



Intergroup Notes

August 4, 2021

Intergroup Chair: **Jaye S.** javezdaisy@yahoo.com

New Meeting Form

<https://aasanjose.org/new-updated-meeting-form> to list a new or update a current meeting

7th Tradition

<https://mailchi.mp/b09151388695/7thtradition-spicpc>

Central Service Board

Central Service Board: Elected Group board members that oversee Central Office Operations. Report

by: Chair, Carole (408) 621-9300,

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JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW*

Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Incorporated

Treasury Summary as of JUNE 30, 2021:

1. Group Contributions for JUN 2021 \$3,771.94 Down -56% over the same period LY \$ 8,609.13/Delta: \$-4,837.19
2. Group Contributions YTD: \$75,616.35 Down -9% over the same period LY \$83,482.24 /Delta: \$-7,865.89
3. Total Ordinary Income YTD was \$82,381.79 Down -18% change over the same period LY.
Vs. Total Ordinary Income LY YTD = \$100,721.47 /Delta= \$-18,339.68
4. COGS YTD was \$5,678.76 Down -49% over the same period LY \$11,187.83 /Delta: \$-5,509.07
5. Gross Profit YTD was \$76,841.90 Down -14% change over the same period LY \$89,533.64 /Delta: \$-12,691.74
6. Total Expenses YTD were \$103,171.58 Up 5% over the same period LY \$98,013.91 /Delta: \$5,157.67
7. Total Other Income YTD was \$29.28 Down -85% over the same period LY \$189.08 /Delta: \$-159.80
8. Net Income YTD was \$(-26,197.11) Up 247% over the same period LY \$(-7,553.41) /Delta: \$-18,643.708
9. Prudent Reserve Current Balance \$84,288.02

***Financial data is subject to change as our new Quickbooks Bookkeeping firm makes corrections to our financials for the last 6 months to ensure accurate current financial reporting.**

Source: CSB- Treasury Report for June – Find full details for the IG minutes & financial reports on the website at:

<https://aasanjose.org/co-intergroup-financials-and-minutes>

Attention: **Intergroup Reps & Volunteers – Contributions are down at central office.** Please share this **7th Tradition Contributions Announcement** at all AA meetings you attend.

Your 7th tradition contributions pay for more than just meeting expenses; each group uses a percentage of excess funds to contribute to **Santa Clara County Central Office**. Central Office is an essential service for our community; supporting aa members by selling AA books and literature, maintaining the AA San Jose website, AA phone hotline, storing Santa Clara County aa archival documents, and covers expenses incurred by providing these services to our community.

There are many expenses associated with keeping Central Office operating and running. Without these important services, it is difficult to **carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers**. When deciding how much to contribute during the 7th tradition collection, we ask you to keep these local support services in mind.

Please encourage your homegroups and AA meetings in-person and online to set up Venmo and PayPal accounts to **collect 7th tradition funds**, so that these critical functions at our Central Office can continue to be provided to our AA fellowship.

Thank you,

Central Service Board

08/04/2021

INSURANCE CERTIFICATES FOR MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE

- Contact Central Office to renew your policy for a year.
- Website application link: <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Group-Application-2021.pdf>
- Insurance Certificates are \$25.00 per meeting
- 10 meetings \$250 + \$10 per additional meeting.
- Pay in person with check or credit card

IT / Website Coordinator

Phil (408) 656-2236

Here is the link to the new/updated meeting form. Please give this to your groups and meetings to share and get your meeting listed on the aasanjose.org website!

<https://aasanjose.org/new-updated-meeting-form>

Virtual Solutions

The purpose of this committee is to be able to provide resources on www.aasanjose.org to help autonomous groups make autonomous group decisions during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The resources provided will relate to in-person meetings, online meetings, online/in-person (hybrid) meetings, and Covid-19 public health resources.

- On Tuesday August 3rd the Health Officer of The County of Santa Clara ordered the requirement of face coverings indoors by all persons regardless of vaccination status.

