



August 2020 Steering Committee Reports

Each Zone will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, September 14, 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 August 2020

Greetings All, I hope everybody has enjoyed August.

Really not too much to report on. We did have the Nomination Committee meeting, and we picked a slate of candidates for the Steering Committee to submit to the Intergroup Reps to be voted on in October.

I did attend the Special Events Committee, Steering Committee, Finance Committee and the Nomination Committee meetings this month.

Sincerely,

Mark P.
Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson’s Report from the month of August 2020

I attended the Philadelphia County Zone, Nomination, and Steering Committee meetings this month. I also chaired the Special Events meeting on August 31th. See page 6 for the minutes from this meeting.

The Special Events committee is sponsoring the Virtual Gratitude Breakfast meeting on Zoom on October 4th at 10am. Elaine J, recently retired office manager, will be the speaker. There will be an on-line raffle for donated baskets received by the office. An account on RallyUp.com will be set up to facilitate the baskets’ raffle. A “Save the Date” flyer soon will be available.

We are still waiting for the refund from our original order of the Round-Up tee shirts/hoodies. When the refund is processed, a new, reduced order will be generated. Thank you for your continued patience.

Rich M.
Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer’s/Finance Committee Report from Thursday, August 20, 2020

ATTENDEES

Andrea S	Bucks	Mark P	Chair
Mike O	Chesco	Janet C	Treasurer
Mike W	Chesco	Diane C	Assistant Treasurer
Gary T	Delco		
Elaine J	Member		
Maria F	Office Manager		

Unfortunately, Dominic, CPA, was unable to join us.
Meeting opened at 7:03 PM with the Serenity Prayer.
Introductions
Read and discussed Tradition 10 and Concept 10 {Short form}

Reviewed Financials

Balance Sheet was found to be in order.
Profit and Loss was reviewed for budget trending, both Group and Individual contributions are above 2020 budget expectations.

Update Gratitude Breakfast tickets for refunds and/or contributions: Since announcing the cancellation of the Breakfast, there has been one refund requested at this time.

Maria has been in contact the old landlord regarding expected security refund since there has been a long delay in receiving the check. She has made contact with the new administrator and was assured we would see the refund by 09/01/20.

Rich has contacted vendor regarding shirts and hoodies, requesting refund at this time with the possibility of reordering with a 4-week turnaround. Otherwise he will research for new vendor.

Diane as Assistant Treasurer has begun preparations for 2020/2021 budget planning. Sam will be contacted to allow Diane Access to TeamViewer.

Next Finance Committee Meeting is September

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84240755543?pwd=ejJlZEFMTjllENDR6cHUxVmF1ci9DZz09>

Meeting ID: **842 4075 5543**

Password: **SEPIA**

Yours in Service

Janet C. Treasurer

Next Meeting (Virtual) will be held on Thursday September 17, 2020.

ID# 720 696 5759 Pass Code SEPIA

Bank Balances (as of 8/31/2020):

- PNC Checking balance: **\$31,161.43**
- PNC Money Market: **\$10,000.00 (August Monthly Interest: \$.51)**
- Franklin Mint Credit Union: **\$158,491.97(August Monthly Interest: \$100.10)**
- PayPal Account balance: **\$655.99**
- Petty Cash: **\$126.20**
- Total: \$200,435.59**

Office Manager's Report from the month of August 2020

- The Annual Office Manager's Seminar is coming up September 17th through September 20th. It will be virtual this year.
- The office is reviewing the New Intergroup Representative packets for Zone Coordinators. Outdated and redundant content is being removed, and updated content is being added.
- SEPIA has a lot of Spanish Literature on hand that has been in stock and not selling. We are looking to get it in the hands of those that can use it.
- We would like everyone to look at the 4 logos for SEPIA as we need to decide for signage, letterhead, envelopes and website etc. – see separate attachment.

