



August 2021

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7 pm with the exception of Bucks Zone which will be meeting in person at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 877 Street road, Southampton, PA 18966(no Zoom available)

For all Zone and Committee Zoom Information see the spreadsheet that is available on SEPIA's website.

Chairperson's Report from the month of August 2021

I chaired the Steering Committee meeting on August 4th. I attended the Montco Zone meeting this month. I also attended the CPC, Website, Archives and Special Events committee meetings.

The Nomination Committee met for the final time on August 18th. Nominations were discussed, and a slate of candidates were selected for next year's Steering Committee. Unfortunately, there is no nomination for the Assistant CPC Director position. If you're interested in this position, please send your information to my email, chairperson@aasepia.org

The newly revised By-Laws are being reviewed by a lawyer. I will be forwarding them to the Steering Committee members for review and comments when that is completed.

The Steering Committee will be meeting at the office on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7pm. There will be hybrid option for those not able to participate in the physical meeting. Grateful to be meeting back in the office again. I want to thank our office manager, Maria, and office staff for all the work that they have done preparing the office for re-opening.

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of August 2021

I attended the Philadelphia County Zone meeting, Tech Committee meeting, and Steering Committee meeting in August.

Chaired the Nominating Committee meeting. We were able to get a complete slate of nominees to present to the Intergroup Reps (IGR's) for their approval. (Learned how to launch a poll and share the results. Not bad for a number 2 pencil and rubber eraser guy).

Also chaired the Special Events Committee meeting for August. Most of the meeting was spent discussing the various things that needed to be addressed for the Gratitude Breakfast on October 10th and getting members to volunteer for those responsibilities. The items discussed included baskets for Rally Up, baskets at the breakfast, 50/50 ticket sales, collection of tickets at the breakfast etc. Really appreciate the more "seasoned" members sharing their experience, strength and hope. This Special Events Committee rocks! Tickets have been printed (thank you Maria) and sales have begun.

We are requesting that individuals, home groups and/or zones that wish to donate gift basket, please do so. The baskets that generate the most interest will be put on Rally Up and the others should be brought to the breakfast and raffled there.

All of the 2021 Round Up merchandise has been processed and bagged. Again, I'd like to thank those that volunteered to drop-off apparel to members. A host of members have not contacted us about their gear so we will be reaching out to them to let them know their stuff is ready for pick-up at the Intergroup office.

In Love and Service,

Larry A.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from Thursday, August 19, 2021

On Zoom – 842 4075 5543 password SEPIA

Gary, Donna, Mike, Jon, Stephanie, Maria, Matt, Sam

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition 10

Read Concept 10

Review Balance Sheet

Review Income Statement

Old Business: Financial Guidelines – we went through paragraph by paragraph

New Business: Budget

Close with I am Responsible

Bank Balances (as of 8-31-2021):

- PNC Checking balance: \$ 24,578.02
 - PNC Money Market: \$ 10,000.00 (August Monthly Interest: \$.09)
 - Franklin Mint Credit Union: \$ 203,020.93 (August Monthly Interest: \$51.64)
 - PayPal Account balance: \$ 410.80
 - Petty Cash: \$ 466.20
- Total: \$238,475.95**

Office Manager's Report from the month of August 2021

- SEPIA Office will be reopening to the fellowship and volunteers on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The Intergroup Friday noon meeting will be Temporarily Closed until above mentioned transition happens. Currently we have staff, volunteers and members picking up literature coming to the office daily. Masks are required.
- The SEPIA Office has implemented using Ship Station for its literature orders. It consolidates the orders to one location, therefore allowing our processing to flow more efficiently. Seems to be working well and we will be incorporating other features it provides in the future.
- We rely on the fellowship to provide us with any meeting changes that might occur. Please let us know if there are any changes with your meeting a.s.a.p.
- Bids for the SEPIA Office outside sign have all been received and will be submitted to the Finance Committee and Chairperson for review.

Respectfully submitted, Maria F., Office Manager

Archives Committee Report from Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Archives Minutes August 10, 2021 Meeting via Zoom

Meeting opened at 7:00 by Mark P with the Serenity Prayer

Read **Tradition 10** and **Concept 10**–

Attendees: Jerry Mc, Director of Archives: Mark P, Chairperson, Rich M., SEPIA Chair, Bucks Liaison: Eric E, Delco Liaison: Howard Scott, Phil Alt Liaison: Chuck W, Anne Marie, Dir of Prisons, Members: Fran G & Mike G.

Liaison Reports:

Bucks: Eric-Bucks Zone will be meeting in person next month, the usual announcements plus breakfast event. Has a person to interview for longtimers. Will come to office when interview occurs.

Chester: Not present

Delaware: Howard Scott- Found Delaware County Book of Group Histories, the usual announcements

Montgomery: Not present

Philadelphia: New Alt. Liaison, Chuck W was introduced. (Spencer not present)

Director of Archives: Continuing Jimmy Burwell work. Doing a video of “can openers.”

Archives Director: Mark P: The office will be opening up for groups in September.

***Taping of Old Timers:** Ralph M., Yardley 31 years sober will be scheduled to be taped.

***DVD Showings:** None Discussion about doing zoom showings but decided not until we redo the DVD and upgrade the sound etc. Chuck has some experience in editing and has volunteered to help on the project.

