



August 2022

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7 pm

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 2022

I attended the following Committee Meetings:

- CPC on August 1st.
- WebTech on August 3rd.
- Prisons on August 4th.
- Archives on August 9th.
- Special Events August 29th.

Attended the Montgomery County Zone (MCZ) meeting on August 8th with two other Steering Committee members. The MCZ is looking into the possibility of moving its meeting to another location. Special thanks to all the IGRs and AIGRs that braved the heat to attend the meeting – much appreciated.

Chaired the Steering Committee Meeting on August 3rd from the SEPIA office. We took care of business and had a lot of fun doing so. Wish that meeting was taped so others could see the joys of service. It is safe to say we are not a glum lot.

I am pleased to report that the IGRs in the five-county area approved the proposed SEPIA By Laws with overwhelming substantial unanimity. Many thanks to the By Laws committee that labored long and hard to create the document.

Attended the Nominating Committee meeting on August 24th, which was chaired by our Vice Chairperson, Rachel C. The committee's slate of nominees will be presented at the September Zone meetings and voted on at October's Zone meeting.

Visited the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City on August 18th with Rachel C and Mark P. We toured the venue, saw the meeting and breakout rooms, and are extremely excited about our 2023 Round Up home!

This pet-friendly, family-oriented hotel has much to offer. Please save the dates April 21-23. It is going to be one of the best Round Ups ever.

In Love and Service,

Larry A.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of August 2022

This month I attended the Steering Committee and chaired the Special Events Committee.

The SEPIA office staff is still searching for an additional sober resource to support the office on a part time basis. If interested, please contact the office for more information.

I visited the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City this month with Larry A. and Mark P. We discussed next year's Round Up with the Events Manager and toured the facility. The Showboat is going to be an awesome venue for our Round Up and it has the capacity to fully accommodate our entire group. I am very excited about this location!

I am looking forward to the Gratitude Breakfast! The event is scheduled for October 2, 2022 from 9am to Noon at the William Penn Inn located at 1017 Dekalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA in Montgomery County. Tickets are completely sold out, but it's not too late to encourage your home groups to donate Baskets for this fund-raising event!

Additional details about the Special events meeting can be found below.

Yours in Service,

Rachel C.

Vice Chairperson

SEPIA Office Report from the month of August 2022

Activity is picking up at the office as everyone comes back from vacation and we get ready for fall and many new happenings for the Five County area. Lots of people have been coming by to pick up their literature, volunteer, and to see the office since it has opened with no restrictions. We love meeting all of you! Keep coming back!

As we reported before, we have hired an outside accounting firm to help us clear up some outdated accounting methods so we can be more accurate in our reporting to the fellowship. This includes updating the way we track literature inventory, and creating new categories in QuickBooks to separate some of the monies so we can better see where the fellowship's money is being spent. We should see the results soon and I look forward to updating everyone! This is still a work in progress and we have been getting updates so it shouldn't be much longer.

Gratitude Breakfast ~ Tickets are SOLD OUT!! for the William Penn Inn. **Raffle baskets/Gift Cards/Lottery Tickets etc., are needed for both the in person and online auctions.** Please bring to the office **ASAP** if you are donating a basket for the online raffle, otherwise you can bring to the breakfast but please let us know in advance. The link for the Rally Up Raffle is on our website. After this event the office will be gearing up for the **ROUND UP** held at The Showboat in Atlantic City this year!

Please send in your meeting changes! If you know of a meeting that is no longer there, please let us know. Newcomers are going to meetings listed on our meeting guide app and finding locked doors!! Even if it is not your meeting, please let us know.... Responsibility Pledge...I (WE) am/are responsible..**each and every one of us!!**

Call for Stories ~The 5th Edition of the Big Book is in the making and AAWS is asking for your stories, including Black Americans and Elderly in AA. All the details are listed in the **Interviews** found on our website www.aasepia.org under the NEWS tab.

The monthly newsletter "*Interviews*" is free to anyone!! Go to our website: www.aasepia.org, and look under news for latest edition and subscribe to receive every week.

The Nomination Committee has had their final meeting and have come up with a fabulous slate for the 2022-2023 Steering Committee. Looking forward to new year with some new faces on the Steering Committee. Thank you to the Nominating Committee and all of those who put in a nomination for stepping up into service!

Literature - Still back-ordered is the large print **As Bill Sees It** -- GSO is saying we should have these sometime in September or October, but we have other editions in stock.

Phone calls received at the office for the month numbered 358. Our thanks to our volunteers that help us out with all the phone calls!

Any questions, please feel free to contact anyone at the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900.

Thank you for your service!
Fran, Kris and Kevin

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from Thursday, August 18, 2022

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00 pm; Attendance: Jim B. (Interim Treasurer), Stephanie W. (Interim Asst Treasurer), Alex V. (Del Co liaison), Donna S. (Mont Co liaison), Jon R. (Phila liaison), Steve S (Asst director PI), Kevin B. and Sam H. (members)

Open with Serenity Prayer

Read and discussed Tradition 10 and Concept 10

- I. Reviewed Financial Reports: Monthly Income Statement (P&L), Year-to-Date Income Statement, Balance Sheet
- II. July 2022 Income Statement (P&L): Comparing to budget, please note many expenses are estimated as annual costs and pro-rated equally over 12 months rather than in the months normally incurred. Additional discussion:
 - i. QuickBooks help and education is forthcoming, which may include renaming/renumbering some accounts.
 - ii. Committee expenses are coming together and are being recorded as accurately as possible each month.
 - iii. Shipstation fees were reclassified to be included in cost of goods sold as these costs are related to the sale of literature.
 - iv. Square fees are higher than forecast, further analysis to be made as well as analysis of PayPal fees.
- III. Year-To-Date (Nov - July) Income Statement:
 - i. Website hosting fees and Employee Benefits fees are higher than forecast. Website fees to be analyzed/reclassified to ensure properly recorded.
 - ii. Discussion on classifying expenses indirectly related to the office move.
- IV. Computer/fax equipment is higher than forecast - includes new computers
- V. Balance Sheet: Accounting processes need to be re-vamped to clean up anomalies (offset accounts), which will happen with QB consultant. Additional discussion:
 - i. Open question regarding capitalization of recent computer purchases (should they be posted as general office expense or entered as a capital investment). Fran to discuss with accountants.
 - ii. Open question regarding accuracy of inventory availability in QuickBooks/Zencart to ensure accuracy and proper costing. Ongoing conversations with Delmarva consultants.
- VI. Office Manager Report
 - i. Fran not present, but the QuickBooks consultant has a copy of our books and is working through items.
- VII. Open Discussion:
 - i. Visitation to committees to discuss remaining budgets for this year and budgets for next year. Office to help with giving reports on amounts spent in previous years.
 - ii. Communication to zones and committees regarding next year's budget: Treasurer will work with office manager to obtain historical reports on amounts spent to assist with development of 2022-2023 budgets.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm (by unanimous consent); Next meeting 9/15/22 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

respectfully submitted by Stephanie W., 8/31/2022

Archives Committee Report from Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and Saturday August 20

The committee met on Tuesday, August 9th at 7 pm on Zoom and in person on Saturday, August 20th at 9am in the SEPIA Office at 1903 South Broad in Philadelphia.

