 2:30 pm is expected to be attended by Aminda L, William L., Krister H., Steve Mcl., and Dave H., all who received clean checks and will receive PREA training.

Old Business: All February commitments were filled.

Assistant Director received a Philadelphia badge; Dave L. and Director Matt F. are reaching out to Philadelphia for biometrics and clearances.

New Business: The committee is attempting to complete filling March commitments.

Respectfully

Anne Marie S-G.,

Assistant Director of Prisons

Public Information Committee Report – Minutes from meeting of Thursday, January 30, 2020 – 7 pm

Attendees: Claire B. (Director PI), Scott B. (Assistant Director PI), Brian F. (Montgomery PI), Glenn S. (Philadelphia PI), Jeremy S. (Chester PI), and Jesse O. (Delaware PI)

- Opened with The Serenity Prayer, Introductions, Distribution of PI Information Kits to New Liaisons, Read and Discussed Tradition IV, and Read Pages 11-13 in the PI Workbook with discussion.
- **Claire B. led committee discussion:**
 - **New 10-Second Radio PSA -**
 - The new PSA's have been submitted to Intercom Media. Stations included in coverage are 96.5 TDY, 98.1 WOGL, B101.1, KYW News Radio, 94 WYP, and 1210 WPHT.
 - **PI Trifold Update -**
 - Tabled until next meeting, Victoria L. was not present to report.
 - **Table Top Banner -**

- Glenn S. will work with a graphic designer from the fellowship on the design for new table top banner.
- Committee decided to adapt the “Wawa Flyer” into a table top banner.
- Approximate cost +/- \$200.
- **On Line Calendar Postings –**
 - Scott B. posted a special meeting coming in Chester County to Patch.com
 - Glenn S. is working on posting the Philadelphia’s 80th Anniversary
 - PI Liaisons urged to highlight at Zone Meetings, engage the fellowship with PI Service.
- **New Business**
 - **QR Code Added to “Wawa Flyer”**
 - A member of the fellowship shared a similar flyer from Richmond VA area, one that included the QR code.
 - The SEPIA “Wawa Flyer” has been updated to include a QR code that will direct the interested party to the SEPIA “Need Help With A Drinking Problem” homepage/tab.
 - **PA Bid ICYPAA Hosting PI Events for Teachers and Guidance Counselors**
 - Additional follow up still needed, but SEPIA PI Committee will participate as events unfold.
 - **Calendar of Events**
 - Reviewed upcoming list of Health Fairs and Events
 - D33 Workshop, 2/15: Claire B.
 - Share A Day, 2/16: Claire B. and Scott B.
 - Pathways to Recovery, 3/11: Brian F.
 - Family Fest-Bristol, 5/13: Glenn S.
 - Family Fest-Quakertown, 5/28: Jesse O.
 - **New PI Initiatives**
 - Considering outreach to Clergy, Grapevine Subscriptions, and Doctor’s Offices
 - More discussion next meeting.

Claire B., Director, closed the meeting at 7:50 pm, concluding with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 2020 (SEPIA Office)

In Service, Scott B.

Special Events Committee Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2020

Meeting opened at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions:

19 attendees, including Chair and Co-Chair

Last month’s minutes were read and accepted.

Share-A-Day Discussion:

- Low attendance
- People didn’t understand the topics.
- Not enough water provided – it was area’s responsibility to bring the drinks.
- Roland did a great job with the coffee.
- **Shorten Share-A-Day – reduce the presentation time; 30 minutes for Intergroup, 30 minutes for EPGSA, lunch for 45 minutes, 3 sessions all held in the main room, and FINISHED in less than 3 hours.**
- Intergroup representation very low. Less than 40 people from Intergroup were present.
- Give some prizes out at the end.

Round Up Discussions:

- Hospitality Commitments are still open. We need people to sign up and show up:
 - 3-4 people needed from a home group for each commitment
 - Friday openings: 1-3 pm, 9:30-midnight
 - Sunday openings: 6 am-7:30 am, 7:30 am-9 am, 9 am-10:30 am
- Clipboard went around to get people signed up for:
 - Greeters needed: Saturday 3-6 pm
 - Registration volunteers needed: Saturday 12-3 pm, 3-6 pm
 - Turn the names into Rich Mitchell or Timsky so we don't double book the volunteers:
Text or Call Timski at 267-776-1655
Text or Call Rich Mitchell at 215-268-8271
- Cold Coffee has been a BIG Complaint in prior years. (not as much last year though)
 - Cold Coffee most common in the early morning, so if you take an early morning commitment get there early to make it! We need to start making the coffee by 4:30-5 am to be hot enough in time.
- Jeopardy game cancelled.
- Round Up Comments Sheets
 - Of 1,300 attendees, only 50 forms were turned in last year.
 - Comments Sheets focused on banquet food, high cost of banquet, and coffee.
 - How to get more people to fill out the form. Suggestions?
 - Sending the registration forms out via email at time of pre-registration and/or after the Round Up might be a burden on the office staff to plug in that email.
 - Post Comment Sheet on Website.
 - Make sure pens are available for people to fill out the comment sheets all weekend long.
 - Add a young people's panel/section on form.
 - Add to form: Did you enjoy the DJ/Dance?
- Janet C. volunteered to set up the Walk/Run.
- Saturday Night Banquet Dinner and Speaker:
 - Access to the banquet room and banquet speaker will be restricted this year to only the people who have paid.
 - 250 paid attendees will be checked in by two people.
- Shopping Date for the food:
 - Shopping 2 week before- Saturday April 4 **VERSUS** Ordering online is being considered. Online shopping will save a lot of effort to carry up all the groceries to the SEPIA office.
 - Fran has an extensive shopping list from last year as a reference.
 - In the past, we bought water in Cape May.
 - In the past, we brought 8 car loads full of stuff from shopping event.
 - Volunteers to go shopping on (tentative) Saturday, April 4th between 8 and 9 am (if we don't order food online): Mark P., Roland, Tim C., Glenn S., Ruth P., and Timsky.
- Envelope Stuffing Date: Saturday, April 11 (tentative).
- Discussion on how to get people to not loiter as long in the hospitality room so more people can get food/drink/snacks. Make up signs?
- Breakfast Banquet tickets available from SEPIA office.

- No old business.
- New business – start to ask and get inputs from your zone about what type of fundraising event is desired in the fall 2020 - either a breakfast or a dinner.
- Close with Responsibility Pledge – 8:22 pm

Submitted by Rachel C., Assistant Secretary

Treatment Facilities Committee Report – Monday, February 17, 2020

-Opened at 7:05 pm with the Serenity Prayer
 -All county Liaisons and/or Assistant Liaisons present

Reports:

Bucks County - 91 commitments a month; New facility, a recovery house in Pipersville (Peace Valley Recovery), meetings for this facility given out for March

Delaware County - 89 meetings, 9 facilities, 20 host groups; only one meeting left unfilled at zone meeting; Discrepancy on timing for Keystone, this has been resolved; Mirmont was not allowing hosts in for meetings, this was resolved; No reported misses last month; Regularly handing out BTG forms at each zone meeting

Montgomery County - 2 missed commitments; Commitments are being handed out 2 months in advance; St. Gabe's is extremely difficult to fill; the inmates are very young. This is something that Montgomery County YPAA may want to consider because of the younger population. Mary will connect Montgomery County Liaison with Montgomery County YPAA

Philadelphia - 150 meetings, 5 adopted, 2 hosted; Friends Hospital meetings are tabled until further notice due to internal scheduling conflicts; Verbal corrections were made to errors on the Take Away sheet at the zone meeting; Franklinton Group has started hosting Gaudenzia New Beginnings on Thursdays at 7 pm.

Old Business - none

New Business -

-IGR Workshop this Sunday the 23rd, everything is all set and ready, everyone will arrive at 2 pm for setup
 -Between now and next monthly meeting, all committee members will review the New Facility Worksheet. Next month we will revise and update it together.

Closed with the I Am Responsible prayer

Yours in Service,

Mary R., Assistant Director for Treatment Facilities

Unity Committee Report from meeting of Monday, February 18, 2020

Attendees:

Noel L.- Director of Unity

Chip D. -Assistant Director of Unity

John F.- Bucks County Zone Liaison

(Not Present) Jerry L.- Bucks County Assistant Liaison- Chester County Zone Liaison

Mary L.- Chester County Assistant Zone Liaison

John S.- Delaware County Zone Liaison

(Not Present)- Montgomery County Zone Liaison

Paul H. - Philadelphia County Zone Liaison

(Not Present) Steve N. – Unity Member at Large

Steve M. – Unity Member at Large

- Meeting started at 7 pm.
- We opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- Round of introductions.
- We recited the Declaration of Unity from Tradition One in The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.
- Noel L. read the prior report/minutes from the 01/20/2019 Unity Committee meeting.
- We read/shared about The Second Tradition from The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.
- We read/shared about Concept Two from The Twelve Concepts of World Service Illustrated.

Old business –

- Report-back/experiences (stories) from Unity Pitches this past month.