***Group Histories:** Keep announcing for the histories. They can be emailed to Mark at archivesdirector@aasepia.org or to Gerry at archivist@aasepia.org. New book has been started for Covid histories and stories. Several have been sent in already.

***Saturday Preservation Work:** Gerry continuing to work on Burwell book re-identifying pages that got changed when scanned material was added in. Some of the committee will resume Saturday preservation work in September.

Old Business: NA

New Business: Vote was taken on meeting in person at the office in September. It was agreed to have a hybrid meeting. So we will meet Tuesday September 14th at 700 @ Sepia office and then again on the 3rd Saturday at the office at 9:00am for a few hours. If not comfortable coming to the office we will also have zoom available.

Ongoing Business:

Continue asking for group histories for those groups that don't have one. Remind groups about old AA literature they might come across and would like to donate to archives. Know anyone with 20 years or more sobriety? We can tape them safely over the phone. Please let groups know to email the archivist@aasepia.org or archivesdirector@aasepia.org. Continue to get as many histories as possible including Covid histories.

Meeting closed at 7:45

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14@7:00pm via zoom or in person at the SEPIA office. Mtg ID: 832 4414 8913 PW SEPIA

Mark P Director of Archives

CPC Committee Report from Monday, August 2, 2021

Interphones Committee Report, August 25

Attendance:

Karen S (Interphones Director)

Chris A. (Interphones Assistant Director)

Connie (Montgomery County Interphones Liaison)

Sue R. (Chester County Liaison)

Keri C. (Committee member, Montgomery County)

The meeting was opened by Chris A. at 7:06PM.

Chris gave a report on what's been happening with Interphones and The HUSSHH committee.

We decided as a committee that we would like to continue holding our meetings on-line for the foreseeable future.

He covered how many open positions we had and which shifts were available.

Open Shifts: Thursday 12 midnight to 9 AM

Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM

Sunday 1 PM to 5 PM

And 2 holiday shifts 1 PM to 5 PM

Keri took the Holiday 1 to 5 shift and Sue R. took the Sunday 1 to 5 shift.

The balance of the meeting was a question and answer session.

The attendees were encouraged to take this information to their zone meetings and attempt to obtain a few volunteers.

Karen or myself will send informational packets to those who need it.

A supplemental training session will be held if we have volunteers that require it.

The meeting closed at 7:38PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2021.

Prison Committee Report from Thursday, August 5, 2021

The online SEPIA Prison Committee Meeting took place on 8/5/21 at 6pm. All prison zone liaisons were present except Montgomery County. Members continued to explore additional methods to support the five county outreach to inmates while the pandemic is ongoing.

Participation in the temporary pen pal project due to the pandemic is ongoing and we are grateful to prison committee members and zone liaisons for their outreach. Grapevine articles continue to be mailed to the various facilities for inmates. Five Grapevine subscriptions were donated for facilities by the Top of the Hill Group. Literature was sent to Phoenix and SCI Chester, and Philadelphia received 12 & 12s and 3 cases of books. Old Grapevines, Big Books, and literature continue to be donated by groups and will be forwarded as needed to facilities.

There continues to be a spirit of cooperation among members to maintain the connection with AA members and inmates. Two online meetings continue to be brought into the Bucks County men's facility weekly. A third online day meeting is in the process of starting up. A women's online meeting began at Bucks County on July 6th and we received good feedback and much appreciation from the facility. SCI Chester and Phoenix accepted renewals but talks of meetings are at a standstill due to the delta variant. Possible online meetings have been discussed at Phoenix and they will be receiving women inmates at the end of the year.

The prison committee continues to maintain a connection with facilities in order to facilitate a smooth transition when reopening eventually occurs. We are grateful to facilities for continuing to work with us in getting the AA message to inmates inside their walls. We are also grateful for the tireless efforts of all prison committee members and their devotion to helping the next suffering alcoholic.

Bring any new ideas on ways to get the AA message into prisons and join us at the 9/2/21 at 6pm online prison committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn C Assistant Director of
SEPIA Prison Committee

Public Information Committee Report from Wednesday, August 19, 2021

Meeting cancelled this month.

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, August 30, 2021

Meeting opened at 7:00PM with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions with Name, Home Group, and any recent anniversaries

17 Attendees including Chair and Vice-Chair

Last month's minutes were accepted unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2021 Round Up Merchandise update

- Some apparel still needs to be delivered. It is packaged and near the couch in the office
- Additional Volunteers to deliver
 - Nick P, Mike W, Mark P
- 2021 Gratitude Breakfast – October 10th
 - Flyer will be made up by Fran
 - Breakfast Flyer, Rally Up Basket info, and Basket requests (bring day of event) will be in Interviews and an email blast.
 - Breakfast basket update
 - Currently 10 baskets in the office-will need to take pictures and put on Rally Up- to be completed by Monday September 6.
 - More Baskets are coming from several sources
 - Fran will make an event program
 - Rich will transport the baskets, ticket baskets/containers, money box w/petty cash for change, etc.
- Day of Event October 10, 2021
 - Glenn and Nick P will take tickets at the door
 - Maureen and Lorraine will sell tickets for day of event raffle baskets
 - Bebe, Peggy, Fran, Rachel, and Stormy will sell 50/50 tickets at the event
 - There will be a Count Down- unanimously decided
- 2022 Round Up Contract was received
 - Needs to be compared to last years' contract-work in progress. Should be completed this week
- 2023 Round Up Search Committee
 - Glenn S, Mark P, Rachel, and Gary

Motion was made to close and was unanimously approved!