Respectfully submitted, Maria F., Office Manager

Archives Committee Report from Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Present at Tuesday Meeting: Jerry McT, Archivist; Fran G, Director of Archives; Don F, Chester County Liaison-Delco; Dean; Erik, Bucks County Liaison; Alan A., Member; Not Present: Phila County Liaison, Montgomery County Liaison

Saturday Preservation Work: On hold until further notice

Jerry is continuing to work on the Jimmy Burwell files

New Business:

Dean is exploring how we could record old-timers over a Zoom meeting and how that would work.

Fran is working on a questionnaire that will be posted on website and emailed to GSR's or intergroups regarding A.A. groups' COVID-19 pandemic response. We will add this to their group history or that of a new online meeting that was started.

We would like to know during this unprecedented time in A.A. how the meetings were, how many newcomers you have had, an average of how many people attended each meeting, and how did your treasury work-- how did you donate? Or not? Was your meeting outside face-to-face? How did you handle that? Were you Zoom-bombed? How did you handle anonymity? Any information you can give us would be greatly appreciated so we can get it documented for our archives. Please send to archivesdirector@aasepia.org.

We need to show the next generation of alcoholics how we did it and remind them that there is always a solution!!!

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

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

The Archives Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month via Zoom Meeting

Yours in Service,

Fran G.

Director of Archives

CPC Committee Report from Monday, August 3, 2020

Chaired by Jon H--CPC Director

Natasha M., CPC Asst. Director, via Zoom

Attendees--Jon, Natasha, Rich, Brian Q, Michelle, John Z, Michael L, Jay, Tamatha.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

- **Nomination process for new Drexel Coordinator for CPC, Lori Cannon**
- **Discussed new process for chaperoning students starting September:**
 - **We discussed preparing a virtual version of escorting** if students do not return to in person classes by Sept. There are 279 first-year Med students for upcoming year--large group!
 - **List of approved virtual meetings**
 - Natasha submitted new virtual **chaperone protocol** that was reviewed with Drexel.
 - **College of Medicine-Health advocacy skills program** wants to add chaperoning on a prolonged engagement (Students to attend same meeting for 12-week duration of program). We will start in September.
- Drexel Faculty is deciding if **annual presentations** will occur in 2021. We offered assistance to be part of the conversation to offer assistance with alternative ways we could suggest to hold the presentations virtually.

Closed with the 'I am Responsible' pledge

Submitted by Natasha M.

Assistant Director

Interphones Committee report from August 26, 2020

The Interphones Committee, using "Zoom", held its regularly-scheduled bimonthly meeting on Wednesday, August 26th. Two curious gentlemen, A.A. members, joined the Director in a delightful discussion of the goals and operational mechanics of the group.

Three new volunteers joined the group this month. The 125-person Interphones Phones Roster now has only four vacancies. **CALL NOW!!!** Opportunities are unlimited!

The *HUSSHH Committee* is rolling along nicely. This group also needs new volunteers. To ensure that A.A. members who are unable to attend a meeting still can be active participants in A.A., new HUSSHH volunteers, from every nook and cranny of the SEPIA territory, are required. The availability of online A.A. meetings has lifted the morale of some A.A.'s who are not able to travel to meetings; nonetheless, not all of our HUSSHH customers have access to a computer and/or the capabilities to Zoom to a meeting. **CALL NOW!!!** Opportunities are unlimited!

Next Interphones meeting is October 28th, 2020.

Prison Committee Report from Thursday, August 6, 2020

The Online Prison Committee Meeting took place on 8/6/20. There was discussion carried over from the recent prison workshop attended by many. We explored additional methods of supporting the men and women behind the walls. Currently communications are being received from A.A. members at Philadelphia DOC and SCI Phoenix. We have sent *Grapevine* articles and literature donated from our fellowship. Big Books, 12 & 12s, and pamphlets have been donated as well.

