Lancaster County Intergroup

September 25, 2024 **Meeting Minutes**

Jean began meeting at 7 pm with Roll Call. # attendees = 26; # of voting reps = 15

Tradition 9 read by: Dale
Concept 9 read by: Scott G

Secretary's Report: (Interim) Mollie

secretary@lancasteraa.org

- Previous month's minutes – motion – Dale 2nd -Sam
- Subcommittee chairs, please consider emailing report to IG secretary prior to next meeting. THANK YOU!

Steering Committee Reports

Chairperson- Jean

chairperson@lancasteraa.org

- No more meetings in the Janet Ave Space
- Next meeting October 23
- ** updated Oct. 23 meeting instructions
  - Address: 313 W. Liberty St.
  - Park in the side lot off of Charlotte St and come to the Charlotte Street entrance. You will be let in by a volunteer. Please follow their direction and the posted signs to Meeting Room 15 in the basement. This works out to be closer and more straightforward.
  - We are asking you to be prompt *but not before 6:45pm* because there is a SC (steering committee) meeting prior to the 7pm meeting.
- Nominations for November openings of committee positions of Chair, secretary and Treasurer will be considered at the October and November IG meetings. Elections for the open positions will occur in November. Vice chair is also open and can be elected in October if someone stands for the position in October.
- Please consider standing for service.
- You can find descriptions of the positions in the bylaws, which are posted on the Intergroup tab of the website: https://lancasteraa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Bylaws.pdf
- Intergroup position vacancies:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
- The end date for compensation for moving the office is October 11th
- After September 30th we will be paying a per diem for office space at Janet Ave until the office at Janet Ave is emptied
- Addresses need to be changed on hundreds of pieces of literature, contact chairperson@lancasteraa.org if you are able to help

Vice Chairperson- Open Position

- No report

Treasurer- Bruce

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treasurer@lancasteraa.org

- Balance Sheet:

		Expenses	Income		
Beginning Balance>>	$ 1860.59	$2992.99	$3836.92	$2704.52	<< Ending Balance

Prudent Reserve $ 12,510.18 (Separate account)

- Treasurer's Report - motion to approve Dan; 2nd Cindy
- https://lancasteraa.org/intergroup-updates/september-2024-ig-treasurers-report/

Office Coordinator- Debbie B

officecoordinator@lancasteraa.org

- In communication w/ steering committee members
- signed the lease and made the security deposit for the new place
- Bruce wrote checks for the first month's rent and cost of renting the meeting room for the first meeting
- Joe has been helping clean out the office - awesome job
- Corner desk will be on sale
- Established new phone and internet service - same phone number, YAY
- completed culling? Ordered new pamphlets
- Established orientation next Tuesday morning for the orientation of the new site
- floor plan has been discussed
- 313 West Liberty Street, suite 373 is the office room number but the meeting will be in the basement;
- Need office volunteers on: alternate Mondays, Wednesday mornings, Thursday mornings 9-11:30 and Friday mornings
- Open house in October to be announced - potential for once a month open house
- the office will be closed from wed the 2 to Monday the 6th no orders will be able to be picked up
- Packing dates October 1st - 3rd
- Help needed for the move dates Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th, on Saturday, meet at Janet Ave 8:30 am
- Need help unpacking on the 6th at Liberty place, contact officecoordinator@lancasteraa.org
- 100 of the plain language books will be ordered on the first so we have them available for the EPGSA conference on the November 8th, 9th and 10th: https://area59aa.org/calendar/67th-annual-eastern-pennsylvania-general-service-convention-assembly-epgsa/

Intergroup Committee Reports

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

Pete (archivist)- not present

Bruce-Assistant Archivist

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- Continued coordination with Debbie for the move

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

Scott G - Present treatment@lancasteraa.org

- Scott G has been in contact with White Deer Run - men only in this area, Gatehouse Men and Gatehouse Women, and Blueprints
- Started a spreadsheet for availability at White Deer Run
- Samson is excited about having speakers
- phone tag w/ Rachel from blueprints - they'd like to implement some in house meetings - working on it in progress
- blueprints is men and women during the day you're there from 8:30 to 3 or 4, what they're talking about is dedicating one night per house and there are 7 houses, in the past, the clients are more interested in going to the meeting rather than stay in the house to receive a meeting
- For profit treatment centers are welcome to order pamphlets and literature and there is an a possibility to use the budget to take pamphlets when AA meetings are taken into treatment centers

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.*

Meeting -1st Monday 7 pm at 521 club

Anyone is welcome to come audit a meeting to learn more about CPC

Scott R - cpc@lancasteraa.org

1. Upcoming Meetings in October:

- **Manheim Township Police Department**: We're excited about this opportunity to share AA resources with law enforcement and discuss how we can support them in addressing alcohol-related issues in the community. They're training new officers then bringing in CPC.
- **Lancaster Drug & Alcohol Commission**: Another important engagement where we'll explore how we can cooperate with the commission and the DA to provide more resources to individuals who help in their programs.

2. "Blue Sheet" for Police Departments:

- We are in the process of creating an asset specifically for police departments, modeled after the "blue sheet" concept from Oregon in the early 1990s. This flyer will be designed for break room boards and internal use to inform officers about AA as a resource. More details on this approach can be found in the attached article from AA's Winter 1994 newsletter.
    - https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-13_winter1994.pdf
- In addition, we are planning a more generic version of this flyer for broader use.
- the flyers will be available on the website for anyone to print them out

3. CPC Chair Position:

- In the spirit of rotation, our chair, Scott, will be stepping down at the end of the year (December).