The Meeting closed at 7:47PM with The Responsibility Pledge

Next Special Events Committee meeting is Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from August 17, 2021

1. Opened meeting at 7:00 pm with the Responsibility Prayer
2. Read tradition 8 & and Concept 9
3. Attendee introductions
 - Pierre A.- Chester Co. Liaison
 - Not present* - Chester Co. Asst Liaison

Not present - Delaware Co. Liaison
Not present . -Delaware Co. Asst Liaison
Ben W.. - Bucks Co. Liaison
Dylan R. - Bucks Co. Asst Liaison
Not present - Alternate Phila Liaison
Jim B. - Treatment Facilities Director
Victoria L - Treatment Facilities Asst Direct .
Michelle L.– Mont. Co. Liaison
Not elected – Mont. Co. Ass’t Liaison
Steve S. Member of committee
George P. Member of Committee (Bridging the Gap)
Mark B. Member of committee
Rich M. Member of Committee
Amy A. Member of committee

5. Zone Reports

Bucks Co. - Commitments still maintain pace. Not having trouble filling commitments, have more volunteers than commitments available.

Chester Co. – Alternate Liaison confirmed in last zone meeting, Chester County has steady treatment facilities commitments. Pierre will be reaching out to former commitments to assess if they will be opening up in the future for AA.

Delaware Co. – Liaison/Alt Liaison not present. No report

Mont. Co. – Horsham Clinic closed, 2b side closed permanently due to lack of resources and 2A is closed do to a COVID outreach and shall reopen. Still filling all commitments available.

Phila Co. - Joe M. - Phila. Co. Liaison has resigned. Orion unable to attend meetings due to medical issues, they will be assisted by new phila liaison Jake until further notice. Phila Liaison team will be reaching out actively to places that used to hold commitments to see if they are planning on opening up for meetings or will remain closed.

6. Director’s Report –

Discussion about upcoming nominations for leadership roles and the votes for new liaison roles. Also discussed Bridging the Gap requests we have received and the best way to move forward with them.

Old Business:

Continue to discuss virtual vs. in person commitments and the needs of the AA’s carrying the message. Each County and facility handles covid restrictions differently. Liaisons doing their best to maintain accurate records of available commitments while reaching out to groups to see if we can get rogue meetings back under our umbrella and more commitments scheduled.

1. Liaisons are checking in regularly with our contacts about Covid safety protocol.

New Business:

1. Jim B. suggested the group begin a discussion about whether we would like to go in person at the sepia office in Phila or prefer to stay virtual, as the Phila office has let us know the space is available for our meetings again. The group decided to table discussion till next meeting after discussion about pros and cons of both types of meetings for our committee.

5. Closed with serenity prayer

Report submitted by Treatment Director and Treatment Asst Director Jim B. & Victoria L

Unity Committee Report from Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Attendance: Chip D., Sarah K. (Mont. Co.), Don F. (Ches. Co), Paul H. (Asst. Unity), Donald S. (member), Sean C. (Bucks.Co.), Sean Q. (Phila. Co.), Steve Mc. (member)

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Introductions/home groups and anniversaries.

Group read Tradition 10 and Concept 10. Members offered brief comments and discussion.

Old Business:

n/a

New Business:

The committee voted in favor of a virtual Unity Day on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 4pm-6pm.

Also discussed in-person Unity pitch for the Top of the Hill group on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7am.

Closed with "I am Responsible" pledge.

Submitted by Chip D.

Website/Technology Committee Report from Wednesday, August 5, 2021

SEPIA Web Tech Meeting – August 2021
August 4th, 5:30

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F84021793007%3Fpwd%3D3DSGdERXBNdTLzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09&sa=D&ust=1620315998195000&usq=AOvVaw3m4FFfmiTD0rEWpBc6lZky>

- Zoom Meeting Code: 840 2179 3007
- Zoom Participant Password: 580960

Old Business/Follow Up:

- Brandon – strategy and vision of Web Tech Committee
 - Reframe conversation about website, make our website even better. Our current Search Engine Optimization performing very well. Serves our community very well.
 - Mission statement? Will this help better frame our web tech and SEPIA outreach.
- Brandon makes a strong case for social media as a solution, but how does this fit into overall AA? Currently, GSO has not engaged social media platform (except for YouTube).
- Google Search Performance
 - Google Ad Search: Google offers “in kind” funds to help nonprofit organizations.
- Notes from 6/30/21 meeting designate that we look at this in 3 to 6 months as a test.
- More discussion including Steering Committee approval.
- Tim A. stated that there will be some new enhancements coming to the website, via Wag Tail application. More to be reported in the coming months.