Members wrote letters sharing their experience, strength, and hope to be shared with ex-offenders in an effort to maintain that sober connection while we are unable to hold A.A. meetings. None of the five-county lockups have named a date when volunteers will be able to safely take meetings inside the walls.

That being said, we are open for ideas and hope you'll share yours at the online prison committee meeting, or with your local liaison.

The August *Interviews* from SEPIA graciously focused on the Prison Committee including a must-read article containing experience, strength and hope, and a descriptive article on the committee and the temporary contact sub-committee.

If you are sitting on the fence about joining us, please come and check us out.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie S-G
Assistant Director of Prisons

Public Information Committee Report from Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Via Zoom. Attending: Claire, Brian, Glenn, Jeremy

1. 7:00 pm - Open with The Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions
2. Tradition Ten was read and discussed
3. Public Information Workbook pages 23-24 were read and discussed
4. Old/Ongoing Business:

- Allied Trades Assistance Program - Cover letter, informational flyers, and a package of literature and pamphlets were sent out to them.
 - “ATAP is a non-profit organization created by Philadelphia Trade Unions to contain costs and promote improved service delivery for substance use disorder, mental health concerns and related issues to union members, retirees and dependents.”
5. New Business:
- Homeless Shelter Outreach Initiative! (Scott B.’s idea)
 - Liaisons will gather addresses for homeless shelters and homeless resource centers in their Zones to bring to the September meeting. Consider including the Salvation Army, women’s shelters, or any organization that supports and interacts with the homeless.
 - Jeremy said that when people are leaving treatment centers, they are having trouble finding meetings since there have been so many changes due to COVID-19. He suggests we create a simple tri-fold pamphlet directing people to check our website, the Meeting Guide app, or call the SEPIA line for the most up-to-date meeting information.
 - Claire will follow up with Treatment to see if this would be helpful to include with the packs of pamphlets prepared for them each month.
6. Closed with “I Am Responsible” at 8 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 / 7:00 PM / Via Zoom.
Submitted by Claire B., Assistant Director

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, August 31, 2020

Rich M. opened meeting: 7pm with the Serenity Prayer

INTRODUCTIONS: 17 Members in attendance. Happy 29 Years Steve!

MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed from last month’s meeting and approved.

Old Business:

- Round-Up Hoodies/T-Shirts- still waiting for refund. When we receive the refund, we will generate a new order.
- Breakfast- Original breakfast at Somerton Springs for October 4th has been cancelled and the venue will hold our \$300.00 deposit for a future date. We will hold a virtual breakfast meeting and have Elaine J. speak. The Zoom invite has been generated and Rich will get that to us and to Maria for the SEPIA website at the close of this meeting. Refunds of the cancelled breakfast are expected, so far most have been donations to SEPIA and \$240.00 was returned. We are in need of basket donations and they are needed in the office ASAP so pictures can be taken and set up on the website RallyUp.com. In order to promote, Maria will send an email blast and also have it put on SEPIA’s website. A save the date flyer will be generated and a second flyer with all pertinent info will follow. Thank you, Letitia. A gift will be provided for our speaker but we don’t want to ruin the surprise, sorry Elaine!

New Business:

- Virtual Bingo was brought up, but it has been decided to leave that for the next panel to decide. There was little feedback on holding a Bingo event.

Meeting Closed: 7:43 with the Responsibility Pledge

Next Special Events Committee Meeting: Monday, September 28th at 7pm. The same Zoom invite will be used.

Submitted by: Maureen C. Acting Secretary

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from August 17, 2020

No report

Unity Committee Report from Tuesday, August 18, 2020

The Unity Committee met on August 18, 2020.

Attendance: Chip D., John S.

All business was tabled 'til the September meeting as only 2 members were in attendance.