Unity Pitches during the past month:

- **Unity Pitch - Saturday, January 25th, 1:30 pm, Prospect Group**, Chester Prospect Clubhouse, 34 S. McDade Boulevard, Glenolden, PA 19032 (Delaware County) (*Group contact is Mac (610) 809-6107*) (Noel L., Gloria, Janet, Noreen, John S., Steve N.).
- **Unity Pitch - Sunday, January 26th, 7 pm, Big Book Step Study of Frazer**, Frazer Mennonite Church, 57 Maple Linden Lane, Malvern, PA 19355 (Chester County) (Contact is Dennis (484)366-7265) (Fred, Claire, Noel, John F.)
- **Unity Pitch - Monday, January 27th, 7 pm, Hartsville Courtyard Group**, 1414 Old York Rd, Suite C., Warminster, PA 18974 (Bucks County) (Contact is John Ferk- Bucks Liaison) (Noel L., John F., Steve M.)
- **Unity Pitch - Thursday, February 6th, 9 am, Goya**, St. Johns UCC, 11 South Price Street, Pottstown, PA 19464 (Montgomery County) (*Group contact is Jim Smith (610)310-4519*) (Fred S., Claire B., Steve M.).

New Business-

Upcoming Unity Pitches:

- **Unity Pitch - Saturday, February 29th, 5 pm, Take Action**, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Lancaster Pike, Oxford, PA 19363 (Chester County) (*Group contact is Diane Goldsmith (484)804-0350*) (Fred S., Noel L., John F., Jerry, Mary L., John S.).
- **Unity Pitch - March 21st, 09:30 am, Saturday Serenity**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Library, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave, Chestnut Hill, PA (Philadelphia County) (*Group contact is Meg Knysh*) (Noel, Claire, Scott, Steve N., Paul).
- **Unity Pitch - Sunday, March 22, 8 pm, New Upland Group**, City Team Ministry, 634 Sproul Street, Chester, PA 19013. (Delaware County) (Contact is Howard (610)909-2317) (Janet, Noel, Anne Marie, John S., Chip D.).
- **Unity Pitch - Friday, March 27th, 07:30 pm, No Human Power**, 8744 Clubhouse, 8744 New Falls Rd, Levittown, PA (Bucks County) (*Group contact is John F.*) (215)809-9168 (Bob, Noel, Jon F., Kerry, Chip D.).

Other New Business:

- **Unity Pitch Request - Mondays, 8 pm, Day by Day**, Presbyterian Church, 1100 W. Rockland Street (Philadelphia County) (*Group contact is Paul H.*) (267)463-8609 (Carolyn and Paul).
- **2020 Unity Picnic will be Sunday, June 14, 2020, (noon to 5 pm) at Neshaminy State Park, Pavilion #1.** As a follow-up, Steve M. emailed Info@Area59aa.org to request the Unity Picnic be posted on the Area 59 Events Calendar.
- Update Flyer for pitches & have sent to zones.
- Discussed Unity Day Dates: September 12, 19, 26th & possibly using 562 Lancaster Ave Clubhouse.

We closed the meeting at 8 pm.

Submitted by Noel, Director

Bucks County Zone Minutes from the Monday, February 10, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Dom opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Concept 4 and Tradition 4 were read.

January 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 - 53

Alternate Intergroup Representatives present without their Intergroup Representative - 5

Other Members in attendance - 7

Total # of people in attendance - 65

Introductions and Welcome

- New representatives introduced themselves and were advised to obtain new IGR packets from Dom.
- Members with anniversaries since last meeting announced their anniversaries.
- No upcoming Group anniversaries announced.

Al anon/Al-a-teen Guest - Michelle

- Provides a forum for young people to interact with other children of alcoholic parents so they are not alone in dealing with their situation and they learn that their parent(s) drinking is not their fault. Example topics include dating and parents.
- The program follows the AA structure.
- Each group has its own “rules”, but generally young people are welcome through their college years.
- The program is over 60 years old.
- Al-a-teen meetings are sometimes coordinated with Al-anon meetings.
- There is a meeting at St. Andrews in Yardley 7:30 - 8:30 pm on Monday nights.
- 5/1 there is an anniversary celebration at the Hatboro meeting.
- For more information visit aisdv.org.

Guest Reports

Interphones - Bob

- The committee coordinates coverage to answer phone calls when the office is closed.
- It is a commitment you can do anywhere (e.g. from your LA-Z Boy chair or out of state).
- HUSSHH- Looking for volunteers to take meetings to members that are housebound, in nursing homes, etc.
- Need volunteers for coffee commitments at the Round-up. See Bob if you are interested.