Revisit in September

- Misc. Website Enhancements (Tim and Brandon) Revisit in September
- Windows 11 – Hardware budgeting (Maria and Sam) Revisit in August: Computers are over 4 years old. Current computers MAY NOT be compatible with Windows 11. Money is budgeted for new equipment in 2021, will pursue testing current computers and purchasing new ones as needed. Budget money in 2022 for additional computer upgrades.
- New application – “Joyous” Revisit in August. Per Jim B., will table for a few months. Secondary priority. • Decision has been made to “pause” building out web site optimization in favor of making sure our office has the proper tools and the like to operate effectively.
 - First action is to get QuickBooks FULLY functional. If needed, will take steps to budget and hire a consultant to make sure we are moving forward correctly. Additionally, will connect on a call with an IT consultant to make sure our office procedures, IT, literature store, and the like are connecting in the best possible manner. • New printed meeting list. Timetable? (Overlooked revisit in September)

New Business/General Discussion

- SEPIA Meeting updates
 - Meeting changes are not immediately showing up. Follow up in September.
- NAATW 2021
 - Event will be help virtually. Registration is free. Sign up as needed.
- ShipStation
 - Revisit in September, related to QuickBooks becoming fully functional and consultant review • SEPIALITERATURE.INFO
 - Revisit in September, related to QuickBooks becoming fully functional and consultant review • Website Audit
 - Jim needs to review with Tim and Brandon
- LINKEDIN – Sam (mindful that we are in “pause” mode as Rich, Larry, Maria, and Kevin assess the urgent needs of “office optimization”). Does CPC have bandwidth to undertake?
 - Sam spoke with CPC, they will discuss further and may undertake.

My best... *Scott B.*

Next meeting: September 8th

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 9, 2021

Open at 7pm

Read Tradition 10

Read Concept 10

Attendance

Intergroup Reps: 15

Alternate without rep present: 0

Alternate with rep present: 8

Guests: 4

New Reps

Dan O'C. Fallsington Saturday Night

Dan L. Chalfont

Lindsey B. Living Room

Anniversaries

Personal: Zero

Home Group:

- 8744 Anniversary September 19th @ noon Falls Twp Park

Guest Reports

Rachel Secretary

- S.E.P.I.A. office will reopen September 1st for volunteers; *wear mask*
- Office received bids for new signs; will submit to finance
- A.A. meeting at SEPIA on hold
- Update S.E.P.I.A with current meeting info

Mike CPC

- Start escorting students this month; expecting around 300 students, currently virtual meeting
- Also doing Reading students due to non-response of Reading AA
- John making assignments
- Need volunteers – volunteer meeting e-mail cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org

Victoria Treatment

- Will be covered under liaison report

Mark Archives

- Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month
- No meeting in July
- Requesting personal history of members with 20+ years sober
- Requesting group histories

Bucks Zone Liaison Reports

Erik P. Archives

- Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month every other month
- Requesting personal history of members with 20+ years sober
- Requesting group histories

Maryann CPC (not present)

- No report, meets even months

Matt Finance

- Good financial shape
- Updates individual contributions and other recommendations in accordance with GSO suggestions
- Working on financial guidelines – being financially responsible without having rigid guidelines

Helen Interphones (not present)

- Volunteers welcome

Joe Public Information (not present, Dionne covered report)

- Next outreach at magistrate courts
- 2 events on September 11th: Standdown NE Philly & Chester

Rob Special Events Alternate

- Delivery is backed up
- Fundraising breakfast on October 10th: \$20/person, only 250 tickets available
- Requesting each zone to donate a basket
- Looking into alternate hotels for Round-Up 2023

Sean Unity

- Requesting alternate liaisons to seamlessly transition in November

Lina Prisons

- Men's Zoom meeting is going strong – trying to add a 3rd meeting
- Women's Zoom meeting is up and running
- Still need pen-pals
- Jayson male alternate
- Clearance forms are available, contact Carolyn on prison committee to sign up

Ben Treatment

- Ben stepping down as treatment liaison, Dylan alternate will rotate in
- New commitments to be voted on under new business

Rob Buckypaa

- Possible camping trip at Deer Run Park
- Meets 1st Tuesday at 7pm

Old Business

- Live v Zoom for Zone; should we go live starting next month?
- Steering committee preference is live
- Discussion open to the floor
- Vote for live meeting to start in August

Yes: 7

No: 14

Abstain: 11

- Vote to start live in September

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 3

- Will talk to church; tentatively start live in September
- Need alternates for CPC, PI, Unity, Prison (male)
- Jayson McS. Volunteered for male alternate Prison liaison, no opposition
- Treatment discussed cancelling Daybreak 12 noon; Rob stated that he could get the commitment filled this month; issue tabled until August Zone meeting
- Livengrin is still in limbo, may start a Friday meeting at 7:30
- Daybreak at Hillside brought to vote for meetings on M-W-F at 7p

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 8

- Vote carried, to start Daybreak evening commitments on M-W-F effective this month
- Gaudenzia offered a Sunday 11am meeting to address the issue with the lost Monday night commitment. Brought to vote

Yes: 11
 No: 0
 Abstain: 5

- Motion carried; Sunday 11am meeting to start effective immediately
- Kolmac virtual detox/rehab commitment from 7:45-8:30 pm once a month brought to vote

Yes: 10
 No: 0
 Abstain: 5

- Motion carried; when to do the commitment? Motion brought for last Friday of the month

Yes: 13
 No: 0
 Abstain: 2

- Meeting for Kolmac to be held on last Friday of the month; need to register before the meeting

New Business

- Unable to do hybrid zone meeting; difficult logistically
- Go back live at Good Shepherd Lutheran September 13th; *no food, no drinks, masks on*
- Vote to cancel Daybreak noon meeting due to lack of support; motion carried 16 - 0
- Vote to bring on Libertae Friday @ 7p; motion carried 12-0
- Discussion to bring on Livengrin Friday at 7:30 as a commitment
- Stipulations from Livengrin are: **must** be vaccinated; **must** send vaccination card and photo ID to John Kronbar by 3pm the day of the commitment; temperature check once on site; **must** wear masks; **must** social distance; **no** energy drinks
- Vote to bring on Livengrin commitment; First vote tied 8-8
- Second vote: 6 (yes)- 12 (no); motion not carried, will keep line of communication to revisit in the future
- Rob stepping down as alternate for special events
- All assistant liaisons will rotate into their positions in 2 months, need volunteers for next year's alternates

Motion to Close at 8:33 pm
 Close with "I am Responsible"

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 9, 2021

Meeting is being held via Zoom

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Meeting Chairperson: Steve M.

