

Lancaster County Intergroup

February 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:00pm.

Andy B read the purpose of Lancaster Intergroup as stated on the website (which reflects our bylaws in brief):

Intergroup helps to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous by

- *Providing an office and answering service*
- *Updating and publishing meeting schedules*
- *Maintaining an inventory of pamphlets, books and tapes*
- *Establishing and facilitating Intergroup committees*
- *Providing support to AA events in Lancaster*
- *Making decisions that affect AA in Lancaster County*

Roll Call: Andy B- Vice Chair; Bruce B-treas; Debbie B -secretary; Troi-D64 ADCM; Laurel R- Sisters in Sobriety; Kim W -LANCYPAA & aIGR women of change; Marilyn -LOLT; Sam F- Willow Street 11th step; TJ -triangle group; Dale S- Akron Men's; Dana B-Women-Sober Sane and Serene; Dan H- Great Reality Group; Sara G- What's the Point; Jay A- No Name group & HOAA; Paul CC- Sense of Direction; Kay- Noon Literature; Glenn- Beginners Mon Night; Kristen B- Women of Grace and Dignity; Michele C- 11th Step Meeting; John 7-Up; Stefan-Living Sober; Paul H- MNBB; Scott -CPC; Sasha-Women of Change

Kay B-read Tradition 2

Sam F-read Concept 2

Secretary's Report: Debbie

- Jan 25 2023 minutes were read and approved unanimously as is. Scott motioned, Glenn 2nd;
- Reminded IGRs to take bylaws to homegroups and review/make suggestions for updates. [Current bylaws](#) are found on the website

Steering Committee Reports

Chairperson- Jean

- none

Vice Chairperson- Andy

- is hoping to pick up attending District meetings again
- Suggested reminding districts to check literature racks at district meetings for refilling and updating

Treasurer- Bruce

- Balance Sheet:

		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>		
Beginning Balance>>	\$7848.37	\$3079.11	\$6245.64	\$6014.90	<< Ending Balance

Prudent Reserve \$ 12,501.00 (Separate account)

- Treasurer's Report - Kay motioned; Glenn 2nd; approved unanimously
- [Link to Lancaster Intergroup treasurer's report](#)
- executor for an estate for a former member sent a contribution and it was moved to prudent reserve.

- TJ asked about **limits** for bequests... Andy initially reported it as \$5000 (only if they are a member)
- Paul M clarified it is \$10,000 for bequests by an individual/estate (only if they are a member) and \$5000 for a living individual (who is a member)
- A reminder came up: **AA.org and AA groups do not take/accept donations**; only CONTRIBUTIONS from members
- Concern was noted and discussion was had regarding the amount of money intergroup has, particularly the prudent reserve. It was pointed out that according to our bylaws, we may have 6 to 12 months of prudent reserve. See below:
 - Article VII – Finances
 - Section 2. A reasonable prudent reserve shall be established to ensure six (6) months of operating expenses, but not to exceed twelve (12) months. To obtain this goal, a review at the end of each quarter by the Treasurer and Office Coordinator will be made with the intent to transfer, with the approval of the SC, excess money to the prudent reserve account until twelve (12) months operating expenses is met.
- *******Andy B suggested that IGRs ask Homegroup members for ideas for use of funds. *******

Office Coordinator- Seth not present

- Andy reported
 - on getting Lit sales prepared in General and for HOAA
 - Seth is grateful for all the volunteers

Intergroup Committee Reports

Archives: *Collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship.*

- Bruce (assistant archivist)- no report.

Treatment Facilities: *Carry the AA message to facilities where the suffering alcoholic may be introduced to AA for the first time.*

- Alyssa- not present;
- Kim W reported that Alyssa has been trying to contact/make a connection with Lanc Beh health hospital. She suggested we donate books as a way to use up some of the excess Intergroup funds and Andy reminded us that would actually be an outside entity

Cooperation with Professional Communities: *Inform current and future professionals about AA—what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. Establish better communication between AAs and professionals and find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.*

- Scott- 1st meeting was FEB 20 6 ppl 4 brand new;
- going forward 1st Monday of each month 7 pm at 521 club
- PA college of health sciences has a student observing meetings being guided by a committee member

Public Information: *Convey AA information to the general public, including the media.*

- Julie- no report.

Webservant (If you have feedback or want to join the web committee, we meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:45 on Zoom)

- Kelsey- not present
- Debbie reported-committee is working on getting out the kinks, maintaining and improving and eventually updating design.

Correction Facilities: *Coordinate the work of individual AA members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls. Set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger AA community through pre-release contacts.*

(Volunteers are needed- need to get clearances, fingerprints, and go to a 4 hour training.
Visit lancasteraa.org for more info.)

- Gerri- not present, no report
- Andy- excited to be back in the prison (lol); waiting for clarification on distribution of literature to prisoners
- Interested in “Pen pal to Prisoner” letter writing program? --use the link at GSO

Service Committees

Campout

- No report.

Hand of AA

- Jay A- *March 25 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 pm* Yoder's Restaurant and Buffet 14 S Tower Rd, New Holland
 - \$40 with buffet dinner, \$30 for the day -no dinner
- website is up lancasterAAconference.org

12th Annual Hand of AA Conference

Pig Roast

- No report.

LANCYPAA

- Kim W- \$200 donation from intergroup –frozen pizzas and food court pizza—spent about 159.50 will send receipt to intergroup office.

Paul M inquired how intergroup came to the decision to support LANCYPAA Re: 7th tradition. Kay B responded explaining purpose of intergroup, and the group conscience, discussion and voting that happened around the topic. Further discussion ensued. Kim W, Alex R, Dale S, and Dan H had commentary and it was suggested that this subject be addressed again after research, prayer and further thoughtful consideration.

- Next meeting: Feb 27 - 7 pm basement of 521 Club
- Planning a fishing day Sunday May 28th tentatively: evening time behind 521 club; will distribute flyers when set.

District Reports

District 34

- No report.

District 63 (D63 meetings- 2nd Tuesday of each month – Wheatland Presby 6:15pm)

- No report.

District 64 (D63 meetings-1st Thursday of each month 7 pm – St James Catholic Church, Lititz 17543)

- Troi ADCM-has newcomer packets for groups in D64; reported DCM Steve Z is attending NERASSA

Old Business

- None

New Business

- New bonfire meeting Friday night restarting in March

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn with the Responsibility Pledge at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie B-secretary
(Errors may be present—these minutes to be approved at next month's meetings.)