Treatment - Bob

- The Treatment Committee meets the third Monday of every month at 7 pm at SEPIA office.
- Thank you to everyone that has gone to treatment commitments. The chances of someone leaving treatment and staying sober is much better if they make it to a meeting.
- The Bridging the Gap pamphlets are being updated.
- February 23rd 2:30 - 5:30 pm there is an IGR workshop. There are fliers on the table.
- If you take a woman’s commitment and the facility combines men and women you can leave if you are not comfortable doing the combined commitment. The same is true if you feel unsafe or uncomfortable for any reason.

Assistant Secretary for SEPIA - Rachel

- The office has moved to 1903 South Broad Street – 2nd Floor.
- There is a multi-level garage across the street (Constitution Health Plaza) that you can park in for service commitments. There is a \$6 charge but you can get a voucher at the SEPIA office to cover the parking. However, you do not need to get a voucher if you would like to pay for it yourself or you can try for free parking on the street.
- 2/16 is Share-A-Day. Highly recommend attending and sending your sponsees.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Steering Committee Report - Assistant Zone Coordinator, Mike

- 2/16 is Share-A-Day at the University of the Sciences. It is an opportunity to learn about Area and SEPIA.
- 4/16 - 4/18 is the Round-up. Registration is available online for \$25 until 4/15. Registration will be \$30 at the door. Hotel availability is first come first served at the Grand.
- PI created two public service announcements for radio: one male and one female. Let your PI liaison know if you hear one of them on the radio.
- 5/17 9AM - noon is the 5-county gratitude breakfast at Brookside Manor in Feasterville/Trevese. Tickets are \$20 each. See Mike for tickets.

Archives - Eric

- Saturday, 2/22 they will be doing tapings and archiving at the new SEPIA office from 9AM - 11AM.
- Talk to Mike if your home group is interested in a DVD showing of the history of AA. It runs approximately 20 minutes.
- Looking for AA members with at least 20 years of sobriety to create voice tapings.
- If your home group history is not in the book please get the information and bring it to Mike or Eric.

CPC - Liz

- CPC stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- Need escorts to take students to meetings.
- There is a flier with escort dos and don'ts.
- Requirements to be an escort - 1-year sobriety, attend 2 CPC meetings, shadow another escort for one meeting

Finance - Andrea

- The hope is to get the prudent reserve up. The committee is suggesting that each member give an extra \$20 to SEPIA per year to help get the prudent reserve up.
- There will be parking vouchers available at the SEPIA office for volunteers. You can choose to not use a voucher and pay for it out of pocket, as that would be another way to contribute to SEPIA.

Interphones

- Liaison could not make it tonight and Bob covered the pertinent information from the committee meeting.

Public Information (PI) - Dennis

- The PI Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 7PM at the SEPIA office.
- Did 2 different 10 second public service announcements for radio: one male and one female voice.
- WaWa flyers are available with a barcode that will take the user to the Need Help information on the SEPIA website. Please see Dennis for fliers to post in grocery stores, doctors' offices, liquor stores, etc. You must ask for permission prior to posting an AA flyer anywhere.
- Will be at the following events:
 - 5/13 Bristol Boro Family Fest
 - 5/28 Family Fest in Quakertown

Unity - John

- Gave three pitches in January and have one coming up in March.
- Always looking to give pitches, which last approximately 20 minutes. Let John know if your homegroup is interested in a Unity pitch.
- The Unity Picnic will be 6/14 12PM - 5PM in the Neshaminy State Park picnic area.

Prisons

- No report

Special Events - Ryan

- Share-A-Day will be 2/16/2019 10 AM - 3 PM, with registration starting at 9:30 AM, at the University of the Sciences.
- Round-up logo was selected.
- Round-up will be held 4/17 - 4/19. Pre-registration is available through 4/15 at aasepia.org/roundup.

Treatments - Matt

- No calls about missed commitments this month, but two people self-reported missed commitments.
- Can bring flyers for people to sign-up to be contacted when leaving treatment when you go to commitments.
- Bridging the Gap: Sign-up to meet someone leaving treatment to an AA meeting. There are flyers on the table about a Treatments IGR Workshop that will be held on 2/23.

- He needs groups to take Host Commitments. A group that takes a host commitment for three continuous months can request to adopt the meeting. An adoption means that group would have that commitment for six months. A request to adopt a meeting must be voted on at the monthly IGR meeting.

BCYPAA - Ryan

- Meets at Warrington Fellowship Church the first Tuesday of the month.
- BCYPAA is not about age; it is for the young at heart!
- On 2/15 there will be a Pajama Party at the Southampton Community Center.
- Pre-registration is open for the 5/29 - 5/31 camping weekend at Deer Park Camp and Retreat Center in New Hope, PA. The cost is \$100 up until 2/29, which includes food and lodging. The weekend will include a lot of fun activities, including meetings and burning resentments. There is a flyer on the table with registration information.