Meeting Secretary: Nick S.

New Rep WELCOME – Steve: Thanks for Sharing Group, Colleen: Alternate for Royersford Big Book Step Study, Harry: I'm here because I don't want to drink group, Amin: Downingtown Young People. Jen: Women Seeking Serenity.

- 23 voting members
- Anniversaries: Jim had 23 years in July, Dana had 27 years, Pierre had 6 years, Steve had 21 years.
- Tradition 10 – Read by Steve
- Concept 10 – Ready by Steve

- July minutes were approved.

Visitor for Steering Committee

Jay F. the SEPIA Assistant Secretary was here. The SEPIA Office is sending out bids to get a sign in front of the office. The SEPIA payroll account problem has been solved. The SEPIA office is going to be opened for visitors and volunteers on September 1st. The office will follow the recommended CDC guidelines for COVID. They are working in Quickbooks 2021. Baskets for gratitude breakfast are coming up. SEPIA is asking if there are any changes to the meetings to let them know.

Jim B. the SEPIA Treatment Director was here. You don't have to be anything other than an alcoholic to participate in a 12-step committee at SEPIA. You can be a drunk who wants to find out about stuff. Participation helps keep us all sober and is important for the entire process to work. They meet on the 3rd Monday of each month on zoom. 1904 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. They are executing Bridging the Gap commitments right now. They had 4 or 5 of them in the last few weeks.

District Announcements:

District 29: Not present.

District 30: Not present.

District 38: Not present.

District 44: Tim was here. A few important dates coming up PENNSYCPAXXII is in Lancaster 8/20-8/22. Concept Workshop on September 8th. 64th Annual EPGSA is in November in Lancaster 11/12-11/14. Thursday 8/19 is the next district meeting.

District 56: Not present.

Zone Announcements:

Finance Committee: Mike O was present.

- Trying to update financial guidelines to incorporate best practice into a lot of how AA does things. There has been some lively debate and this issue is moving slower than expected.
- SEPIA has low expenses because nothing is really going on.
- Members of the fellowship have really come through and increased individual contributions to SEPIA.

Interphones: Tamatha was not present.

- Steve explained the committee.
- 5 people online that take a commitment for a certain time slot. If someone calls into the SEPIA office after hours, it gets sent to the 5 volunteers and first person who picks up takes the call. Your contact information is anonymous (not revealed) to the caller.

Treatment: Pierre was present.

- Talked about a pamphlet called "AA and Treatment Facilities."
- There are three facilities that are opened to us: Valley Creek, RCA Devon, and the Malvern Institute.
- We must wear masks at all treatment centers. Arrive 15 minutes early for processing.
- No COVID at RCA in the past 6 months, Malvern Institute in the last 3 months, Valley Creek has never had a case of COVID.
- Someone exposed themselves at a commitment. There needs to be a staff member inside.

PI: Kevin the alternate was here.

- They reach out to the public about the AA program and inform them what we do.
- SEPIA website has rack cards with a QR code. That is the new meeting guide.
- Public Information flyers can be found on the website.
- The next outreach is at the magistrate courts in November.
- Send group/meeting room pictures to the PI Director at AASEPIA.org.
- There is no PI Committee meeting in August.

Special Events: Mike W was present.

- Gratitude breakfast is October the 10th at Summerton springs banquet hall in Bucks County.
- There are 250 tickets, which are \$20.00 each. He should have tickets at the next Zone meeting.
- Baskets are needed for prizes for the raffles. There will be an online one and an in person one.
- There is a speaker, but it has not been announced yet who it is.
- Round-Up merchandise is now available for pick-up.

Men's Prison: Mark was here.

- Not much action.
- Prison Coordinator and Probation supervisor have not returned his phone calls.
- He is looking for an email address.

Women's Prison: Susan was not present.

- There were no changes.
- The SEPIA Prison Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6pm on Zoom.

Archives: Debi was here.

- Chester County Archives is not meeting in August.

CPC: Tamatha was not here.

Unity: Don was present

- They're like cheerleaders for AA. "The traveling road show."
- When invited, they come out to your home group to provide a Unity Pitch and explain what all the committees do.
- Monday August 16th at 7am they are doing a pitch on Zoom for Top of the Hill Group.
- They might be having a Unity Day in September.
- The Unity Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm on Zoom.

Chester County Committee of Young People in AA: Nicole was here.

- PENNSYPA is in Lancaster August 20-22 at Spooky Nook in Lancaster in PA.

Zone Coordinator: Steve was present.