Present on Tuesday, August 9th: Rich M: Archives Director, Mark P: member, Howard S: Delco Zone Liaison, Randy A: Bucks Zone Alternate Liaison, Spencer G: Philly Zone Liaison, Larry A: Chairperson

Tradition 10 and Concept 10 were read and discussed.

The committee read and discussed pages 12 - 14 from the Archives Workbook.

All present Zone Liaisons present gave their reports.

Upcoming showings of the "History of AA in Philadelphia" DVD are listed below:

Foglifters Friday, September 16th @7am
Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church
1680 Aquetong Road New Hope, PA 18938

First Call Group Sunday, September 25th @8am
8744 Clubhouse
8744 New Falls Road Levittown, PA 19054

Hartsville Courtyard Group Warminster, PA
Time and date to be announced

Present at the Saturday, August 20th meeting at the SEPIA Office were Jerry McT, Rich M, Howard S and Debi W. No Longtimers were recorded but Jerry is now able to transfer to the hard drive the remaining SEPIA Longtimers that were originally recorded on cassette tapes. New hardware and software are now being used for these transfers. Some SEPIA Archive pictures were hung in the office.

CPC Committee Report from August 1, 2022

Number of Attendees: 35

Attendees to fill out this form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CwN3SjZG2xdnrx4QgzIEzupCzP3xT6Cwo0QgSNEUJz8/viewform?edit_requested=true

To view volunteers that have completed the form:

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CwN3SjZG2xdnrx4QgzIEzupCzP3xT6Cwo0QgSNEUJz8/edit#responses>

Agenda

- Introductions of newcomers (name, homegroup, did you complete the form?) *post form link in chat
- Call on someone to explain what the CPC is/ what volunteers do, eligibility and what newcomers can expect to do next
 - We have 22 Drexel Medical Students to escort in August
 - Please make sure to copy Lorie Cannon, myself and Mike on ALL correspondence
 - cpcdirector@aasepia.org
 - cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
 - The AA suggested readings (The Drs Opinion, How It Works, AA Preamble) are provided on their FPC1 course page
 - We can reach out to students and ask for copies of their assignments if they are ok with it

- Escort Guide:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MVKleEvtrjAJib8G8far64OEIzhf7UH5YWhmUvJuzAA/edit#> -
- New Board graphics - told by Fran we have a \$200 budget
- Waiting to hear back from PCOM and Drexel Physician Assistants on when students are starting back and how many
 - Read pg. 15 in workbook
 - NOMINATIONS BY AUGUST 5TH
 - <https://www.aasepia.org/news/nomination/>

Interphones Committee Report from August 31, 2022

- The meeting was opened by Chris A. at 7:03PM.
- Attendance:
 - Chris A. (Interphones Director)
 - Steve S. (Assistant Director Public Information)
 - Sarah K. (Montgomery County Liaison)
 - Allison G. (Bucks County Liaison)
 - Sue R. (Chester County Liaison)
 - Sam H. (SEPIA Network Admin)
- Chris gave a report on what's been happening with Interphones committee.
- All 125 weekly and 10 holiday shifts are filled.
- We discussed possible upgrades and changes to the Interphones Handbook. Steve volunteered to convert the current PDF file to a Word document so it would be easier to edit.
- We discussed the new National Suicide Prevention hotline (988)
- Steve S. emailed Alfreda and I a new Interphones flyer. We will review and present at October's meeting. Thank you again, Steve!
- Sam H joined us and we discussed setting up email addresses for the Liaisons so they can better stay informed of Interphones happenings.

The meeting closed at 8:08 PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 26, 2022.

Prison Committee Report from Thursday, August 4, 2022

- Twelve members were in attendance including the Bucks, Delco and Philadelphia liaisons.
- Tradition 10 and Concept 10 were read and discussed.
- Members continued to explore methods to support the five-county outreach to inmates.
- All the zone liaisons present gave their reports.
- Participation in the Temporary Pen Pal Project is ongoing and we are grateful to prison committee members and zone liaisons for their outreach.
- Grapevine articles continue to be mailed to various facilities for inmates and Big Books, old Grapevines and other AA literature continue to be donated by groups.
- Communication is ongoing between AA and facilities as to the status of any changes to re-opening or return to meetings.
 - Bucks County continues to bring 3 online men's meetings and 1 women's meeting weekly.
 - Delco and Montgomery Counties have no updates or change in status.
 - Chester County continues to take clearances for future reopening.
 - Philadelphia is getting members cleared to start up ASAP.

- SCI Phoenix is getting a schedule together to start up sometime in September, with 12 members being permitted in. SCI Chester continues with 3 in person meetings but is considering canceling the Saturday meeting.
- Temporary Contacts continue to be processed as they come in and there's been communication with new members who are interested in volunteering for the committee. There was also discussion among members about volunteering for committees next year.
- We are grateful to facilities for continuing to work with AA on getting the message of hope and recovery to those suffering behind their walls.
- Bring new ideas and suggestions to the 9/1/22 at 6pm online Prison Committee Meeting.

Carolyn C

Prison Director

Public Information Committee Minutes from Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA /

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09>

1. Opened with The Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions at 7:00 PM.
2. Jeremy (Director PI), Steve S (Assist Director PI), Emma S (Philadelphia Liaison), Sam H (Web/Tech)
3. Traditions - Read and discussed Tradition 10
4. Public Information Workbook – Pg. 43 top of Pg. 47 (Read **Background to Triennial AA Membership Survey to Presentation Outline**)
5. Unfinished Business:
 - Possible vote to recommend Google Ads to Steering Committee.
 - Email from Julie Gonzalez says
 - “For G.S.O., the yearly cost for LegitScript is \$2,875 and it is required for all businesses in the Addiction Treatment category (includes mutual aid groups like us).”
 - Web page for Google Grants does not mention LegitScript, but says we would need TechSoup
 - Investigate the cost of TechSoup.
 - We are already approved for Google.
 - Recommend a trial run.
 - SEPIA has been using TechSoup since 2012
 - Put information about Ads in Google Drive
 - Office has sets of Senior Outreach packets. Need to distribute to committee. Jeremy will get addresses of liaisons and have office mail packages to them when available.
 - Investigate costs for outreach to SEPTA. What is status? No report
 - Consider use of an electronic billboard. See attached spreadsheet for sample costs. We looked at spreadsheet. Jeremy will further investigate and rent space on billboards. Jeremy will get quotes from Lamar and Outfront Media with a target budget of \$1200.
 - PSA distribution to radio and TV stations – also send letter about anonymity statement. What is status? We need a list of contacts. Steve will research.
 - Purchase additional table cloth. Fran is placing order.
 - Budget for next fiscal year (Nov 2022 through Oct 2023) Keep same as this year (?) It cost about \$5000 for 214 of highest travelled SEPTA buses in all five counties years ago. Try to get costs for literature, SEPTA, billboards and Google Ads. Eliminated suggested budget of \$7k-10k. Jeremy suggested if PI is interested in larger projects, approach the finance committee for special approval
 - Buy an AA booth at conventions (flower show, auto show) – find schedule
6. New Business:
 - We voted unanimously to do a trial of Google Ads. The following is a draft of information that Jeremy will present at the next Steering Committee meeting on Sept 7. We will edit this in the meantime:

- The Public Information Committee intends to use Google Ads as a trial campaign to try to reach the alcoholic through the grant available to non-profit corporations.
 - We have thoroughly investigated background information
 - GSO has been using Google Ads since 2020
 - Google offers \$10,000 of ad words per month to non-profits
 - The Trustees Committee on Finance prepared a report that concluded that Google Ads did not go against our Seventh Tradition.
 - The trial will cost \$500 or less and will be paid for from the PI Committee’s 2022 budget. (Find out how much TechSoup would charge)
 - Explain benefits of using Google Ads – reach people who are looking for help
 - Emma can help with Google Ads
 - We will need a copywriter, a description, and make sure landing page works
- Event requests to Public Information Committee
 - Block Church in Philadelphia – August 14 – Jeremy and Nikki brought literature and represented SEPIA and Public Information
 - Overdose Vigil in Media on August 31st 7pm
 - Homegroup photos for Google Business Page-Ask for an updated photo if older than one year. Have 62 photos. Got 30,000 view this month (check)
 - Encourage PI liaison positions be filled at all zones in preparation for upcoming term.
 - PI page title changes. Requested office to make changes to titles. (Titles highlighted in yellow will not change.)

Existing Website

- Faith Leaders Healers
- Educators
- Anonymity
- Cooperate with Professionals
- Problems Other Than Alcohol
- Workplace Problem Drinker
- Accessibilities

Proposed Website

- Information for Faith Leaders
- Information for Educators
- Understanding Anonymity
- Cooperation with Professionals
- Problems Other Than Alcohol

7.0 Closed with Responsibility Declaration 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, September 21st / 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

Jeremy S., Director of Public Information, publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

Steve S., Assistant Director of Public Information, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org – please send any photos of your home group for the Google Business Profile page

Contents of Public Information Workbook Kit https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, August 29, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:00PM with the Serenity Prayer

- 21 Attendees including Vice-Chair and Chair
- Introductions – Name, Home Group, and recent anniversaries
 - Celebrated Gloria with 17 years of sobriety!!!
 - Celebrated Jay F. with 9 years of sobriety!!!
 - Celebrated Suzanne W. with 27 years of sobriety!!!
- Last month's meeting minutes were approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Gratitude Breakfast – October 2, 2022, 9AM to Noon – William Penn Inn – 1017 Dekalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA – Montgomery County
- Event flyer is on the Sepia website
- Tickets are sold out (300 seats) – If anyone has unsold tickets, please return them to the office. Fran has a waiting list for any tickets that become available
- Rally-Up is set-up for on-line basket raffle sales – Link will be included in this month's Newsletter
- Raffle Baskets should be delivered to the Sepia office
- Raffle Baskets – Please promote basket donations at meetings and home groups
- **2023 Round Up – Showboat Hotel – Atlantic City, NJ – Tentative Dates April 21-23, 2023**
 - Rachel, Mark P., and Larry met with the manager (Michael) of the Showboat for a tour of the space
 - Meeting spaces will be all on one floor – plenty of space available
 - New venue is an opportunity to build a new relationship for future events and grow
 - Pinball arcade and racetrack
 - Pet Friendly
 - Received contract – Larry and Rachel to review
 - Larry and Rachel are in negotiations with Showboat staff member (Mindy) regarding food, hospitality suite and coffee
 - DJ – Mark P. negotiating with Ken S – looking for Ken to do just DJ events to keep costs down
 - Options for non-DJ events
 - Showboat hotel audio capabilities and resources
 - Direct contract with Barefoot Bill – exploring options
- **Share-A-Day – Event Locations**
 - Springfield High School – (Jim B.)
 - Montgomery County Community College – Larry to contact
 - Holy Family (Glenn/Maureen) – may not be feasible based on layout
 - Philadelphia Community College – Rachel to contact
 - Philadelphia Community College Satellite Campus in NE Philadelphia – Rich to contact
 - Penn State Abington Campus – Fran to contact
 - All are urged to suggest/check out possible locations
- **2022-2023 COMMITTEE BUDGET – SPECIAL EVENTS**
 - Fiscal Year starts November 1st
 - Stephanie shared prior year budget numbers and made herself available for questions and assistance in the preparation of the upcoming 2022-2023 Special Events budget. Thank you, Stephanie!!!
 - Stephanie to send budget history spreadsheet to Rachel for review
 - Round Up Planning Meeting – add line item to budget for this event

Motion to close the meeting, seconded, voted on and passed!!!

Meeting closed at 7:40PM with the Responsibility Pledge

Next Special Events Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2022 at 7PM

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from Monday, August 15, 2022

- Opened meeting at 7:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge
- Dave K read Concept 10
- Rich M read Tradition 10
 - Attendees
 - Dave K- Treatment Facilities Asst. Director
 - Rich M- Sepia archives director
 - Sean- Philly zone alternate liaison
 - Luke S.-
 - Mike Q- Observer
- **Zone Reports**
 - **Bucks Co.** -No report.
 - **Chester Co.** - No report.
 - **Delaware Co.** –No report.
 - **Mont. Co.** - No report
 - **Philadelphia** - 108 active commitments in August .28 open, likely filled by Tuesday 8/21.
 - Friends expected to confirm calendar of meetings in August or September, with meetings to resume in September.
- Old business - none
- New Business - The idea of equipping zone liaisons with laptops was raised. The Phila zone needs an official position for a phone person to record commitments at their meeting.

We closed with The Serenity Prayer, at 7:38 pm.

Unity Committee Report from Tuesday August 16, 2022

No Report

Website/Technology Committee Report from Wednesday August 3, 2022

Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09>

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

Attendees:

- Jeremy S (Public Information Director), Steve S (Public Information Assist Director), Kevin B (Web Committee), Sam H (Web Committee), Rich M (Archives Director), Larry A (Chairperson), Tim A (Web Committee), Matt R (Guest)

We opened with the Serenity Prayer at 5:30 PM.