- Refer to the links on the Overview Tab of the “Future In Person Meetings” on the www.aasanjose.org website for more info directly from The County of Santa Clara and The State of CA. As a reminder where there is a difference between the county and the state public health orders, the more restrictive order must be followed. You will also find more information to help your meeting/group navigate reopening In Person meetings.
- The link for “Hybrid Meetings” has information to help your group/meeting navigate resources on how to run a Hybrid Meeting should your meeting choose to do so.
- You may want to work with your General Service Rep and look over the document we created titled “AA Group Inventory for the COVID-19 Era”. It is a great resource for your group to either utilize or reference if you are interested in doing a group inventory. As a reminder a Group Inventory helps the group/meeting evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose to help alcoholics recover through A.A. 's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery.
- <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Group-Inventory-for-the-Covid-19-Era.pdf>
- Some feedback we have heard is that traditionally the GSR is responsible for heading the group inventory. Since every meeting/group is autonomous, and with these extraordinary circumstances, we believe that the group/meeting should discuss and decide for themselves who should best lead this.
- This is NOT a full group Inventory; it has been tailored based on Covid-19 topics. It is meant to be either used as is or a starting point for your groups/meetings to use at their discretion.
- We would like to ask the General Service Liaisons to please make sure and share this info from the website with General Service.
- Also feel free to post this inventory on any Santa Clara AA Social Media groups to help spread the word. For example, I know a lot of groups have created Facebook Groups, this would be great info to pass along so that members who may not attend business meetings have access to these resources.
- Feel free to contact the committee at aasjvsc@gmail.com with any questions. We are also asking you to share best practices and learnings your group may have had in regards to Hybrid meetings. We want to be able to share this info with other groups/meetings looking for meetings that have actually had success in regards to Hybrid meetings.
- Lastly, a reminder to utilize the "NEW/UPDATED MEETING FORM" <https://aasanjose.org/new-updated-meeting-form> to list a new or update a current meeting. This new form asks for new information not previously requested that will allow AA 's Central Office of Santa Clara County to create and maintain more accurate meeting guide listings, and to keep your group better informed about upcoming events.

Feel free to contact the committee at aasjvsc@gmail.com with any questions. We are also asking you to share best practices and learnings your group may have had with regard to Hybrid meetings. We want to be able to share this info with other groups/meetings looking for meetings that have actually had success in regard to Hybrid meetings.

Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop

Santa Clara County Intergroup has 3 service committees dedicated to responding to the alcoholic still suffering. The Diverter, our phone hotline, The Web Hotline, answering chat requests from AAsanjose.org and the 12 Step Committee introducing the newcomer to AA one on one. All of these

service positions require a working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions. We can especially use anyone with multiple language skills.

Carol B. -- Diverter Chair, carolbuchser@aol.com or text 650/743-5023

Katy F. -- Web Hotline Chair, sccwebhotline@gmail.com

Blake B. -- 12 Step Chair

Diverter

Diverter Volunteers provide phone coverage. Other AA fellowships may call this service the 24-hour hotline or the AA hotline. We call it the Diverter because in the late 70s-early 80s we had a call-forwarding machine called The Diverter. Incoming calls are diverted (or forwarded) to a person who is on call. Diverter shifts are once a month for an average time of 3-4 hours. You can take your shift wherever you happen to be: at home, on a Zoom meeting, at dinner, or out of town. The service term is at least 1 year, but many serve longer. The Diverter sobriety requirement is 1 year.

Diverter Shifts open:

- 4th Wednesday from 6-10am starting August 25.
- 2nd Saturday from midnight-6am starting 9/11
- 3rd Friday from 6-10am starting 9/17
- 5th Friday from 6-10am starting 10/29

Please contact Carol B or come to the training workshop to sign up.

Web Hotline

Happy to announce, We've been operating web hotline for a full year! Thanks to all the AA members who have made it possible. Web Hotline operates from 8am to 8pm, visitors to aasanjose.org can open the chat bubble and type questions. The pool of Web Hotline volunteers answer these requests using Slack, an application available for computer and smartphone. Web Hotline volunteers set their own schedules and answer incoming chats if available. There is no service term. The sobriety requirement is 1 year.