- Joe W. attended the steering committee meeting.
- Nothing new from the reports that we've had here tonight.
- Refer to the reports.
- October is the final meeting for current SEPIA/Zone panel and that's when we'll vote on new SEPIA and Zone members to begin new Service rotation on November 1st. It's important everyone attend the October Zone meeting for voting.
- Steering Committee nominations were due last Friday.
- He will prepare a sign-in sheet for the next Zone meeting and email a Zone/SEPIA Committee job description sheet to Zone member for nominations and voting of the next Committee rotation beginning November 1, 2021.

Alternate Zone: Joe W was not here.

Old Business:

- Gratitude Breakfast coming up on October 10th.
- Nicole volunteered to make the on-line and in-person Gratitude Breakfast fundraising baskets.
- Steve passed baskets at Zone meeting to help raise funds for the Gratitude Breakfast baskets and we collected \$102. Nicole has the \$102 and will continue to collect funds from Groups and members through the end of August before putting the baskets together.

New Business:

- Looking into the possibility of acquiring WiFi @ 307 Clubhouse to help make a hybrid meeting.

In Closing:

Closed with the *Responsibility Pledge*.

Thank you for your service. Our next meeting is Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7pm.

Delaware County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 9, 2021

Attendance: 32 persons in attendance

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

Steering Committee Members: 3

District Reps: 0 Guests: 1 New Reps: 0

Zone Coordinator, Janet D., opened meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity prayer
Minutes from July were approved.

Steering Committee Member Reports:

Anne Marie, Prison Director

- George W Hill is still closed to visitors and is not interested in hosting zoom meetings due to having to pay a guard to be on duty for the meetings.
- For questions or more info on Delaware County prisons contact: prisondirector@aasepia.org and/or prisonasstdirector@aasepia.org
- If you are interested in participating in the temporary pen pal project reach out to Jill:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES- (Howard S., Alternate OPEN)

--Howard gave report

- Alternate liaison is needed.
 - There is a COVID group history form available for each homegroup to fill out and complete 8 simple questions regarding how your group has changed during the last year:
https://www.aasepia.org/docs/188/Archives_questions_for_Covid_History.pdf
 - Archives is always looking to record old timers' stories- 20 years or more. These can be done by phone. If you or anyone is looking to share their message and have it recorded contact archives:
https://www.aasepia.org/docs/163/Archives_Remembering_Our_History_063020.pdf
 - District 55 is having their picnic on September 18th and Archives is hoping to present on the county's history.
 - Howard is in possession of the Delco binder and display. The display will be at the district 55 picnic! He will be making a copy of all group histories, please check if your group history is included and reach out to Howard if you would like your groups' to be updated.

- Save the Date: September 25th at 6:30PM North Jersey Intergroup will be doing a presentation on the 'book behind the book' about the Jimmy Burrell story.

*This Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS – (Gloria, - Alternate Ashley G.)

--Gloria gave report Phone: (

- Gratitude Breakfast- IN PERSON
 - Event will be held Sunday, October 10th 2021 at the Brookside Manor Somerton Springs
 - Tickets cost \$20 and can be bought through Gloria or SEPIA
 - Seeking groups to donate baskets for raffles by the end of July to be placed online.
 - Baskets will be raffled off as a fundraising opportunity.
 - Asking each zone to donate a basket and home groups to donate a basket if you can.
 - Please deliver the completed baskets to the SEPIA office by the end of July.
 - Typical basket ideas: Entertainment: popcorn, movie tickets. Beach: chairs, sunscreen, sunglasses. Restaurants/Food: Gift cards, utensils, olive oils, nuts.
- 2022 Roundup- IN PERSON
 - Working with the Grand Hotel to have the round up in person for April 8-10th, 2022.
 - Looking for fundraiser suggestions.
- 2021 Round-Up Merchandise
 - Round up merchandise is in!
 - Looking for volunteers to deliver the merchandise. If you are interested in volunteering call SEPIA and let them know.

UNITY – (John S. – Alternate OPEN)

--John gave report

- Unity has received a few requests for Unity pitches, due to covid there have been no pitches for the past year and a half.
- Top of the Hill Group is interested in a possible zoom pitch and in person pitch.
- If anyone would like a pitch, please reach out.
- Nominations will be happening soon for the Unity Committee if you are interested.
- *This Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7PM.

FINANCE – (Peter W., - Alternate OPEN)

--Pete not in attendance, Diane gave report

- Finalized Financial Guidelines
 - SEPIA is doing very well with donations.
 - They are going to begin to work on the budget for next year.
 - Financial guidelines are being reviewed, will be voted on and brought to the steering committee shortly.
- *This Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – (Lori L., - Alternate OPEN)

--Lori not in attendance, Jen gave report

- Jen volunteered and was voted in as alternate, possible liaison once Lori is contacted.
- Public Information is asking for pictures with **no people** in it of your homegroup space so it can be posted on Google. This helps anyone looking for a meeting online can have a visual and increases internet traffic.
 - Send to: publicinfodirector@aasepia.org
- Please make sure that your meeting information- date, time, location is correct online so individuals looking on meeting app are getting the correct information.

- To make changes on your meeting information go on website and complete form here: [Meeting Status Update Request - SEPIA: Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous \(aasepia.org\)](#)
 - Alternate liaison is needed.
- *This Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM.