Submitted by Chip D., Assistant Director of Unity

Website/Tech Committee Report from Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Attendees: Elaine J., Mark P., Scott B., Tim A., Kevin B., Sam H., Claire B., Steve N., Kris H. (Office), and Maria F. (Office)

Old Business/Follow Up:

- Status on Special Events Bingo Fundraising Poll – *Rich will follow up further.*
- Website/Technology Committee to share information with Maria for the Interview's "Committee Corner" Section - *Tim A. to write a brief write-up about new website and how to use.*
- Status of backing up files, new vendor? – *Kevin and Fred have reviewed vendors, green light given to complete.*
- Printed Directories, next steps? – *Due to changes with online meetings, table for now.*

New Business/General Discussion:

- Website features (Tim and team): - *Tim A. and team updated committee on new features and changes including:*
 - Removal of GSO # from meeting list (District # as well)
 - Removal of "Temp Closed" tag
 - Removal of "Active & Online" tag
 - Labeling of meetings that have "Moved" to a new location?
- Different location for all the online meetings being created, avoid use of SEPIA address (Maria) – *This will be updated and removed asap (SEPIA address for online meetings). Tim A. showed a brief work-around to fix, Kevin B. to assist with changes.*
- Handling fee addition to cover all costs incurred for shipping literature/etc. to the fellowship (Maria) – *Sam H. to review with Maria and Finance Committee. Scale charges to weight? Scale charges to literature costs? Do we even want to consider?*

Meeting closed at 6:30 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 pm

<https://bluejeans.com/741097158> Meeting ID 741 097 158 or dial 1-408-740-7256

Submitted by: Scott B., Assistant Director, Public Information Committee

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Dom

Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Concept 10 and Tradition 10 were read

The July Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes were emailed last month to the Liaisons and Steering Committee members. If you haven't reviewed them yet, please review the minutes and let Dionne or Dom know if you see any errors.

Attendance:

Intergroup Representatives - 20

Alternate Intergroup Representatives present without their Intergroup Representative - 0

Other Members in attendance - 4

Total # of people in attendance – 24

Introductions and Welcome

- 4 new representatives
- Member anniversaries announced.
- The 8744 Clubhouse Saturday 7PM group will be celebrating their anniversary this Saturday.
- The Warrington Monday Nighters cannot use the church anymore for meetings (not due to COVID), but it is still on Zoom.
- The Young and Sober group that meets Tuesday at 8 PM at the 8744 Clubhouse has changed its name to Literature and Sober.
- Sobriety Group found a new home, and it is an in-person meeting. The address is 979 County Line Road (Rosemore Shopping Center). It is at the very end and the entrance is in the rear.

Guest Reports:

Archives - Fran

- Not meeting currently to do archiving, and have not met in person for about 4 months.
- Zoom meetings on Tuesday nights.
- Looking for group histories. If your group's history is not in the book please see your Archives liaison, Mike.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Zone Coordinator – Dom

- Dom missed the Steering Committee meeting last week.
- Nominations Forms for Steering Committee positions for the November 2020 - November 2022 term are available, and must be submitted by this Friday. Dom can email you the nomination form if you are interested.
- The fifth annual Service Conference will be virtual during Labor Day weekend, 9/5 and 9/6. Dom has the pamphlet and can email it to you upon request.

Archives – Mike

- Fran covered everything.

CPC – Marianne

- Drexel has a huge class starting, and the CPC committee will be escorting students virtually to A.A. meetings. Please let SEPIA know if your group is open to students.

Finance - Andrea

- This committee reviews the budget and monitors the prudent reserve. The committee also

doles out money to the other committees based on past experience and need.

- SEPIA currently has eight months prudent reserve and would like to have nine months.
- Someone brought up groups not having money to restart and borrowing money from SEPIA for that purpose. This was not approved.
- Evaluation was performed on staff salaries, and they are comparable to the area.
- The office is looking to upgrade their version of QuickBooks and computers.

Interphones - Not present

- Dom shared that the role of this committee is to make sure the shifts are covered to answer calls from alcoholics when the SEPIA office is closed.