12-Step Committee

To be a 12th Stepper means we try to carry AA's message to alcoholics as it is stated in AA's Step 12. When the phone diverter or the web hotline has a person that wants to speak with someone further, the volunteer will call you with that person's name and number. You'll call them and get to spend more time with them so more time to relate. We then invite and meet them at a virtual meeting and introduce them to a fellowship. This is a great service position that works around your availability. Once you go to the workshop, your name stays on the 12th Step List. Sobriety requirement is 6 months.

We offer a joint training workshop for all of these service positions on the third Saturday of each month. Your attendance can get you 3 service positions all at the same time. the next workshop will be on August 21 at 10:00 am on zoom. I have posted the information in chat, it is also on the calendar of events at aasanjose.org.

Trainings are every 3rd Saturday at 10am

Upcoming Training: August 21st @ 10am

Meeting ID: **172 445 181**

Passcode: **019237**

Service Requirements:

- Diverter = 1 yr sobriety
- Web Hotline = 1 yr sobriety
- 12 Stepper = 6 mos sobriety

Take Away: Please let your group know these service opportunities are available and an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer, a person with long sobriety who is struggling or just someone trying to find the next meeting. Training workshops are offered monthly.

Secretary Workshop

Cheryl (408) 838-4188

Secretary Workshops are held on the 1st Saturday of the month via zoom. Information is posted on the main website at https://aasanjose.org/events/category/virtual/2021-01/?tribe_events_cat=virtual&tribe-bar-date=2021-01

Trainings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10am

The next training will be held Saturday, August 7.

Outreach Committee

Outreach Committee needs an Outreach Committee Coordinator!

Outreach Committee Coordinator: Coordinate the monthly Outreach Committee Workshop, held the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm (prior to the Intergroup meeting) The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to encourage each meeting in Santa Clara County to have an Intergroup Rep. Committee members attend physical meetings (or Zoom meetings) to recruit Intergroup Reps. Attend the monthly Intergroup meeting to give a report on the Outreach service and ask for volunteers to attend meetings and recruit Intergroup Reps. Assist in maintaining the accuracy of the Santa Clara County Meeting Guide by reporting to central office any changes to individual meeting details, or meetings which are no longer in existence.

- Sobriety Requirement: 2 years
- Term: 2 years is preferred

Activities Committee

Activities Coordinator needed!!! Reach out to Jaye if you are interested in becoming an activities coordinator!

It is a svc commitment that requires quite a bit of work—there is a 2 yr sobriety requirement. Gloria V. would be happy to speak to you about the commitment and expectations.

Duties include: Coordinate and oversee activities sponsored by Intergroup. Act as responsible party for budget and communication of events to Santa Clara County. Also sit on ad-hoc committees for additional special activities as directed by Intergroup Chair.

Events website: <https://aasanjose.org/events/category/virtual>

AA Group Inventory for the COVID-19 Era

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Newsletter Committee

Geena Louise, Editor of the COIN

The Coin. Who writes for the COIN? YOU DO!

We need more articles for the September issue with topics Step 9, Tradition 9, Justice, or any sobriety topic. Articles due by the 20th of this month. Please write! It's as much fun as it sounds.

<https://aasanjose.org/writing-for-the-coin>

Please email or call the COIN Editor with questions!

Geena Louise, coin@aasanjose.org or 408-823-6040

Nominating Committee

Report from Rob Willis

Nominating committee is in full swing and would like to thank and introduce the members of the committee: Gloria Vallejo and Mary McCoy

We are actively vetting candidates and selected candidates will make their presentations at the September 1st IG Meeting. As outlined in our Procedures Guide At the regular Intergroup Meeting held two (2) months prior to the annual election, the intergroup Chairman shall conduct a roll call of all present intergroup Representatives for members to declare each person's eligibility and to state their qualifications.

It is customary to poll all current intergroup representatives at this phase of the process to give them the opportunity to be considered for the open positions:

- 2 CSB positions plus an alternate
- IG Secretary = Alt Secretary

I ask that all current IG reps only to use the "Raise Hand" feature on zoom, I will give you a few seconds to find it. I will start at the top of the participants list. I will say your name and you will respond YES or NO to your availability to serve in a position up for election in October.

In order to serve you must meet the following sobriety requirement of 5 years for the Central Service Board and 2 years for Recording secretary and alternate recording secretary.