INTERPHONES – (Trish., - Alternate OPEN)

--Trish not in attendance, Jackie gave report

- Interphones has the following shifts available
 - Sun 1pm to 5pm
 - Thursday midnight to 9am
 - Saturday 9am to 1pm
- To sign up for these shifts contact
- Interphones is always looking for volunteers.
 - If you are interested here is the link: <https://www.aasepia.org/service-committees/interphones>
- Alternate liaison is needed.
- Questions? Reach out to: interphonesdirector@aasepia.org
- *This Committee meets the last Wednesday of even months at 7PM.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY- (Dave T., -Alternate OPEN)

--Not in attendance, no report give.

- Liaison and Alternate Liaison is needed. Margaret volunteered to possibly step in as CPC liaison, will vote next meeting once she reaches out to the CPC director for more information.
- CPC meets with college students, doctors, nurses and reviews the AA program and fellowship with them and attends an AA meeting with them.
- They have added new schools to this program- Drexel Physicians Assistants and Penns first year Medical Students.
- In order to escort them to meetings you have to attend a training with the CPC committee and shadow someone.

*This Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7PM.

PRISONS – (Mac, Frank- Alternate)

--Mac gave report

- No updates. Prisons are still not allowing visitors or virtual meetings.
- *This Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM.

TREATMENT- (Seth F., Angie- Alternate)

--Angie gave report

- Mirmont is back to hosting **one** in-person meeting on Tuesday night and Friday night at 7:30PM with a chair and speaker.
- Harwood House
 - Sundays- Men's meeting at 9:30AM, chair and speaker.
- First Steps Treatment Center is now open.
 - There is one co-ed meeting per floor Sundays at 8:00PM.
- Keystone- TBD, coordinating with Seth and Angie to set dates and times
- Please reach out to Angie **by phone** and include your phone number if you would like to speak at a facility.
 - Angie W.
 - Seth F.
- Bridging the Gap: [SEPIA 12th Step Volunteer registration \(google.com\)](#)
- *This Committee meets the third Monday of every month at 7PM.

Old Business:

- Janet looked into a new meeting place for the zone to bring in person or hybrid meetings back
 - o Tree of Life Church will most likely not be an option.
 - o Reformation Lutheran Church- has a basement room large enough, masks required, no food or beverage able to be served.
 - o St. Rose of Lima Church (Eddystone)- Parking and space works, waiting to hear back from pastor.
 - o Unitarian Church- Not open to in person services
- Motion to make a vote on in person in the near future, not yet bringing this to the floor for a vote.
 - o Revisit in October.
- If there are any groups not going back in person that has literature on hand please reach out to Gloria to assist in donating some big books to be used in a new meeting opening up!

New Business:

- Janet reached out to 4 facilities to secure a meeting location moving forward in case we do go back in person in the near future.
- These two sites are possibilities:
 - o Saint Rose of Lima Church
 - o Lima Methodist Church
- If anyone else has suggestions for possible sites please reach out.
- We will be bringing this to a vote in September.

Janet closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge at 8:15 PM
-Submitted by Jackie S., Delco Secretary on 8/28/2021

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 9, 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

- ATTENDANCE:
 - o Total = 39
 - o IGR's = 24
 - o AIGR's = 5
 - o Visitors = 4
- Bill P opened meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Bill P introduced himself, and had each person introduce themselves, what group they were with, if they are an IGR or other service positions
- Reading of Tradition 10
- Reading of Concept 10
- Secretary's Report of previous month's meeting minutes
- Moment for sharing if anyone needs to share any pressing needs or feels like they need a drink
- Introduced Visitors

- Public Information Assistant Director – Jeremy
 - Talked about what Public Information is and does
 - Talked about upcoming PI events
 - Reminded IGRs to check and update their meeting info on the SEPIA website
- Prisons Assistant Director – Carolyn
 - They meet 1st Thurs of the month at 6pm
 - Talked about what the Prison Committee does
 - Groups can donate Grapevines, Big Books, and “12 & 12” books to prisons
 - Spoke about Pen Pal program
- Interphones Assistant Director – Chris
 - Talked about what Interphones does
 - 1 year sobriety requirement
 - Training available for volunteers
 - Currently need 5 volunteers to help fill shifts
- SEPIA Chairperson – Rich
 - SEPIA Office to reopen on Sept 1st
 - Each Committee can decide to meet either in person or via Zoom
 - Steering Committee meets on the 2nd Wed of the month
 - CPC will be needing volunteers
 - Special Event Breakfast coming up on October 10th. There will be 250 tickets available for \$20 each. Gift Baskets to be raffled off.
 - Nominations Committee will meet again on 08/18
- CHAIRPERSON REPORT
 - Asked IGRs to keep SEPIA website updated with current meeting info
 - Reiterated that the SEPIA Office will reopen September 1st
 - LIAISONS:
 - Public Information – Brian F
 - Looking for picture of your homegroup; image of the room/chairs, leave out faces/people, also leave out any church affiliations. Send picture to Scott
 - Reminder to check out the PI section of the SEPIA website
 - Finance – Donna

- Making progress on spending guidelines
- Meet on 3rd Thursday
- Contributions are up
- Archives – Denny
 - Looking to record members with >20 years – interested in how AA was when they came to AA
 - Also asking for group histories and also any updates on group histories regarding how the group handled Covid
- CPC – Mike
 - No new updates from Mike
 - Bill added that Reading students will be added to the list for Drexel students, which will increase the need for volunteer to escort to meetings
 - 1 year sobriety requirement, and attendance at CPC meeting and “shadowing” an existing CPC volunteer
- Interphones – N/A
- Unity – Sarah
 - Encouraged IGR’s to ask Unity to come to their group to do a Unity Pitch
- Special Events – N/A
- Prisons – Charlie
 - Nothing new to report
 - 1 year to chair, 6 months to speak
- Treatment Facilities – Michelle
 - Gave out September commitments to IGR’s in order of attendance to tonight’s meeting