Unfinished Business/Follow Up:

- New computers have arrived at SEPIA – what is status?
 - Jerry (Archivist) needs to have computer set up – Kevin B installed Adobe on his computer – software for video editing is obsolete. He should get a different software package. What is status? *Still working on getting new software. Otherwise, it's fine.*
 - Two new computers, that we bought previously, are working fine. One needs work. Kevin is going to work with Jerry on an audio program. What is status? *Working OK*
 - Tim is working on computers that are being repurposed – We delivered 15 total computers from Wharton. Steve N helped with the pickup and delivered 6 to local organizations, and 9 were earmarked for SEPIA purposes, including home office machines for several people. Tim setup a few,

and they're very nice machines! *Can install Windows 11 for free on them. Computers can do anything we need them to do. They are working well.*

- Kevin B is working with the Delmarva Group to integrate the computers and link Zen Cart with QuickBooks. What is the status? *They sent Kevin a link to download a bridge. There is a lot of progress.*
- Can Web/Tech support production of a printed meeting list? Office has been providing meeting lists on request. Tim recommended breaking into five counties. Person in Baltimore has gone out and not come back. Put the more polished version on back burner.
- Should we replace Access with HubSpot? What is status? *Sam said committees could use a client relationship program for prisons, etc. Kevin said we should have no new things for the office because they have too much work now.*
- Should we change events page to list view and delete images? What is status? Kevin said there should be no pictures. *It would take development work to change color of box. We are fitting more on a page. Flyers are sent to us as pdfs.*
- Make a scheduling tool across all 12 Step committees – what is status? *Scheduling would be a lot of development work. Jim has ideas but wasn't at meeting.*

New Business/General Discussion

- Request from Glenn S, Philadelphia Zone Coordinator, for a list of meetings in Philadelphia County to use for meeting verification. Note, Kevin B was able to do this for Bucks, Chester and Montco. Comments or suggestions? *Kevin has given Glenn two – a couple months ago and last week. Send Email blast about meetings not being open? Kevin said Email blasts go to 1800 people, but only 400 open them. Delist meetings that do not get updated? Delist meetings where someone calls and says it's closed? Sam said we could create IGR email list using SEPIA. Kevin has delisted 4, but 1 called about it.*
- *Sam said bookstore is ADA compliant. Our SEPIA website should be compliant. Jeremy asked if it costs money. Tim said that the SEPIA website is pretty good. We passed on 22 out of 23 tests. Sam said 60% of people coming to our site are on mobile phones.*

We closed with “I am responsible” at 6:28 PM.

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, September 7th / 5:30 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 840 2179 3007 / Password: 580960

Jeremy S., Director of Public Information, publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

Steve S., Assistant Director of Public Information, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, August 8, 2022

Dionne called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition 10

Read Concept 10

Lindsey read last month's minutes

Attendance:

Intergroup Reps: 39

Alternates without rep present: 3

Alternates with rep present: 4

Guests: 6

New Representatives:

- Roger – Penndel Serenity
- Mike – Highland Park Steps 2 Sobriety
- Heather – Clear Cut Directions
- Joy – Steelworkers
- Michelle – Alcoholics Only

Anniversaries:

Personal:

- Maureen – 2 Years
- Michelle – 3 Years
- Mike – 3 Years
- Logan – 4 Years
- Andrea – 6 Years
- Tammy – 7 Years
- Joy – 8 Years
- Jim – 9 Years
- Ed – 13 Years
- Rich – 28 Years

Home Group:

- Hope Group – 8/21 at Hope Lutheran Church in Levittown – Food at 11 am, meeting starts at 11:45 am

Guest reports:

Jay F. Secretary:

- Please update your home group's meeting info on the S.E.P.I.A. website • We had 431 calls into the office in July alone, and 3,206 calls thus far this year – any help you can offer is greatly appreciated!
- The Fifth Edition of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous is looking for your story! The deadline is October 31, 2022. The 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: "a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership." The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship. Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. It is the Literature Committee's shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition. Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.
- We are still experiencing issues with back-orders for literature. You are able to order literature, but please be patient as we wait for shipments to arrive.
- S.E.P.I.A.'s Friday noon meeting is going strong. The open-meeting format is Chairperson's Choice. If you would like to chair the meeting, just call the office. All are welcome!

Rich M Archives:

- Preservation Work meets the third Saturday of every month at the S.E.P.I.A. office. That is also when long timer testimonies are recorded.
- HG's can request a member of the Archives Committee to come to their HG and play a DVD about how AA came to Philly – about 23 minutes long. Having the DVD shown is a group conscious decision that should be made during a HG's business meeting. We don't want a member of the Archives Committee showing up to a meeting, only to find out that it was a single member that decided to have the DVD shown.
- The DVD was made about 15 years ago by the Archives Committee and members are planning to update it in the near future.

Luke Treatment Facilities Director:

- If know that a meeting is closed, and still listed on the website, please let the office know right away!
- The treatment committee meets the 3rd Monday of every month, in person and on Zoom.
- Temporary contacts escort individuals recently released from treatment centers to 6 meetings, with the intention of getting them comfortable with meetings and allowing them the opportunity to connect with other alcoholics. 1 year of sobriety is recommended to become a temporary contact.

Becki District 51:

- The district 51 picnic will be September 10th at Core Creek Park from 12pm – 5pm, pavilion #6. There will be cornhole, bingo, prizes, speakers, food, fun, & fellowship!

Liaison Reports:

Dionne Zone Coordinator:

- Nominations for S.E.P.I.A.'s Steering Committee for the 2022 through 2023 term have been extended to August 12th. We are now seeking active, service oriented A.A. members for a two-year term beginning November 1, 2022. Positions available include:
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Assistant Directors of the seven service committees including:
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community
 - Interphones,
 - Prison/Temporary Contact,
 - Public information
 - Treatment/Bridging the Gap, and Unity.
- We passed a basket to collect for the Gratitude Breakfast. Bucks Zone will be donating a raffle basket for the event.

Randy Archives:

- Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month on Zoom at 7:30 pm
- Need group histories – you can find the form on the S.E.P.I.A. website. Check with Jim or Randy to verify whether or not we have your group history already.
 - One copy goes to S.E.P.I.A.; other copies go into zone committee meeting binders
 - We are looking for old timer's testimonies with over 20 years of continuous sobriety.

Matt CPC:

- Meets the 1st Monday of every month on Zoom
- The committee helps police, medical, and other professionals understand what A.A. is and how it can help their clients.
- A huge part of CPC is escorting medical students to open Zoom meetings. Volunteers meet with students about 20 minutes beforehand to discuss the outline of the meeting, and then they talk for about 20 minutes afterwards.

- CPC has developed an escort guide to help explain the escorting process. • Volunteers are needed! There is a new group of students for the new academic year in need of escorting.
- To become a CPC representative, you must attend a meeting and then shadow an experienced member.
- 1 year of continuous sobriety is recommended, but not required. Attend the next committee meeting to learn more.

Lindsey Finance:

- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom
- Finance is responsible for overseeing 7th tradition contributions
- After reviewing consultations from different QuickBooks/accounting experts, the office will be selecting someone's services to guide them through the QuickBooks process.

Alison Interphones:

- Meets the last Wednesday of every other month – the next meeting August 31st • Volunteers answer phones when the S.E.P.I.A. office is closed
- As of June's meeting, open slots were available on Thursdays from midnight to 9am, and Sundays from 9am to 1pm
- Hush meets on Zoom the third Tuesday of every month

Ryan Public Information:

- Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month on Zoom
- The committee is meant to provide information about AA to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.
- We work with the Web/Tech committee to help maintain the S.E.P.I.A. website
- We are still researching background info on the Google Ads grant.
- There was a workshop held June 25th, which included a senior digital communications analyst in attendance to help guide us, as well as our alternate delegate for Area 59. Email P.I. for the workshop report.
- We are working on a senior outreach kit for retirement and nursing homes.