Public Information (PI) - Dennis

- Next meeting is scheduled for 9/16 at 7PM over Zoom.
- Contacted by counseling program that provides free counseling looking for information.
- Will be on talk show on Sunday at 10AM on WPHT 1210AM.

Special Events - Not present

- Dom shared that this committee is responsible for planning the fundraisers for SEPIA, including the Round-Up, Gratitude Breakfast, Dinner Dance and others.

Unity - Not present

- Dom shared that this committee does Unity pitches, otherwise known as the “traveling road show”, to explain the SEPIA service opportunities. They also plan the annual Unity Picnic.

Prisons - Carolyn

- All commitments were filled for the month, which hasn't happened in a few months.
- Bucks County prisons are not accepting much literature.
- They are trying to get letters to be read to the prisoners. The letters would be anonymous. Contact Carolyn for more information at cjcarolyn62@gmail.com.

Treatments - Matt

- An email went out today with open commitments.
- Daybreak is now open. It is a two-person commitment, but only one person is needed if can't get a second person. Masks must be worn by visitors.

BUCYPA - Mike

- The BUCKYPAA Annual Picnic was held on 8/1 at Peace Valley Park. There was a good turnout and a good time was had by all.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The church we meet in has moved to the next phase, which does not permit A.A.s to facilitate meetings in the building.

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge

Submitted by Dionne G

Secretary

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 10, 2020

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Meeting Chairperson: Steve M.

Meeting Secretary/Co-Host: Diane G.

New Rep WELCOME!

- 18 IGR's present
- 4 Alternate IGR's present
- 1 visitor
- Anniversaries: Gwen B., Jeremy S., Rob C., Pierre A., Nate G., Steve Mc.
- Tradition 8 - Read by Jeremy S.
- Concept 8 - Read by Steve Mc.
- July minutes were **approved**

Visitors from Steering:

- **Interphones – Bob Q.**
 - Interphones is busy during COVID, not as busy as in previous years. 25 shifts in a non-holiday week, total of 125 volunteers per week. **They have 6 vacancies.** There are 4 volunteers per shift currently, prefer 5 per shift. It's a completely anonymous situation for the volunteer.
 - HUSSHH (Helping Unite the Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Homebound activity: The committee has been active during COVID. This committee continues to try to bring meetings to those in recovery who cannot get out to a regular meeting and/or may not have access to virtual meetings.

District Announcements:

District 30: not present

District 38: not present

District 44: not present

District 56: Gwen B. – Keeping meeting lists up-to-date, 7th tradition: groups are seeing low \$\$ in their accounts.

District 29: not present

Zone Announcements:

Finance Committee: Mike O –GSO announced on 5/12/2020 that they did have to drawdown \$3 million from the prudent reserve as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. See newsletter from GSO:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_7_Tradition_ReserveFundLetter.pdf

SEPIA: Individual contributions have been increasing, which offsets the decrease in group contributions.

Interphones – Tamatha: Nothing to add to what Bob Q. stated.

Treatment - Pierre: Shared his experience as an Interphones volunteer. Pierre has a service sponsor, provides ideas and perspective on service. He recommended that IGR's get an Alternate so that they can take over in November and/or fill in at the Zone meetings. No change as far as treatment centers. Met w/ Gaudenzia West Chester director, but no idea when they will open for outside meetings. Suggested making sure there was a staff

person present during the meeting (in or outside). Discussed need for women's meeting. Online access to recovery literature can be found on www.aa.org. Received a case of literature for distribution at treatment centers, need volunteers to deliver to various treatment facilities, especially Bowling Green (Rob volunteered), Malvern, RCA.

- Prior to closing the meeting, there was discussion about folks leaving treatment having difficulty getting onto Zoom meetings (can't find passwords, etc.) SEPIA's website is continually being updated and the situation is improving. Zoom passwords are often embedded in the link, you don't need a separate password.