If you answer YES you will need to send your contact information, email, phone# and the position you are interested in and your years of sobriety to the email address I will post in the chat and you will be contacted via email with further information on the nominations process.

I will ask again at the end of tonight's meeting in case any IG Reps arrive late.

FULL QUALIFICATIONS

2 Central Service Board members requirements:

- 5 years continuous sobriety,
- US Citizen,
- Resident of Santa Clara County,
- Intergroup Rep experience
- Business experience, IT, Finance, HR are ideal
- This board oversees the operation of Central Office a non-profit business with paid employees
- 2 year commitment

Recording secretary and alternate recording secretary requirements:

- 2 years continuous sobriety,
- 1 year commitment.

Intergroup shall elect a Secretary to serve a term of one (1) year. The Secretary shall be eligible to serve only one (1) complete year term of service. An Alternate Secretary, having assumed the office of Secretary, may be re-elected to a regular full term. The Secretary's duties shall include:

Keep accurate records and minutes of all Intergroup meetings and maintain them as permanent records, making them available to the Chairperson and Intergroup Representatives at all times. Determine the number of voting representatives at each Intergroup meeting. Take a roll call when necessary and tabulate all voting results. Provide the Central Office with the minutes of each Intergroup meeting within 10 days for the purpose of inclusion in the monthly Newsletter.

Provide the minutes via email to the Intergroup Chair, Alt-Chair and Central Office Manager. Perform other duties as may be requested by the Chairperson or Intergroup.

The alternate secretary's duties shall include:

Perform the duties of the Secretary in case of absence. Make up packets consisting of AA Guidelines, Intergroup Procedure Guide, 12 Traditions and By-Laws for the New Representatives Orientation Meeting, Assist with the New Intergroup Orientation meeting.

If any current Intergroup Rep is interested in being considered for one of these positions, please contact me via email gloagogo@yahoo.com with your full contact information and position you are interested in.

H&I

Hospitals and Institutions - carries the message of AA into jails, prisons, rehab facilities, hospitals, and other settings where alcoholics can't get out to a meeting. Interested in helping out? Call 408-877-4464 Thanks!

Contributions can go to www.handinorcal.org

Bridging the Gap

Not present.

PI/CPC

From Francine B., PI/CPC Liaison & Chair

To learn what we have to say to everyone within AA, please visit: <http://bit.ly/spicpc-members> – this landing page is exclusively for viewing by AA/Committee members and contains regularly updated information about our efforts, our training materials, and what science has to say about our 12 Step program of recovery.

Bringing the A.A. Service Manual to Life

Trish L. — Trustee At Large (Canada)
Chapter 9: The General Service Board
Sunday August 8, 5- 6pm Pacific Time
Zoom ID: 497 810 6507

District 40

The general service representatives (G.S.R.s) are the very foundation of our general service structure. Through your G.S.R., you can make your group's voice heard at district meetings, area assemblies, and eventually at the General Service Conference. If your group would like to learn more about General Service, or, if your group elects a new GSR, please join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm with new GSR Orientation starting at 6pm at the same meeting ID. Spanish Translation is provided at every district meeting. You're welcome to visit anytime.

General Service District 40 meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm with new GSR Orientation at 6pm at the same meeting ID. Spanish translation is provided at every district meeting.

Meeting ID: **822 7667 2986**

Password: **867546**

One tap mobile: **+14086380968,,82276672986#**

Questions about General Service or District Meetings? Call/text/email **Veronica C** | District 40 Alt DCMC 650-465-3202 <mailto:veroc1977@gmail.com>

Summer Assembly

Summer Assembly will be held on August 7th 2021 9:50am-5:00pm
<https://www.cnca06.org/event/summer-assembly-2021>

District 40 Motion

District 40 motion going to the Area for consideration:

That all CNCA meetings (including assemblies, the monthly area committee meeting, standing committee meetings, sub-committee meetings, and sharing sessions) be held in person with a virtual element for people who cannot attend to be able to participate remotely.

GSR

Monthly District 04 GSR Orientation
2nd Wednesday, GSR Orientation 6:45pm. Next orientation will be August 11
Meeting ID: **323 808 9901**
Passcode: **Service**
Contact Pris J. 408.220.3441 or RightSized2011@gmail.com