Lancaster County AA

September 24, 2025 **Meeting Minutes**

Sandy began meeting at 7:00 pm with Roll Call. # attendees = 28 # of voting reps = 21
Tradition 9 read by: Grace Concept 9 read by: Kathy

Secretary secretary@lancasteraa.org Mollie	• Motion to approve previous month's minutes • Subcommittee chairs, please consider emailing report to IG secretary prior to next meeting.	Motion: Jay 2nd: Scott
Treasurer treasurer@lancasteraa.org **report** Jean B	Income - $1467.97 Expenses - $2440.59 Ending Balance - $3,042.52 • With prudent reserve - $11,556.70 7th tradition - $23 collected Website Hosting Service expense is larger than usual because it has been paid for the full year to save money • The $6000 discrepancy is a dead issue because there is no information - Jaymie looked into it when she was the treasurer and could not figure it out - it is not clear what the $6000 discrepancy is • The 2026 budget will be presented next month - committee chairs report budget needs to Jean ASAP	Motion to accept with correction to the lit.contributions section: Zach 2nd: Gerri
Chair/Vice Chair chairperson@lancasteraa.org Sandy/Tim	• Nothing to report	
Office Coordinator officecoordinator@lancasteraa.org Debbie B	• Volunteers being trained on protocol of office • Venmo/cheap phone number - questions raised about why a cheap phone number - someone noted that venmo accounts need a phone number • Jay is not in favor of the phone number there isn't enough information	

Intergroup Committee Reports

Archives Pete -present Assistant Archivist - Bruce Meeting info if you want to stop in:	• Every Wed. and Thurs Archives works on documenting historical information about LancasterAA • Archives for LancasterAA began in 1999 • Archives committee went all the way back from 1947 and have documented items such as: o letters from people in prison o Early 1950s information about AA on a talkshow • At one time Lancaster AA just had District A and B

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Wed & Thurs 5:30-6:30 Columbia United Methodist Church on Walnut St	• Archives is providing info (copies?) regarding archived documents to each District and asking everyone to keep archival records in their respective District going forward. • Archives is also providing archival files for Lancaster AA to have at intergroup
Treatment Facilities treatment@lancasteraa.org Scott G	• No updates on service commitments filled • Dan from the web committee - to get calendar on the websites so it can be accessible, it is currently available under "blog" somewhere but difficult to find
Cooperation with Professional Communities cpc@lancasteraa.org Vacant	*Meeting -1st Monday 7 pm at 521 club* • *Meetings are on hold*
Public Information Vacant	• PI Workbooks are Available at Office for guidance on PI service
Web Committee Woody	• No report
Correction Facilities corrections@lancasteraa.org Rick S; Gerri	• 11 meetings weekly to Lancaster County Prison • Reaching about 140 inmates on avg. • Current volunteers are incredibly dedicated yet there is little leeway for illness or vacations, even if you cannot volunteer regularly, please consider getting cleared and trained to help out with the growing number of meetings at the prison. • https://lancasteraa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Prison-Volunteer-How-To-12-4-24.pdf • Each meeting has a maximum number of participants • The literature contributions from the homegroup are greatly appreciated • Correction Facilities is expected to end the year within budget even with adding four new meetings since January • Quote of the month is below, in the appendix.
Bridging the Gap bridgingthegap@lancasteraa.org Dave- not present	• No report

District Report

District 34	Representative – not present

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D34 meetings 2nd Thursday of each month 6:30 pm currently on ZOOM Meeting ID: **861 9501 249**	• No report
District 63 D63 meetings- 2nd Tuesday of each month – Wheatland Presby 6	Representative - not present • No report
District 64 D64 meetings- 1st Thursday of each month @ 7 pm – St James Catholic Church, Lititz 17543	Representative - Susan • ***Free workshop*** **Oct 25 on Service** • @ 521 club 11 to 3 **Flyer** • 🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕🍕 Pizza from Cousins!! Bring your friends!

Old Business

By-Laws

- The By-laws committee distributed the by-law revision in May, corrections and comments were sent to the secretary and compiled over the following months for consideration by the By-Law committee.
- The By-Laws committee considered all the questions and comments received and provided a second revision that was color coded and handed out at the end of the June meeting as well as emailed to IG reps.

Prior to the vote to approve the By-Laws, additional comments and motions regarding the by-law language were made as follows:

- Keith disagrees with the steering committee members having a vote stating SC voting would contradict tradition 2 (“Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”) and tradition 9 (“we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”) and In addition Keith feels that the Steering Committee could unfairly sway the vote.
- Jay notes that if SC members are able to vote, when a SC member is in the same homegroup as an IG Rep, a single homegroup would have multiple votes.
- Sandy said that the District members have a vote at the District level and other Intergroups typically allow the steering committee members to vote
- Dave stated that tradition 2 and tradition 9 does not apply in this situation because the Steering Committee is an informal rotating group and does not govern. In addition, not allowing the SC members to vote goes against concept 4 - The principle of the right of participation. There are no superiors, inferiors, or simple advisors in

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A.A. Everyone has the right to be heard with love and respect, and therefore the SC members should have a vote.

Motion 1:

- Keith makes motion remove the ability of the steering committee to vote
- Joe seconds the motion
- 7 in favor, motion does not pass

- Additional discussion regarding a quorum was made, requesting a minimum number of members present in order to allow a vote to proceed. The quorum in the by-laws is the number of voting bodies present, whatever that may be. Participation in Intergroup waxes and wanes, requiring a minimum number could stall business. We trust that if there is some event that prevents the majority of actively participating intergroup representatives from being at a meeting, such as a snow storm or the like, that a critical vote would be postponed. A motion regarding the quorum was not made prior to the motion to approve the by-laws. The by-law committee can keep a record of all suggestions for possible future changes.

Motion 2:

- Rob Motions to approve the bylaws as distributed in July
- Dave seconds the motion to approve
- 14 in favor, Motion Passes
- no Minority opinion

- Joe asked for clarity regarding paid office workers - Sandy responded that the by-laws clearly say that if an office worker was to be paid, it would be so based on a vote from the Intergroup

Taxes

- No new info on the taxes -
- Terry needs records of a thing you write up about what we do and how we serve people - is there a record? Jean will check the records to see if she can find anything - Joe took it home before it got thrown out - he will bring it back to the office.

New Business

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Reports of interest to the community

Pig Roast Reporting person- Terry	• 225 people (give or take 100) in attendance • 2 committees present Hand of AA and York pensypaw BID committee - great for spreading the word • A nice day to share because the committees got more exposure, • Thank you for all the contributions and participation
Hand of AA	• Bingo fundraiser raised $550 everyone had a great time • Fundraiser Nov 1st, doors at 5:30, show at 6pm, on the Hand of AA website, Click for Flyer • $10 tickets at the door 2 slices of pizza and a drink • "pizza and puppets," Jack F is coming up from Maryland, a recovery show - not necessarily a kids puppet show - a show for people in recovery

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn with the Responsibility Statement made by Dave; 2nd at Bob 2nd 8:12 pm

Next meeting—October 22, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Mollie I- secretary

(Errors may be present in draft versions— final approval at next month's meeting.)

Appendix

Quotes of the Month

Women: One of our women volunteers was at Recovery Day a couple weeks ago and ran into a female inmate who was released from prison that same morning. The woman shared how much she appreciated the meetings and was looking forward to connecting at other AA meetings now that she's out.

Men: One of our male volunteers was at the gym and saw a man he met at a prison meeting.
The man asked our volunteer to spot him on a weight machine, and while he was doing his lift, he whispered to our volunteer, "Blessed by the best.

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