PI - Jeremy: PI committee has been invited to talk about A.A. on "Your Radio Doctor" on 1210 AM. Peer counseling program has also contacted PI. Need ideas for reaching out to underserved communities. PI needs assistant to the director. You can submit your service info to be nominated, vote is coming up soon. PI Committee meets via Zoom third Wednesday of the month.

Special Events - *Position not filled.... IGR's please announce this at your meetings!*

Men's Prison - Mark: Not present

Women's Prison - Gwen: Still haven't heard from the prison about bringing in meetings. Sent an email to B. Weaver (counselor) to see if they want a case of Big Books to split between the men and women.

Archives - Don: Please provide histories about how your Home Group managed COVID-19, establishing Zoom meetings, 7th tradition during COVID, etc.

CPC - Tamatha: Met last Monday, discussed Drexel University taking students to A.A. meetings, this is a big focus of the committee right now. Figuring out how to bring **279** Drexel students to Zoom meetings. There are approx. 125 people who escort students to meetings, and those volunteers often do this for many years at a time. Meet student 30 minutes before a meeting, discuss what it's like, what they should do/shouldn't do at a meeting, etc. Students seem to enjoy speaker meetings. Tamatha took questions.

Unity - Mary L.: No update. They can do pitches via Zoom.

Chester County Committee of Young People in A.A.: Not present

Zone Coordinator - Bill: Not present

Alternate Zone - Steve:

- SEPIA Steering Committee nominations: Nomination forms went out to the IGRs with this month's Zone Meeting info. Forms due THIS THURSDAY. You do not need to be an IGR or any special requirements.
- Gratitude Breakfast/Elaine's retirement breakfast has been cancelled. Looking at doing a Zoom version.
- Round-Up T-Shirts: cancelled order w/ first vendor and will be reordering from another vendor. Order should be in by the end of September.
- SEPIA is still selling literature, available for curbside pickup.
- Groups meeting virtually, please update your group history. This is an unusual time and would be good to go into the archives.
- *Interviews* monthly newsletter has been revamped, please look at the new format: <https://www.aasepia.org/news/news-interviews/>
- John H. passed away, got sober in 1976.

Old Business:

- Amendment to bylaws passed, meetings can be held virtually.

New Business:

- **Chester County Zone still needs a liaison for the Special Events Committee.**
- Rob – Attitude Adjustment Group, one of three groups that decided to hold in-person meetings @ 307 Club. Requirements they must follow according to the club's guidelines. Who do we contact to update the Meeting Guide App? Send email to: appsupport@aa.org for assistance.

In Closing:

Closed with the *Responsibility Pledge*

Thank you for your service. Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th, 2020

Diane G., Chester County Zone Secretary

Delaware County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 10, 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 Eight.

Attendance:

IGRs: 19 Alt. w/o rep: 2 Alt. w/rep: 1

Steering Committee Members: 1

District Reps: 0 Guests: 6 New reps: 0

Zone minutes from July presented by Gloria and approved by the Zone.

Steering Committee Member Reports:

Janet C., Treasurer:

- Janet explained that the projection for SEPIA's ability to meet monthly expenses through year-end shows our operating accounts will be sufficient. Recommended Prudent Reserve suggested by GSO is nine to twelve months of expenses. SEPIA'S Current Prudent Reserve \$168,120 = 8 Months. Exploring ways to reach a goal of nine months prudent reserve.
- Having problems with the QuickBooks program. We were planning on upgrading in 2020 but our CPA recommends not doing that until we figure out if we are fully utilizing the current version before getting a new one. The Committee agreed and further research will be done by office staff.
- In preparation for 2020/2021 budget planning Janet completed research into salaries for office workers in the Philadelphia area. Research showed that MARKET MIDPOINT AVERAGE RANGE is 24 k – 61k (Full Time Annual) or Hourly Range \$20.00 to \$25.00 with MIDPOINT \$22.00. SEPIA office staff is being adequately compensated according to these averages.
- No need to accept monies from stimulus packages to pay salaries and, in addition, the SEPIA steering committee voted that to accept would be a violation of Tradition Seven. In order to continue doing this, we still need contributions from our members.
- To view the most recent financial statements, refer to our monthly newsletter, "Interviews" which is available online at www.aasepia.org.
- Next Finance Committee meeting is August 20th via Zoom... login #7206965759, passcode SEPIA.