CPC hopes to have the position filled in November to allow for December to serve as a training month for the incoming chair**.**

4. **Fall and School Season:** We are in need of chaperones, particularly female members, to accompany nursing students to open meetings. These students are typically required to attend 12-step meetings as part of their coursework. For more details or to volunteer, please visit the CPC page on the Lancaster AA Intergroup website or contact me directly.

Public Information – Open position *Convey AA information to the general public, including the media.*

- The position is to Convey AA information to the general public, including the media. For example, people go to fairs and make literature available and answer questions.

Webservant -

webservant@lancasteraa.org

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

Greg Present

- nothing to report

OPEN CHAIR POSITION!

- No report

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. .* (Visit lancasteraa.org for contact info, requirements and procedures for volunteers under **Corrections Facilities Commitment Information** for more info)

Rick S. - Chair; Gerri - Chair; Rick S. -Present corrections@lancasteraa.org

- Strong inmate attendance in men's and women's; average meeting attendance is 16 to 18 for the women and 8 to 12 for the men; the women are chairing their own meetings
- Support from the prison staff
- Success stories continue - released inmates participate in AA on the outside and those on the inside tell us the meetings are keeping them sober and lifting their spirits.
    - Need for women volunteers is critical
- AA members on the inside desire AA literature, Grapevines are popular if homegroups can donate old copies or used Big books or 12&12
- The committee would welcome input on whether it should purchase pocket-size Big Books through Anonymous Press, which is not AA but sells small books for less than the official AA bookstore. The inmates seem to prefer these small versions as their personal copies. Regular hardcover editions of the Big Book and 12 & 12 are used during meetings.
- Books, meeting schedules and Grapevines are being distributed and are much appreciated by the inmates.
- Two more male volunteers have received their clearances and recently completed training, which increases the men's team to nine. One more male volunteer is in process and two

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women have indicated they will submit their applications.

- More volunteers are always needed especially to fill in for when the regular members bringing in the meetings have other commitments
- The committee has informed the prison staff that we are ready to begin a third meeting for both the men and women, which will require us to continue filling our pipeline of volunteers — especially for the women.
- Rick put it to the group - can we use intergroup funds to buy the little blue books - people said that AA DOES have a pocket sized blue book, no one made a motion on whether or not it was ok to use the Correction Facilities budget to buy non AA conference approved literature instead of the members using pocket money
    - Interested members can go to lancasteraa.org and click on Corrections Committee under Service in the menu bar. If you have any questions or need help with the process you can get in touch with Rick.

Bridging The Gap (BTG): *Assist new members with transition from facilities or institutions.* a shepherding program for people being discharged who would want it, to help them get to a meeting and make some contacts at the meeting; get them started with AA

Dave B- bridgingthegap@lancasteraa.org

- If there needed someone fluent in Spanish - Dave is fluent in Spanish and available
- if there is a need for a Spanish speaking meeting Dave has interest in helping out with starting one
- Debbie brought up that there will be hotline volunteer training

PIG ROAST *SEPTEMBER 15, 2024* *Flyer here*

Terri E – chair *Info/contact at pigroast@lancasteraa.org or TING96@ptd.net or call 717-380-3395*

- Tickets were $8 the pig roast brought in $2331 collected between tickets, raffle, contributions, leftover meat sale,
- Expenses were just over $1300 so we made about $1,000, however the purpose of the pig roast is not to make a profit
- improved record keeping for expenses, contributions, ticket, and raffle sales gave a clearer picture of finance requirements for future events
- About 215 people attended (in the future, $6 tickets should cover expenses)
- the committee will meet to consider topics discussed such as:
    - what will happen with the profits from this year - the money will go to the general funds IG, should the funds be earmarked for next year
    - what should the cost of the tickets be next year
    - issues with groups donating money to the pig roast

District Reports

District 34 (D34 meetings 2nd Thursday of each month 6:30 pm)currently on ZOOM Meeting ID: **861 9501 2493** Passcode: **945610**)

Jeff L—DCM – not present

- No report

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District 63 (D63 meetings- 2nd Tuesday of each month – Wheatland Presby 6:15pm)
Karen F—ADCM – not present

District 64 (D64 meetings-1st Thursday of each month 7 pm – St James Catholic Church, Lititz 17543)
Troi—ADCM – not present

- St. James Church October 26 11 am -3 pm topic - 7th tradition
- Open positions for GSR and standing committee members for district 64 first Thursday in October, the most important thing is that the GSRs show up so they can vote for their district committee

Old Business

- No new information on hiring a tax attorney

New Business

- EPGSA NOv 8, 9, 10, Jay needs volunteers to stuff envelopes on Nov. 7,
- Volunteers needed for EPGSA table
- **In November we will be voting on a new chairperson, a new treasurer, and a permanent secretary**

Reports of interest to the community

Campout Zoom planning meetings on 1st Friday of the month at 5:30 pm *Zoom code 88984019791*.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984019791
Reporting person-

Hand of AA (HOAA) lancasterAAconference.org
Reporting person- Jay

- **Brunch fundraiser** Sunday, November 10th, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the 521 Club, Cost: $8.00 (Free with Conference Registration) Food: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs
- 14th Annual Conference Saturday March 22, 2025 @ Yoder's Restaurant and Buffet

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn with the Responsibility Statement made by paul; xxxx 2nd at 8:23 pm

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*

Next meeting—September 25, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Mollie I- interim secretary
(Errors may be present in draft versions— final approval at next month's meeting.)

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