Special Events:

- Meets the last Monday of every month on Zoom
- S.E.P.I.A.'s Gratitude Breakfast will be held Sunday October 2nd at William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA from 9 am to noon. The office will be raffling off baskets online as well as at the live event. Tickets are \$25 each. They can be purchased at the S.E.P.I.A. office. You can also speak with a member of the steering committee, as many of them have tickets on-hand. There are less than 250 seats available, and they are selling very quickly.
- We are looking into several places to host Share-A-Day. If you have any ideas, please let Helene or the Vice Chair know and they will check it out!
- The 2023 Round Up will be held April 21st through April 23rd at the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. – the hotel is no longer an active casino; in case anyone was worried about that.

Janice Unity:

- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom
- Committee members go around to home groups and discuss 12th step service positions with the intent of getting members excited and more involved in-service work.
- The Unity Picnic went great!
- Next year's picnic will be June 11th, 2023, at Neshaminy State Park
- We need a new speaker and mic. If anyone knows where we can obtain one at a cheaper rate, please reach out to the office.

Prisons:

- There are 3 prisons in Bucks County: 3 male and 1 female
- All meetings are on Zoom, but you must still be cleared, with at least 1 year sober and 2 years off books. The Buck's education session is currently being done on Zoom, and it is less than 30 minutes long.
- The temporary Pen Pal project is still ongoing.
- Committee members ensure all guidelines are followed, according to each facility's specifications.
- Each facility has different clearance requirements. However, there are no conditions to join the prison committee!
- Clearances for Zoom and in-person are not separate; if you're cleared for Zoom, then you're also cleared for in-person.
- Temporary contact forms provide the information of another alcoholic that can be there when someone is released from prison to escort the individual to a meeting, get them connected with other members, provide them with phone lists, etc. – it is our responsibility to carry the message to next sick and suffering alcoholic.
- SCI Chester currently has 3 meetings a week. The prison is looking for Spanish speaking volunteers.
- Prisons need soft cover literature. Reach out to prisondirector@aasepia.org to donate any soft cover literature that you have available.
- Reach out to https://www.aasepia.org/service-committees/prisons_test/ for information on how to get cleared.
- Meets the 1st Thursday of every month – we are hybrid, on Zoom and at the S.E.P.I.A. office.

Dylan Treatment:

- It is our responsibility as IGRs to ensure that our commitments are filled. Get the phone number of whoever in your HG takes the commitment, add the date to your calendar, and check with the person periodically leading up to the commitment's date. If no one in your HG is able to fill the commitment, go outside of your HG and try to get it filled. If you absolutely cannot find anyone, then reach out to Dylan as soon as possible. Unless necessary, do not wait until the day of to let treatment know that the commitment cannot be filled. The more notice, the better

Barbara BUCKYPAA:

- We won the bid to host PENNSCYPAA XXXIV next year, 2023, in Buck's County – registration is now open!
- The PENNSCYPAA XXXIV host elections will be held on Sunday August 21st from noon to 3:00 pm at Stacks Co – 54 E Oakland Ave, Doylestown, PA 18901 • BUCKYPAA's 4th annual camping trip will be held from September 16th to the 18th at the Lake Towhee Park, group site 1. It is \$60 for the weekend or \$30 for Saturday only. Onsite registration will be slightly higher for last minute food purchases. Meals, included, RV and tent sites, bathrooms on site, pet friendly, and children under 2 years old attend free!

Old Business:

- Liaison positions that need to be filled:
 - o Special events alternate – Michelle
 - o Unity alternate – Todd
- Reminder! The S.E.P.I.A. bylaws were reviewed and edited. However, all zones and home groups must agree to the changes before they can be utilized. You can view the changes on the website. Click on the "SEPIA & Zone Info" drop down box and you will see "Proposed By-Law Changes." Everything highlighted in green has been removed, and everything highlighted in yellow is a new bylaw. Please take this information back to your home group! We will be voting on the changes in August.
- Hard copies of the suggested Bylaw changes were given to each IGR. • IGRs were asked to look over a printout of all of the listed meetings that are currently on the website, check off meetings that are correctly listed, and personally check on meetings that no one is sure about.

New Business:

- Langhorne Action is having a picnic on September 24th from noon to 5 pm at Core Creek Park.
- We are asking IGR's to physically go to meetings and make sure they are still open. We want the website to be as accurate as possible, in order to ensure that all alcoholics, especially newcomers, show up to active meetings.
- We voted on the changes to the bylaws – Of the 40 members (IGR's and alternates without reps present) at the time of the vote, 39 members were in favor of the changes and 1 member abstained.

Motion to close at 8:30 pm

Closed with I Am Responsible

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday August 8, 2022

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Meeting Chairperson Steve (Zoom host)

New IGRs were welcomed. There was a quick orientation for new members after meeting.

Meeting Minutes

- July 2022 meeting minutes were sent to all via email and were unanimously approved.

Attendance

- 33 voting members
- 9 non-voting members

Motion for By-Laws Updates were approved as follows:

- 24 people approved
- 1 person did not approve
- 8 people abstained

Concepts & Traditions

Tradition 10: *“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”*

Concept 10: *“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.”*

SEPIA Steering Committee

SEPIA Office Manager, Fran

- Thank you to all for volunteering for literature work.
- Our book, *Daily Reflections*, is currently on backorder.
- In-office meetings at the SEPIA office are happening now! Fridays at noon.
- The Big Book is being updated – 5th edition. If you'd like the opportunity to have your story added to the fifth edition please email to: 5BBStory@aa.org.
- There 431 calls made to the SEPIA office over the past month.
- **It is critical that everyone ensures that your meeting information is updated and correct on our site.** Newcomers are going to buildings where we have a meeting identified only to find the meeting has been closed.

Director of SEPIA, Chris

- Currently have 135 volunteers for the phones but will need more around the holidays. Sometimes people call in having no idea what AA is – they start to tell their story and they have no idea where to turn.
- Next meeting is August 31.

Districts

- 29: n/a
- 30: Bernadette attended is District 30 is going strong. 30 GSRs. The EPGSA Convention happens at end of the year and they're working on it currently. Convention will be in Lancaster County – it's a voting year.
- 38: n/a
- 44: n/a
- 56: West attended the Zone meeting and there are 24 registered groups. Meeting takes place at 415 W. State Street, Kennett Square.
 - Oxford Conscious Contact 8/20 at Nottingham State Park, pavilion 7.
 - The Only Requirement, 10th anniversary 8/20 speaker meeting.
 - New language is being added to the structure manual.

Zone Announcements

Finance, Mike O.

- Still meeting via Zoom.
Some of the money for the budgets is being spent and committees are aware of the money.

Public Information, Chester County. Kevin, n/a

CPC/Interphones, Sue R.