Submitted by Kathy M., DELCO Zone secretary.

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 10, 2020

Attendance:

- Intergroup Reps - _11
- Alt IG Reps – ____
- New IR's – ____ new reps & ____ new Alt
- Visitors – _4_
- Total at meeting 17

James opened the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition 10 ...asked for sharing/comments

Read Concept 10...asked for sharing/comments

Introduced new Intergroup Reps & Alt new Intergroup Reps attending the meeting.

Visitors:

Mark, Chairperson

- Changing of the bylaws was supported overwhelmingly by the vote that was held in July. Thank you to everyone that attended and participated.
- The bylaws are being updated.

Scott, Asst Director Public Info

- Web/Tech Committee website development
- Mentioned updated web listing for meeting
- Asked for people take time to check the information and report updates when needed

Anne Marie, Asst Director Prison

- Online prison committee was held last week online
- Temporary pen pal correspondence being worked on
- Issues of *Grapevine* have been sent to the prisons
- New video via GSO called *A New Freedom and a New Happiness* is available
- Members were asked to help with the prison work
- Listed examples of how to help

Karen, Asst Director Interphones

- Reviewed the different shifts for answering the phone
- They try to have every call answered
- There are some crank callers...they can be terminated
- "I Am Responsible" is what this is about
- Six- month commitment to answer the phones and must have one year of sobriety
- The question was asked is training available...Answer: yes, training is happening via Zoom and there is an introduction packet

Zone Officer Reports:

Beth W – Treasurer

- Opening Balance \$40 / Ending Balance \$40

Denny – Prisons

- Not in attendance

James – Archives

- Not in attendance

Greg B– Special Events

- We are having problems with the shirts and hoodies vendor. This is being addressed.
- The Gratitude Breakfast has been canceled.
- The committee is searching for a way to honor Elaine’s service.

Jay – CPC

- This committee works with the professional community
- It is looking like the students will be attending Internet (Zoom) meetings to learn about A.A.
- Drexel student’s report includes how they collaborate with A.A.
- How to use A.A. as a treatment option is being taught

Brian – Public Information

- Invitation from radio personality to discuss A.A. on a Sunday morning program
- Some Internet stuff is happening
- Virtual Wellness Fair took place at the end of June

Franco – Treatments Coordinator

- Not in attendance

Old Business:

- SEPIA bylaws Internet meeting option

New Business:

- Meeting in-person in September at the Church of the Messiah is allowed provided we limit attendance to 25 people, masks must be worn by everyone and we practice safe social distancing...there a motion and a 2nd on the motion to meet at the church...after some discussion...there was a motion to table the vote until September’s Internet Intergroup Meeting...that motion was passed.
- Horsham Clinic Covid-19 safe practices were discussed... Meetings at the clinic are currently suspended until there is a commitment to follow recommended safe practice guidelines.

Closed meeting with “I Am Responsible”

Minutes by James McK

Montgomery County Coordinator

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday, August 10, 2020

I. Opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7:00 PM

II. Read Tradition 10 and Concept 10 - No discussion from the floor

III. Zone Coordinator's Report

- Gratitude Breakfast on 10/4/20 will be virtual as well as the raffle, Elaine J is the speaker. \$75 was collected at the Feb. 2020 zone meeting for the baskets.