Old Business

- We need a Special Events Liaison
- We need Alternates for the following:
 - Archives
 - Interphones
 - Prisons
 - Treatments

- Vote to go back to the church for an in-person meeting was tabled until next month
- Gift Basket discussion continued... Some groups are willing to donate baskets

New Business

- None

Closed meeting with “I am Responsible”

Next Montgomery County Zone (Zoom) Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021

Minutes taken by Tommy L – Secretary

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday, August 9, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Open: Serenity Prayer

- I. Tradition 10. Concept 10
- II. Zone Coordinators Report

Visitors from Steering Committee

Steering committee would like us to meet in person. Still looking for a location but need to vote. 47 in attendance and 2/3 majority to vote. Only Intergroup reps are able to vote. Voting results and a tie will need to revisit.

2 locations for our meetings are being considered. We will discuss later in new business. Apparel from the round up is at the office. Call and pick up at Sepia office.

Visitors Steering Committee

Larry – Vice Chair Intergroup

We appreciate your patience with the round up gear, email was sent as to how you would like to get your order dropped off.(Philadelphia area) picked up.

Tickets for the gratitude breakfast on October 10 at Brookside Manor from 9 AM to 12 PM. Tickets are \$20 each. No tickets will be sold at the door. Only 225 tickets are available. Call Maria at the Sepia office for the tickets.

Raffle basket donation or rally up basket online donations needed. Tickets can be picked up at the office for sale or for service given in groups of 10 and then settled up, volunteers need it.

Gary- Finance

Jeff -assistant secretary

Financially Sepia's strong. Prudent strong.

Committees to use money to help the sick and suffering. Financial guidelines spent prudently discussion. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM on zoom.

Paul-Unity Assistant Director

Our group will come around to the Home group to try to get people in service, we also responsible for the unity picnic and unity day. Unity group needs a liaison.

Email to

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at Intergroup office at 7 PM.

Maria - Office Manager

Sepia's office will be opening September 1 to visitors and volunteers. Encourage people to continue to schedule items to be picked up. Order online or phone in orders.

Please drop off any raffle baskets for gratitude breakfast at Sepia office by September 1.

Please update any group information on our website or call office or email Maria as well.

New IGR Representatives

Evan- IGR better than ever group

Kara H- Alt Manayunk big book

Reese K- IGR Youngmens Fishtown

Roma- IGR BYOB women's

Donna B- IGR Serenity group Saint Anne's

Anniversaries or Group Anniversaries

Liz - Group Anniversary 47 yrs August 21 at 10AM. Saturday morning group

Attendance tonight- 51

Secretary Lynn McG

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COMMITTEES

Treatment facilities – Orion N/A

David covering for Orion.

Saturday meeting at Presbyterian being covered by LGBT for the month of August and September.

Wednesday commitment at Presbyterian young women's group for month of September.

Interim House-Manayunk big book keep Wednesdays.

Gaudenzia reentry 5401 Wayne Ave.. Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 PM Sept.

Chestnut Hill Big book will take Tuesday.

W. Oak Ln. well take Thursdays.

Re-Enter Inc PowetonAve., Friday 630 Tacony Group

Women's facilities are excited about opening up to women coming in Self help and has been handled by Auctus group.

List of treatment facilities would be beneficial and if at all can be sent earlier before our meeting would be ideal.

Women's group information sent to E-mail

David will be visiting all facilities and updating all literature.

Archives Spencer Liason

Group didn't meet in July. No new information.

Still doing taping of long timers. Email Mark with long timers and group history.

Email. Archives director@aasepia.org

No DVD showings. Still doing histories. General group history forms are on the website.

CPC Jackie. N/A

Finance John liaison

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Interphones Katie N/A

Prisons Jennifer

Meeting is held first Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Still doing literature and PayPal for present facilities. Still going strong. Three cases of literature, 12 and 12 big book donations. Go on Sepia's website for prisons and donate from there.

Public Info- Emma

Make sure information on groups is correct. Asking for putting flyers on AA sepia.org. Show off your meeting place and send it to public information Director.

(No people in pictures). Allowing those who google see a picture to what they can expect.

Sept 11 2 Recovery houses

Stand down-West Philadelphia 4201 Powelton.

Bridge to recovery in Westchester

Meetings for public information group 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

Special Events Maureen Philadelphia zone

Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 7 PM on zoom

Reports can be found on pages 5-7

Committee looking for a new location for Roundup for 2023.

Still keeping the Grand Hotel for 2022

Unity- No Liason Paul gave unity report. Looking for liaisons for this group.

Young peoples-Kat. N/A

Old Business

Need liaisons and alternate liaisons all archives alternate CPC alternate prisons

alternate special events Alt public info

New Business

New meeting place Circle of Hope Church (only issue parking)

2212 Broad St.. Big facility handicap access but no parking

Presbyterian Church 2101 North Broad. Near Temple, didn't visit yet.

Zone baskets. Venmo Lorraine to donate Sepia basket.

@lcooper0729

Close meeting: I Am Responsible

Next meeting : Monday, September 13