Old Business:

- The remaining alternate committee liaison positions were filled.
 - Finance - Steve
 - PI - Jeff
 - Special Events - Jess
 - Interphones - Jerry

New Business:

- None

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 10, 2020

Opened with the Responsibility Pledge

Announcements:

Smoking Area is in the back of the building. Please do not smoke out front. We have a very nice smoking area out back. Please be respectful of the businesses in this mall and do not park in the front two rows when attending this or other meetings held here.

WELCOME to 4 the new reps!

43 reps present

Congrats on the 4 anniversaries!!

Tradition 2 - Read by Steve

Concept 2 - Read by Bill

January minutes were approved

Visitors from Steering:

Prisons: Matt -

- Encourage those who want to take on prison commitments to get cleared at local prisons first.
- Inmates write to SEPIA saying they want help when they get released and we have people who help take them to meetings once released. We need help going through letters.

Treasurer: Janet -

- Officially in our new location, but we are not done with figuring out the budget - still shopping around for more bookshelves and other items.
- Look at the interview packet for the Treasurer Report or go to aa.org.
- You can register for the Round-Up online.
- SEPIA's prudent reserve is not where it needs to be. We have made a flyer to encourage individual donations to SEPIA.

P.I.: Claire -

- We added a QR code to the Wawa flyers information sheet. You scan the code w/ your smartphone and it takes you directly to the "Need Help Right Now" tab of the Sepia website. Please print flyers from the AA site and post at Wawa's after asking for permission.

- We were contacted by ICYPAA (International conference of Young People in AA). They would like to co-host a PI event to reach out to teachers and guidance counselors. More info to come.
- Upcoming Events: March 11th - Pathways to Recovery at Ethos in Plymouth Meeting. May 13th - Family Fest in Bristol Borough. May 28th - Family Fest in Quakertown.

Unity: Noel -

- Feb. 29th we are doing a Unity Pitch at the Take Action Group 5 pm in Oxford.
- If your group wants a unity pitch call SEPIA or get in contact with Noel. You can find all upcoming pitches in the steering committee report packet.
- June 14th is the Unity Picnic from 12pm-5pm at the Neshaminy Park, food, fellowship and fun.
- We need a Unity liaison for Chester County! Great way to get into service!

District Announcements:

District 30 – **Shannon** - No report

District 38 – Not present

District 44 – **Claire:**

- Planning a sponsored day trip to GSO on a Friday in early October. We will be taking a bus to Manhattan and back, we'll attend an 11am meeting, have lunch and take tours of the offices and archives. We will be working out the details at the next district meeting. As of now it will probably just be open to District 44 GSR's only as there are only 40 available spaces.

District 56 – **Gwen B:**

- March 28th Workshop 11am-3pm Jennersville Willowdale Chapel. Topic is *We are not a glum lot*, Jack the Puppet Guy from Northeast, MD will be there. Flyers are being passed around.
- Fall workshop will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 11 am-3 pm at the Lower Oxford Community Park.
- Take Action meeting in Oxford will have a Unity Pitch on 2/29 at 5 pm.

District 29 - Not present

Zone Announcements:

Finance Committee - Mike: Not present

Interphones - Tamatha:

- Have not been able to attend the meeting at SEPIA.

Treatment - Pierre:

- New map of the VA is available to help get into buildings.
- We have 4 VA commitments - 2 at building 39 which has around 20-40 men in attendance. Building 8 (PTSD Ward) has around 3-8 attendees. Women's meeting in the same building has around 10-12 attendees. Building 10 Men's Fresh Start Program for those who are getting ready to head out of the facility.
- In a few months the weather is going to change and people go on vacation. It then becomes difficult to fill commitments or have people show up at all. Please have an alternate if possible to get commitments filled during that time.
- Treatment Facilities Committee is hosting an Intergroup Rep Workshop Social on February 23rd from 2:30 pm-5 pm at the Gloria Dei Olde Swedes Church in Philadelphia.

PI - Jeremy:

- Report was covered by Claire.

Special Events - Position not filled

Men's Prison - Mark:

- Still navigating through the Google account.
- We need new people to sign up as we are currently struggling to fill commitments. Please go to the aa site to complete clearance forms if interested.
- The men's commitment on Tuesday night has been moved from 8 pm to 7pm to coincide with the women's meeting.

Women's Prison - Gwen:

- Talked to a counselor at prison to discuss attendance on Saturday night, although it is getting better. Counselor feels like it is on the inmates on whether they want to attend or not.
- Discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time which might make a huge difference.
- Susan (alternate) suggested taking beginners packets to those who are getting ready to be released. We could put that into the prison budget.