- New vendor for the Round-Up shirts, which are expected to be available late Sept. 2020.
- Steering Committee nominations are due 8/14/20

Roll Call – 35 participants on Zoom meeting. Zone Coordinator - Bebe, Alternate Zone Coordinator - Lorraine, Secretary, Liz W, Asst. Secretary - Lynn

Visitors from the Steering Committee

Asst. Dir. Unity, Chip – meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Voted (5-1) to cancel Unity Day in Sept.; it will not be virtual. Reserved Neshaminy State Park for next year’s Unity Picnic on 6/19/2021. Request a Unity Pitch on Zoom from Chip.

Asst. Treasurer, Diane – meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. Individual and group donations are strong and Zoom-based groups are sending donations. Budget for FY2021 is due soon. Currently have eight-month Prudent Reserve, but hoping to achieve nine to twelve months Reserve.

Office Manager, Maria – Curbside pickup available for literature; order online or call the office. Please let us know if you are not receiving Steering Committee Report and *Interviews* via e-mail, but the reports are also available on the SEPIA website. Working on digital Intergroup Rep packet, which will be available online under the Zones sections.

Vice Chair, Rich – Gratitude Breakfast will be virtual. You can contact the SEPIA office about refunds or choose to donate your ticket purchase. Usually generate \$25-30k in donations from the Round-Up and \$1.5-3K from the Gratitude Breakfast. More info about baskets for raffle will be available after August meeting.

Special Events meets the last Monday (8/31/20) of every month.

Vendor is giving full refund for Round-Up shirts order, and then the order with the new vendor will be placed. No more orders can be accepted.

Nominations for Steering Committee due 8/14/20, positions are posted on the SEPIA website. Use one form for multiple positions.

New Representatives

- Stephanie R, IGR Women of Dignity & Grace
- Theo, Spruce Hill Steppers in West Phila.
- Lisa, Alt. IGR New Beginnings

Anniversaries

- Diane, 32 yrs
- Katie, 2 yrs
- Rich, 26 yrs
- Steph, 27 yrs (March 2020)
- Liz W, 5 yrs

Group Anniversaries – None

Secretary's Report is available on pg. 15.

IV. New Business

- Zone meetings will remain on Zoom through at least end of year. As restrictions are lifted, the meetings may switch to a hybrid platform (in-person & virtual)

V. Old Business - None

VI. Committee Reports - * Liaisons are needed - CPC (pg. 4), Interphones (pg. 4), Finance (pg. 3)

Treatment, Diana H (report on pg. 7)

-No commitments, Diane continues to reach out to facilities for updates

Prison, Jill (report on pg. 5)

- Workshop on 7/25/20 was successful

-Contact Jill to be a pen pal for prison inmates. Letters contain experience, strength and hope and sent every Monday.

Public Information, Glenn (report on pg. 5)

- Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month
- PI was invited for an interview with Your Radio Doctor, Marianne Richie on WPHT 1210 on Sundays 10am. Claire will be doing the interview.
- William Way Center requested A.A. information for their free Community Peer Counseling program
- Looking for ideas for how to bring the A.A. message to underserved communities such as homeless and minority populations. How do we reach the alcoholic who hasn't heard the message yet?

Young People's Bid (PHILLYPAA), Katie

- Open service positions available. Don't have to be young in age.
- Working on starting a meeting that will be held on Wednesdays
- ICYPAA postponed until next year. There will be a small online conference Sept. 4,5,6
- PENNSCYPAA canceled until next year in Lancaster, PA
- Katie can add you to the secret Facebook page.
- Archives, Ed (report on pg. 4)

Special Events, Andrea (report on pg. 6)

Unity, Paul (report on pg. 7)

Web Committee, Scott (pg. 7)

VII. Items from the floor

- Circle of Hope meeting at 10 am on Sundays at 2007 Frankford Ave. is open for in-person meetings

VII. Closed with "I Am Responsible" Pledge

Next Phila. Zone Meeting will be held on Monday, 9/14/2020 @ 7 PM

Adjourned: 7:48 PM

Submitted by: Liz W, Secretary, Phila. Zone