- CPC Meets the last Monday of the month.
- It's been quiet due to summer however, they're quickly ramping up as school sessions start. Drexel Med Students, Jefferson, need people to escort students to open meetings – Zoom meetings only. Volunteer meets with students for about 40 minutes, tells them about AA, traditions, what AA is/is not. Training is provided.
- SEPIA website has the calendar. Drop-down has information on all the committee meetings.

Treatment, Jake

- RCA requested another women's meeting for Mondays at 7:15. A motion was made for this meeting to be added and was unanimously passed.

Bridging the Gap, Pierre

- Need volunteers to go into RCA explain what Bridging the Gap does. **We need volunteers.** You will be given all the information you need for this service commitment – it is not hard at all.
- Currently only at RCA.

Public Information, Kevin, n/a

Men's Prison, George

- Zoom meetings will be happening soon for these commitments however, there hasn't been a clear response from the prisons so we're still in a holding pattern.

Women's Prison, Nicole, n/a

Archives, Mairead (for Debi)

- Debi is going through the list and requesting group history updates.
- If you have 20 years of sobriety you can record your story. There is a format with specific questions to keep recordings cohesive.
- DVD for Archives is 20 minutes and tells the history of AA in the Philadelphia area. **Unity**, Bobette
- Pitch taking place at Sober at Six, August 30.

Chester County Young People, n/a

Zone Coordinator, Steering Committee, Steve M.

- Attended Steering Committee meeting.
- We discussed the role of the Zone Secretary. Joe has been doing some of the work that was previously the within the scope of the secretary's role. The secretary role will now assume those aspects of the role Joe was doing, i.e., sending out minutes and other information from SEPIA.
- There remain a lot of open positions that need to be filled, mostly Assistant roles.
- Positions will need to be filled by November when we have elections.
- If you have an alternate, please have them get involved.
- As stated, please update your meeting information – there are people showing at meetings that do not exist.

Alternate Zone Coordinator, Joe

- This was tonight's last meeting for Joe – *thank you for all you do and have done for the committee, Joe!!*

Meeting closed at 8:30 with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be on September 12, 2022 via Zoom.

Delaware County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 8, 2022

Opening:

- Open the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity prayer
- Zone Coordinator (ZC) reads the short form of the Tradition and Concept of the month

Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 26
- Alt w/o rep: 5

Other Attendees:

- Alt. w/rep: 4
- Steering Committee Members: 5
- District Reps: 0
- Guests: 1

- Present previous minutes for review and approval

Zone Coordinator Report:

Old Business:

SEPIAA By Law Amendments

The vote was taken and the revised By Laws PASSED by a vote of 21 for, 1 against and 8 abstaining

Open Liaison Positions (tabled until September):

We currently have open positions at the DelCo Zone (listed below). Please consider stepping up to provide this service to your fellow AA's. Generally, a person is elected to the Alt-Liaison position for (1) year, then rotates up to the Liaison position. The service year runs from November 1st through October 31st.

Zone Positions for next year (tabled until September):

We will be holding elections for open positions at the October meeting. Please consider standing for the Secretary, Alternate Zone Coordinator or one of the open liaison positions.

Open Positions (tabled until September):

Archives current: Alt-Liaison October: Liaison and Alt-Liaison
CPC current: Liaison October: Alt-Liaison
Finance current: Alt-Liaison October: Liaison and Alt-Liaison
Interphones current: Liaison October: Alt-Liaison
Prisons currently filled October: Alt-Liaison
PI current: Liaison & Alt October: Liaison & Alt-Liaison
Special Events current: Alt-Liaison October: Liaison and Alt-Liaison
Treatment currently filled October: Alt-Liaison
Unity current: Alt-Liaison October: Liaison and Alt-Liaison

Paper Copies of reports and flyers - all are available through the website www.aasepia.org

- o There is a wealth of information available that can be printed and/or shared electronically with your groups – whether committee meeting minutes, flyers for events or opportunities for service
- o If you do not have access to a printer, please email the Zone Secretary with your requests for printed copies.

New Business (tabled until September):

- Potential IGR Orientation/Workshop
 - Any interest for this fall or better pushed to January 2023 for the new panel of IGR's?
- IGR Packets for Distribution (for those who have been in service < 1 year)
- How are expense reports submitted?

Liaison Reports:

ARCHIVES (Howard S.; Alternate OPEN)

- Still looking for members with >20 years to please consider sharing their story
- Groups please make sure your history and covid history are up to date with the SEPIA office • Your Group History should be shared with the Zone, the SEPIA Office and Area 59 – they do not necessarily cross-share the information received
- New presentation available for your home group “History of AA in Philadelphia”

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (OPEN; Rebecca U., Alternate)

- NO REPORT FOR AUGUST

FINANCE (Alex; Alternate OPEN)

- Ongoing issues with QuickBooks and deposits/expenses posting to the correct account. Working with the QB consultant (Steve Cohen) to address these issues.
- Per the most recent income statement, contributions are less than forecast. Please discuss the importance of contributions with your groups.
- Jim B. is now the acting treasurer and Stephanie is the interim assistant treasurer.

INTERPHONES (OPEN; Kathy M., Alternate)

- NO MEETING/REPORT BEFORE AUGUST ZONE MEETING

PRISONS (Frank K.; Linda D., Alternate; additional comments by Carolyn, Steering Committee representative)

- GW Hill still closed indefinitely but please consider getting your clearance forms in now
- SCI Chester. Anyone interested in volunteering at SCI Chester can get the required documentation from Carolyn or the SEPIA office.
- There are (3) meetings per week and there is a need for Spanish language meetings at the facilities
- Looking for people to become part of both the Pen Pal and Temp Contact programs to act as the hand of AA

PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPEN; OPEN, Alternate; comments by Jeremy, Steering Committee representative)

- PI shares what AA is and what AA isn't for those outside of the fellowship
- Web Tech is part of PI
- PLEASE REVIEW ALL GROUP INFORMATION ON THE APP AND THE SEPIA WEBSITE AND CONFIRM YOUR GROUP'S DETAILS
- Please submit photos of your meeting locations (without people) help drive our accessibility on the web and giving us a higher ranking in Google searches. Please consider asking your home group if they are ok with a photo being taken and posted
- Flyers and Tear Cards are available for each attendee to take back to their home group
- Information about the Google Grants is available as a report from the workshop that was held recently
- Live Events – If you have one or know of one, please contact PI (Health Fairs, Community Events, etc.)

SPECIAL EVENTS (Gloria B.; Alternate OPEN)

- Gratitude Breakfast is October 2nd from 9a – 12n at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA. Tickets are \$25 and are now available – don't wait, there are only a limited number!
- Looking for groups to donate raffle baskets, which will need to be submitted to the SEPIA office at least a month ahead.
- ROUND-UP 2023 will be at the Showboat Atlantic City, April 21st– 23rd. Mark your calendars!
- Share-a-Day 2023 will need to move from University of the Sciences. **We need location suggestions!** Please send all suggestions to the Special Events committee for consideration. Location must hold 300 people and have three separate classrooms and a place for serving food.