Archives - Don:

- Looking for someone to step up to be Archives coordinator due to the spirit of rotation.
- Email group histories if you have any.
- Looking for people w/ 20+ years for their stories.
- 20-minute film on the History of AA can be shown at your homegroup if you are interested.

CPC - Heather: Not present

Unity - Position not filled

Chester County Committee of Young People in AA - Jaimie:

- Planning a Bingo event for April 25th at the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Kennett Square.
- June 6th-7th from 12 pm-12 pm in Unionville, PA we are co-hosting a YPAA thon event with other YPAA committees in PA. It is a 24-hour campout with meetings, panels, etc...
- Meet on the first Sunday of each month at 3 pm at the 307 Clubhouse.

Zone Coordinator - Bill:

- Attended the Round up planning meeting and signed Chester County up for the hospitality suite on Friday night from 4 pm-6:30 pm more info coming up. We would just need to man the room and supply the food/drinks.
- We have a lot of open positions to be filled (see old business) please consider standing for a position.

Alternate Zone - Steve:

- Will be doing a new IGR orientation after this meeting.
- Working on getting details together for the hospitality commitment at the Round-Up.

Old Business: We need the following positions to be filled:

- Alternate Secretary
- Treasurer & Alternate
- Archives & Alternate
- Special events & Alternate
- Unity
- Alternate CPC

New Business:

- Vote Victoria in for alternate PI - Motion passes
- Vote Mary in alternate for unity - Motion passes
- Contact Elaine or SEPIA office to change info on clearance forms to update contact info

In Closing:

Closed with the *Serenity Prayer*

Thank you for your service. Our next meeting is March 9, 2020

Delaware County Zone Meeting Minutes for Meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020

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

Attendance:

IGR: 43

Alternate Reps w/IGR: 9

Alternate Reps w/o IGR: 4

Steering Committee Members: 4

District Reps: 0

Guests: 0

Zone minutes from January presented by Gloria and approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports:

Mark P., Chairperson

- Move has been completed to 1903 S. Broad Street.

- New Office Manager, Maria F. will be replacing Elaine J. when she retires in May.
- There is street parking and a parking lot on McKean Street which charges \$6 after 5 pm. Members coming in for committee meetings may be reimbursed for parking.
- Share-a-Day on the 16th - hope to see people from the Delco Zone.
- Delco Zone has not been represented at Special Events Committee meetings for the last few months. Zone needs to have representation at those meetings to keep informed of event happenings.
- Round-up Registration is up and running. Logo has been chosen.

Anne Marie S., Assistant Director, Prison Committee

- Anne Marie thanked Frank K. for his commitment to the Zone and his attendance at Committee meetings.
- Reported that SCI Chester volunteer of the year came from the Delco Zone.
- Always looking for volunteers to help with commitments in the five-county area.
- for his dedication to the Committee as Delco Zone liaison.

Scott B., Assistant Director, Public Information

- Explained what PI is and what they do.
- Acknowledged Jesse as Delco Zone Rep.
- Radio announcements are up and running advertising aa.org.
- Packets are ready to mail to liquor stores
- Flyers are available at zone meetings or on the website for distribution to community bulletin boards. Also known as "Wawa flyers."
- Scott asked everyone to get involved.

Karen, Assistant Director, Interphones

- Explained that Interphones is an extension of our "Responsibility Pledge"
- Need volunteers to answer phones after hours. Phone calls can be taken anywhere and volunteers are trained how to answer calls.
- Any interested parties please see Karen after the meeting.
- Looking for a liaison for the Philadelphia Zone if anyone knows someone who might be interested.

Zone Coordinator:

- Gloria asked if anyone had nominations for Zone liaisons and alternates for the committees. No one nominated anyone or volunteered.
- Share-a-Day is coming up this Saturday, February 16th.
- Cape May Round-up registration is now available online and mail-in. Registration is \$25 up until April 5. Make hotel reservations asap.
- May 17th Gratitude Breakfast honoring Elaine J. tickets will be available at Zone. Tickets are \$20.
- Flyers for individual contributions will be available with a QR to use with your smartphone. SEPIA is still looking for individual donations.
- Move went well, big safe was sold.
- Event flyers for this month were not available because of an issue with the copier.
- Patti M. resigned as staff assistant.
- Treatment Workshop for Intergroup reps on 2/23 at 2:30 at Gloria Dei Church in Philadelphia. Please attend.
- Please check out the new website and contact SEPIA with any meeting corrections.
- Al-Anon representatives will be coming to the Zone to talk about gaining support for Al-a-teen meetings.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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

-- Dean gave the report

- Still looking for old-timers with 20 plus years of sobriety to tape their experience - recordings are made on the 3rd Saturday of every month. They will come to you if necessary.
- Archives materials moved to new location by members of the Archives Committee.
- Please submit group histories to Sepia, Area and your District.
- Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and the third Saturday at 9 am.

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

- Committee discussed the budget and prudent use of funds surrounding the office relocation.
- There will be a flyer forthcoming encouraging individual donations. This flyer will include a QR scanning code.
- Declining literature sales make group and individual contributions essential to self-support.
- Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

INTERPHONES - (Tatiana W. - Alternate OPEN)

-- Tatiana gave report.

- Will attend the meeting on February 26th. This Committee meets the last Wednesday of even months at 7 pm.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - (Jesse R. - Alternate OPEN)

-- Jesse gave report.

- Jesse was unable to attend committee this month.
- See above report from Scott B.
- Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS - (Liaison open - Alternate OPEN)

-- No liaisons present.

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

UNITY - (John S. - Alternate OPEN)

-- John gave report.

- Unity pitches were done at Safe Harbor and Chester Prospect, both yielded signatures of persons interested in service.
- Reported on upcoming pitches. If any group is interested in a Unity pitch and/or the film, please see John or contact a committee member.
- Unity Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 pm.

PRISONS - (Frank K. - Mac Alternate)

-- Frank gave the report.

- Frank had books/grapevines available to take to prison commitments.
- Distributed the commitments for February 2020.
- An issue was raised by Mike G. over IGRs calling in advance for prison commitments. Mike stated it wasn't fair to IGRs who attend the Zone. Discussion surrounding the reasons why or why not to allow these commitments to be taken in advance ensued.
- Frank stated that he will make sure there is a valid reason for the IGRs absence at the Zone meeting before agreeing to give away the commitments.
- Prison Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 pm.
- 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.

- Keystone meetings will remain at 8:00 pm.
- Seth distributed "Bridging the Gap" forms to a few IGRs to take to treatment facility.

- An issue was raised from the floor regarding Mirmont not allowing host group members to attend the meetings. Seth said he would look into this and report back.
- Seth announced the IGR workshop which will take place on February 23rd in Philadelphia. Seth explained the importance of this workshop in helping reps understand their responsibilities. Flyers were available at the zone meeting announcing this event. Please make every effort to attend.
- Jackie talked about safety in meetings and distributed the treatment facility commitments for March 2020.
- Reach out to Jackie or Seth if there are ANY issues filing a commitment. They have a network of people available to fill in.
- Jackie S. 610-550-1588 or Jaclyn.Somes@gmail.com or Seth F. 484-803-2060 or SFerguson1234@yahoo.com.
- Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Temporary Contact (OPEN)

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

Old Business:

Delco Zone needs 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:

No new business.

Gloria motioned to close the meeting with the Responsibility pledge - motion accepted.

Meeting closed at 8:03 pm.

Submitted by Kathy M., DELCO zone secretary.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ZONE MINUTES from meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020

Richard – Zone Coordinator

1. Opened meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Brad – Read Concept 2 and 2nd Tradition – Richard opened the floor for discussion.

Richard – Introduced Elaine

Elaine – SEPIA Office Manager

1. Spoke about need for volunteers to answer phones at SEPIA Office.
2. SEPIA Office answered 433 calls in January.

Janet – Assistant Treasurer - Finance

1. Spoke about contributions being up.
2. Finance meets 3rd Thursday of the month.
3. Encouraged others to come to the Finance Meeting to learn what the Finance Committee does.

Richard – Zone Coordinator

1. Announced that Archives needs a Coordinator and an Alternate, there were no volunteers.

Jay – CPC

1. Escorts needed for college students attending open AA meetings.
2. Interest in CPC? Come out for our presentation to colleges.

Matt – Assistant Director Prisons

1. Needs Volunteers
2. Prison Committee Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8 pm at the SEPIA Office

Mark – Vice Chair Special Events

1. Spoke about how there was a great turnout at Share-A-Day

Jim – Assistant Zone Coordinator

1. Attendance for this meeting:

- a. New Intergroup Reps: 9
- b. Visitors: 4
- c. Alternates: 4
- d. Intergroup Reps: 32

Steve – Treatment

- 1. Spoke about pamphlets on Bridging the Gap, helping transition someone from treatment center to AA Meetings
- 2. Spoke about open commitments that need to be filled

Tommy – Secretary

- 1. Advised Steve that the 8 pm Norristown commitments on Thursdays are incorrect on the commitment sheet.
 - a. The commitment is now in building #1 instead of building #10 and needs to be changed on the sheet.

Richard – Proposed Franko as the Treatment Alternate

- 1. Franko was voted in.

Dan – Montgomery County Treasurer

- 1. Balance changed from \$38.01 to \$28.01 for pretzels and water for the meeting.