TREATMENT (Tom C.; Jack M., Alternate)

- Commitments as accepted were/will be sent out under separate cover.
- Mirmont has agreed to participate in the Bridging the Gap program through SEPIA. Every two weeks someone from BtG will take 5 minutes and explain the program at the beginning of the Friday meeting. Volunteers are needed so that we can start building a temporary contact list.
- September Host Commitments:
 - Mirmont Tuesday: Brookhaven
 - Mirmont Friday: Drexel Hill Big Book
 - Mirmont Saturday: Morton Beginners
 - Keystone Monday: Media Beginners/Stay in Today
 - Keystone Wednesday: Saturday Night Alive/Media Beginners
 - Keystone Friday: Wawa/RoseTree Women
 - Harwood House: Oakmont
- **PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT IF YOU TAKE A COMMITMENT, SOMEONE MUST SHOW UP!**
 - If you cannot keep a meeting or host commitment, this should be communicated as soon as possible to Tom C. or Jack M.
- Commitments that will be available for October will be listed on the Agenda

UNITY (OPEN; Alternate OPEN; comments by Paul, Steering Committee representative)

- Unity is the AA Travelling Roadshow. Unity pitches are available in person or through zoom if you don't know what a Unity Pitch is, ASK!
- Unity Day is a workshop/event for the five-county area and will be held in October. Locations are needed and they must accommodate 100+ people

Next Meeting: September 12th @ 7pm

ZC asks for a motion to close

ZC close the meeting @ 8:35 with the Responsibility Pledge

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, August 8, 2022

Church of the Messiah

- **ATTENDANCE:**
- Total = 28
- IGR's = 21
- AIGR's = 3
- Visitors = 4
- Greg opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
 - New IGR's present: N/A
- Reading of Tradition 10
- Reading of Concept 10
- Anniversaries: Alfreda – 18 years! Pete 4 years! Mike 3 years! CONGRATS!
- Moment for sharing if anyone needs to share any pressing needs or feels like they need a drink
- Secretary's Report of previous month's meeting minutes – Minutes Accepted
- **Visitors Reports**
 - **Chairperson Steering Committee - Larry A.**
 - Call for nominations for the Steering Committee.
 - Applications/nominations extended to 8/12/22 for IGRs to vote in September.
 - All positions available for nomination/application.
 - Commitment is 1 year as assistant then one year in director position.
 - Need one year of continuous sobriety.
 - Can nominate/apply on SEPIA site.
 - Gratitude breakfast at William Penn Inn
 - Sunday 10/2 from 9am – noon
 - Tickets \$25
 - Reviewed Bylaws Revision procedure for vote tonight.
 - **Assistant Public Information – Steve S.**
 - Public information meeting 3rd Wednesday of the month via zoom – all welcome.
 - Discussed meetings on website that are not active; people calling office.
 - Please discuss with home groups if anyone knows any meetings on website/APP that are not active and let SEPIA know.
 - Discussed "Business Profile" for Google to increase SEPIA website traffic for those browsing for help with alcohol.
 - Info on SEPIA website as well
 - Please send photo and meeting information to publicinfodirector@aasepia.org
 - No pictures of people or anything that might lend affiliation to an outside enterprise.
 - **Assistant Interphones director – Alfreda**
 - Shifts currently covered.
 - Will take names of volunteers. Need one-year continuous sobriety.
 - Meeting 8/31/22 via zoom at 7pm.`

- **LIAISONS:**

- **Finance/Treasury – Donna**

- SEPIA finances healthy.
- Meeting 3rd Thursday via Zoom, see SEPIA website for details.
- Church rent paid through end of year.

- **Public Information - Chris**

- **Special Events – Kathy**

- Gratitude breakfast will be October 2nd, Sunday at the William Penn Inn from 9-12pm.
 - Tickets \$25 at SEPIA office.
 - Raffles for baskets and 50/50
- Request for baskets from your groups. Monetary amount at your discretion.
 - Ideas include movie theme, gift card theme etc.
 - Basket ideas are available on Amazon
- Meeting: Last Monday of every month, 7pm. See SEPIA website or contact Kathy or Adam for details.

- **Unity – Keri, (No Report)**

- Feel free to contact Keri to schedule a Unity pitch for your home group.
- NEEDS ALTERNATE!

- **Prison Director - Charlie**

- Prison Update:
- CSI Chester now open with 3 meetings/week.
- CSI Phoenixville may open soon.
- Bucks County prisons 3 zoom meetings per week.
- Phila prisons on hold but accepting clearance applications.
- Montgomery, Delaware and Chester Counties on hold
- Clearances being accepted – contact Charlie via SEPIA website to apply.

- **Interphones – No Report (Sarah K)**

- NEEDS ALTERNATE and volunteers; Please ask your home groups!
- Meetings are every other month. See SEPIA website for details.

- **CPC – Mike H/Dan**

- Meeting: Monday 7pm every first Monday of the month.
- Reaches out to medical community to educate medical professionals in training about AA.
- NEED VOLUNTEERS to escort students *via zoom* to meetings.
 - Need 1-year continuous sobriety to escort a student.
 - Need to attend two CPC meetings first.
 - Contact Mike H for details. Info on SEPIA website.

- **Treatment Facilities –Michelle**

- Gave out commitments to IGRs in order of attendance to tonight's meeting

- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Please check with homegroups for Steering Committee nominations
 - Applications on SEPIA website.
- Hosts commitment
 - An AA meeting group may volunteer to become a "host." The responsibility of the host is to adopt a meeting location and time (weekly or biweekly) and ensure that someone is physically there to fill the commitment at the given time. If there is no one to fill the commitment, the "host" will then fill the commitment.
 - The commitment of the host is for 6 months, and the group may still volunteer to fill individual commitments as well.
 - Greg will send an email to see if groups are interested. Please take to your homegroup and vote to see if your group is interested.

- Closed Meetings
 - Greg will send information regarding area meetings. Please review with your homegroup and report any meetings which are inactive to SEPIA.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bylaws accepted unanimously 23-0

NEW BUSINESS

- Will review Host commitment interest and inactive meeting plan.

Closed meeting with “I am Responsible”

Next Montgomery County Zone Meeting will be held in-person at the Church of the Messiah on **Monday, September 12 2022**

Minutes taken by Joe M – Secretary

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday, August 8, 2022

Phila Zone Intergroup Hybrid meeting

Open Meeting with the Serenity prayer

Tradition read by Julie Ann

Concept 10 read by Mike

Zone Coordinator Report Glenn- nomination for steering committee extended to Aug 12. If interested in positions few spots available. You get to assist first for a year before being in the actual the role. Position start in Nov. Homegroups should start the IGR positions in Nov most wait till Jan (technically starts in November). IGR’s for the last year should move on in a year “Spirt of Rotation” to get others more involved.

IGR’s your job is to check the website for your homegroup that meeting info is accurate. If you know other meetings aren’t accurate update the information for the group if you know for sure.

Gratitude Baskets for online raffle are needed at the Sepia office before 8/20th others just bring directly to the event. Tonight, voting on by laws. Copies provided online and in print.