Jay – CPC

- 1. Encouraged everyone to reach out to students who attend a meeting. Talked about getting contact info for professor from the student to establish a relationship with the professor to get more students to attend.

Interphone – Not in attendance.

Unity – Not in attendance.

Archives – Not in attendance.

Brian – Public Info Alternate

- 1. Talked about “Wawa flyer” initiative.
- 2. Flyers can be put up anywhere that has a “community board”.
- 3. Provided a stack of flyers for distribution.
- 4. Talked about Police Station packets.
- 5. Goal is to deliver packets to all Police Stations in Montgomery county.
- 6. Spoke about getting in touch with libraries to provide flyers/info.

Greg – Alternate for Special Events

- 1. Spoke about Living the Dream hats for sale.

New Business- none.

Old Business – none.

Closed meeting with “I am Responsible”.

Next Montgomery County Zone Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Minutes taken by Tommy – Secretary.

Philadelphia Zone minutes from meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020

Liz Wyjadka or lizwyjadka@gmail.com

I. Opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7 PM.

II. Read Tradition 4 and Concept 4 - No discussion from the floor.

III. Zone Coordinator's Report

SEPIA Move - 5 movers came.

Liaisons - Philadelphia Zone needs liaisons for

Interphones,

Finance and

CPC.

Public Service Announcements will be airing on 96.5, 98.1, B101, KYW and 1210 and 94 WIP. 10 second message. WaWa flyers available.

Website: aasepia.org has a new format with information to include meetings that are more than an hour long. If your meeting is more than an hour, please send an email to info@aasepia.org with details and the meeting list will be updated to reflect the exact ending time for your meeting.

Roll Call

57 IGRS

14 Alternate IGRs

1 Member

7 Guests

TOTAL: 79 people present

Zone Coordinator - Bebe, Alternate Zone Coordinator - Lorraine, Assistant Secretary - Lynn

Visitors from the Steering Committee - None

Schedules Visitors: CPC, John H. Secretary, Glenn. Archives Dir, Fran. Asst. Tx, Mary.

New Representatives

Mike P, 3-7-11 IGR

Ken M, South Philly IGR

Farad C, Recovery in Color, IGR

Sean L, 8 AM Solution, IGR

Tim R, the Foundation, IGR

Angie, IGR

Ken C, Fishtown, Alt IGR

Joe P., South Philly, Alt IGR

Marlene T, Osceola Grp, Alt IGR

Sue C, Monday Night Step, Alt IGR

Julie H, Saturday Serenity, Alt IGR

Anniversaries

Wesley, 9 years

Sean's, 2 years

Bebe, 26 years

Carla, 2 years

Bill, 1 year

Group Anniversaries

3/7/2020 @ 3 to 7 pm @ 817 N 7th St - AA in Philadelphia 80th Anniversary (food donations accepted)

2/14/20 - Northwest Group - 43 years

2/24/20 - Manayunk Group - 31 years

2/29/20 - Good News Group - 36 years

3/13/20 - 12&12 Group - 42 years

4/4/20 - Nite Owls - 30 years

Secretary's Report is available on pg. 22.

IV. New Business

Round-Up Coffee Slots Available. Dave is the coffee captain.

V. Old Business

VI. Committee Reports - ** Liaisons are needed - CPC, Interphones, Finance

Treatment, Diana H (report on pg. 9)

5 adopted commitments and 2 hosted currently out of approx. 38 commitments/150 mtgs

Service workshop on 2/23/19 @ Gloria Dei Church 916 S Swanson

Prison, Jill (report on pg 6)

Special Events, Andrea (report on pg. 8)

Share-A-Day on 2/16/2020 @ 10-3PM @ University of the Sciences - Accepting food donations

Round-Up hospitality commitments are available

Elaine's retirement breakfast on 5/17/19 @ 9 am to 12 noon - \$20 at Brookside Manor Somerton Springs in Feasterville

Public Information, Glenn (report on pg. 7)

Public Service Announcements will be airing on 96.5, 98.1, B101, KYW and 1210 and 94 WIP. 10 second message. WaWa flyers available

Talking to clergy about AA

There will be a new display board at Share-A-Day

Archives, Ed (report on pg. 4)

Accepting recordings for people with 20+ years sobriety

Unity, Paul (report on pg. 10)

Unity Picnic 6/14/2020

Young People's Bid (PhillyPAA), Kat

Valentine's Day Dance on 2/15/2020 - Details TBD

VII. Items from the floor

VII. Closed with I Am Responsible Pledge

Next Philadelphia Zone Meeting will be held on Monday, 3/9/2020 @ 7 pm

Adjourned: 8 pm

Submitted by: Liz W, Secretary, Philadelphia Zone