Visitors from the Steering Committee-

Office Manager Fran: Gratitude breakfast basket suggestions: movie, beach, lottery, amazon and assortment of gift cards.

Please make Meeting changes submissions

Sepia meeting is up and running Fridays at 12:00pm.

5th addition BB looking for stories. Please look at the interviews on how to submit your story for consideration.

Nominations- don’t be afraid to get involved. Unity great friendly group, to start with. Secretary/ interphones as well

Literature: As bill sees it and daily reflections are supposed to be on their way.

Volunteers needed at the office too. There’s always something to do.

Vice Chair Rachel: Special event met last week. New location of the Round up Showboat AC April 21-23, 2023. Hotel Rates to come, contract to be signed yet. (Should be less than the Grand Hotel) our thoughts it will be around \$99 (Friday) to \$140 (Saturday) per night.

Gratitude Breakfast total of 300 tickets (100 sold) \$25 a seat. William Penn Inn Flyer on the events calendar 9-12:00 (send your online raffles into Sepia office ASAP). We hope you come out to support. Please consider joining Special events last Monday of the month on Zoom @7pm.

Interim Assistant Treasurer Stephanie- last meeting July 21. Group meets third Thursday of every month. Super cool committee ha-ha! Highlights: we been reviewing June and YTD Nov-June (Income and expense from Round up) Round up netted 29k
Representative visiting other committees to discuss budget. Want to educate on how to use and also how to set up budget for next year (committee and zones)
Committees usually pitch how much they will need; finance committee helps to work out the best figure for committees.
Supporting Fran in the office with Quick books inconsistencies and working on cleaning up. Contracted a consultant to help. Seeing the benefits of their work so far and will allow for accuracy in providing financials.

New IGR

Joe K Homegroup Tacony IGR
Richie M South Philly Alt
Dennis G Jam Group IGR
Michelle M Women of Hope IGR
Christina Sober Sisters IGR

Personal Anniversaries:

Chris G 3 Years today!
Rachel 9 years July 23

Group Anniversary:

Eliz Saturday morning 48th Anniversary
Rachel 60 mins Rittenhouse 40th year anniversary Party TBA / Oct (Group needs support)
Steve Old timer Panel
Mike Oct 1 Mayfair Holmesburg 71 years

Attendance:

29 online
24 in person

Secretary Notes: Pages 22-24

Vote for Sepia bylaws

IGRs in attendance:
In person IGR: 24
Online IGR: 21
Online will put up a poll for you to vote. In person will be by raise of hands.
Vote Yes-23 In person voted
Vote Yes- 22 online Voted
(Count different because Lynn stood up and Suzanne was voting online)
100% of the vote both online and in person voted yes

Dave Treatment Facilities- Victoria Treatment Director Step Down

Dave interim director or until vote in November.
Jerry will take over Liaisons
Shawn will step up to Assistant
Don will work to cover the phones till Nov
September will have 108 commitments

Friends- will be opening back up but nothing in concrete. Waiting for calendar

Need to be vaxed and signed waiver proof of vaccination. 68 meetings will need to be filled. New treatment director requiring human resources training course in violation of our traditions. Working on resolving these issues.

Mercy Hospice, Malvern working on. Nothing yet on Belmont or Kirkbride.

Covid has made this learn as you go, and it has been a big task to work on.

VA problems due to covid and shutdowns

Recommended not to give out our personal numbers. Sepia contact information is always readily available.

Archives Committee- Spencer- Last meeting July 12, next meeting tomorrow. Group meets 2nd Tuesday on Zoom only.

Taping long timers (20 plus years of sobriety) reach out to Rich Mitch or Spencer.

We are interested in Oral History of what AA was like

2 DVD showings last month. Transcribing the video to text.

Collecting group histories as well include covid report. How did your group deal, did it change the group attendance, did you meet elsewhere?

Saturday preservation work at 9am

Changes to the DVD are being considered. Learned we have a \$1400 budget. Archives direct going to a workshop (group is determining how his trip will be funded)

CPC- Alt liaison Bill zoom first Monday of the month.

Students in Med school and educate the professional community about Alcohol

Currently 22 students from Drexel

Fun group to be involved with!

1-year continuous sobriety needed to volunteer

Finance committee Liaison Jon R- July 21st last meeting reviewed P&L. Committees spending their budgets. Finances are in good shape. Members will visit other committees proper use of the budget and needed and help put our 7th tradition to good use. We are beginning to work on 2023 budget

Interphones – not in attendance

Prison Liaison Suzanne:

SCI Chester meeting Monday & Wed 6pm and Sat 1pm.

Need people to be cleared and requesting Spanish speaking meetings

email: prisiondirector@asepia.org

Phoenix is rumored for Sept. need clearance

Phila was only doing renewable clearance and are now taking new clearances

no opening date yet

Requirement: 1 year sobriety, driver license and social security card

Go to: old Holmesburg prison police training academy

8215 Torresdale Phila 19136 training academy

Monday through Friday 7am 2pm

Will run background and contact you to take a 3 hour zoom orientation. If you work F/T Monday to Friday let them know you will be needing to be in the Saturday Orientation.

Delco no update

Bucks still zoom

Chester could possible start zoom

Public information Emma-

Helps to inform the public what AA is and what AA isn't.

Web tech committee provides maintenance and changes as well as technical support

Last meeting July 20 via zoom

Background information Google ads to give a search boost guide to sepia website
June Workshop with Julie G. was extremely informative
Working on a Seniors outreach program need volunteers hand deliver to nursing homes
Working on public service announcement and a bill board campaign
Print out list of meetings available. Please let us know if your zone needs a list of meetings
Meeting rack cards and we can help flyers on the sepia.org site to be printed.
Submit photos of group (no people in photos) to increase traffic publicinfoasstdirector@aspia.org or
publicinfodirector@aasepia.org Next meeting August 17th zoom link on the calendar on Sepia website

Special Events Elizabeth- Gratitude breakfast/Oct 2 all tickets are out with different people to be sold. Fran only has 20 left at the office. 25.00 a ticket- get them soon! Ask your homegroup to donate basket. Bring to event or get online raffle to Sepia right away.

Round up- Showboat April 21-23 2023. Cheaper than the grand hotel. Contract to be signed and reservations will come later.

Share a day 2023 looking at venues for 200-250 people with 3 break out rooms.

Sunday Feb 2023 will avoid big holidays and football season! We meet last Monday of every month!

Unity Committee Liaison Maggie- met July 19th new poster board tri fold to explain the committee. Suggested a wireless mic and speaker will look into

Glenside clubhouse will host next presentation

Unity Day Oct 16 or 23 12:30

Unity Picnic June 11 2023 Neshaminy State Park has been reserved

Glenn-Sepia may provide all wireless mics to all committees for use at the round up too.

Young Peoples Bid Committee- Not in Attendance

Old business Steering committee applicates need more people involved in service

New Business Visitation meeting list. Printed meeting list to break out to attendees and IGRs to visit meetings. Maggie /Spencer will make a google docs list of meetings to help track.

Next meeting Sept 12 2022

Close meeting: *I am responsible*