

Santa Clara County Intergroup Council
Minutes from December 2nd, 2020

Opening:

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

A Moment of Silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*: Jaye

Reading of the Definition of Intergroup by Gregory

Reading of the *Twelve Traditions* by Barbara Z.

Introduction of New Group Representatives: No new reps

Visitors: Alan W., Tim, Bob E., and Tamlyn, filling in for Rose W. as IGR for Bower's Fellowship, Sundays, at 11am, Machado Park Meeting.

Birthday announcements- Laura H: 31yrs., Debbie: 12 yrs.,

No Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Reports listed in the Coin

Observed our 7th Tradition via Venmo: "@Alexis-Winslow-1"

- Collected 39 from November IG meeting, total balance 555.00 in account.

- We are trying to build our prudent reserve.

Voting Member Count: 31

Intergroup Chair:

Jaye S., jayezdaisy@yahoo.com

- If you need to bring something to the meeting that requires more than a 3-5 minute discussion, please email me in advance so I can add it to the agenda. We will be keeping the Zoom meeting open for 10 minutes after the meeting adjourns for any questions and to give people extra time to get items of interest and links into the chat. Please email your reports whenever possible to Christopher, xtopherjahn@gmail.com.

Committee Reports:

Central Service Board: Elected Group overseeing Central Office Operations

Carole R., carolervalcaba@gmail.com

- The Central Service Board would like your input. How can our Central Office best serve your AA community needs? We are asking for suggestions and input from our AA community for input on our Central Office Goals for 2021. Please take this question back to your home groups and business meetings and send us your suggestions and input. Kindly email your suggestions and input to Carole R., carolervalcaba@gmail.com

Central Office: Central Office Updates

Bruce, 408-478-0712, bruce@aasanjose.org

- Revenues are declining. We have cut expenses. We are not desperate yet, but we are trying to bring people's attention to the economic part of AA. Central Office is working with Phil to try and get the birthdays up on the website. Please let Central Office know about any Alco-thons happening. Please send Central Office any ideas you may have. We are emphasizing Faithful Fivers, recurring payments. Please help us get the word out. Central office fairs well.

IT Coordinator: Responsible for the AA website

Phil

- The Annual 28th Spiritual Progress Retreat is being held on December 5th from 2pm to 7pm. I am in Collaboration with the San Francisco Office and East Bay Office to leverage tools. The meeting guide up and active for zoom meetings. There are two places on website to find online meetings now. I am very Interested in starting an IT committee. I'm looking for people with experience in web, web content, back-end server and coding; please let people know in your meetings. We are finalizing process of going into the cloud. Santa Clara Intergroup website is not currently listing in-person meetings.

Activities Committee: Organizes the many great A.A activities for Santa Clara County

Tiffany and Marquis

-We are organizing the old timers' meeting. We are shooting for the first week in December.

Twelfth Step Committee: Phone, web chat and visitation contact with callers in need

Blake 408-316-3938

Any member with 6 months sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps & traditions can be a 12 stepper. Commitment lasts as long as you want to be on the list. Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop is every 3rd Saturday at 10am. Zoom info stays the same every month. The next workshop is Saturday, December 19th at 10am on Zoom, Meeting ID: 172 445 181, Passcode: 019237.

Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator: After-hours phone coverage for A.A. Hotline in SCC.

Carol B. carolbuchser@aol.com

- It is my privilege to be the Diverter Coordinator. Diverter Volunteers provide after-hours phone coverage. The Diverter sobriety requirement is 1 year; the service term is at least 1 year, but many serve longer. Each diverter volunteer goes through a training workshop before assuming a diverter shift. The workshop is held the third Saturday of each month. In addition to the sobriety requirement it is also important that the diverter have a working knowledge of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions.

- Currently we have four Diverter shift openings: The third Tuesday of the month from 10:30pm-6:00am beginning December 15; The fourth Monday of the month from 11:00pm-6:00am beginning January 25, 2021; The first Sunday of the month from 6-9am beginning February 7, 2021; The fifth Monday of the month from 4:30-7:00pm, beginning March 29, 2021.

- Please think about becoming a diverter if you don't yet have a shift; it's a great way to appreciate your sobriety. We are now conducting the DIVERTER/Web Hotline/12-Step Workshop on Zoom. The next Zoom workshop for these service positions will be Saturday, December 19, at 10:00. Please attend this workshop to understand how the Diverter service, the Web Hotline, and 12-Steppers help the alcoholic who still suffers. To receive the Zoom Meeting ID, contact carolbuchser@aol.com.

- Takeaway: Diverter shifts are only once/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. This is an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer or a person with long sobriety who is struggling. Thank you for granting me the privilege of being in service.

Web Hotline: Coordinates web hotline functions

Katy F sccwebhotline@gmail.com

- Phil delivered report for Katy. 8am to 8pm are the hours that the web hotline is staffed using the Slack application. Web hotline volunteers answer chat requests that come in. There is a 1 year sobriety requirement for these service positions. Terms of service are undetermined, as of yet. It's an enjoyable service position. If interested in joining Web Hotline, please attend training Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop (Every 3rd Saturday at 10am). Upcoming: Saturday, December 19th @ 10am, Meeting ID: 172 445 181, Passcode: 019237

Secretary Workshop: Discuss the secretary's role as the facilitator of an A.A. Meeting

Cheryl

- We are continuing with the monthly meeting, first Saturday of the month at 10am on Zoom. Zoom meeting details are on the central office website.

Outreach Committee: Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings

Jennifer and Jesse

We are ambassadors for intergroup. We insure accuracy of the meeting directory. We are working with Phil on that. When you attend AA meetings, encourage groups to participate in intergroup and have intergroup reps. Let us know if you encounter a meeting that is no longer meeting but still being listed. If you go to meetings, you're a good fit for this committee. If you're interested in joining, reach out to Jennifer and Jesse and see flyer @ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bw_GBYbwxkoaFeRlqNLbzy7qnwjAKbHP/view

Newsletter Committee: Help prepare our monthly newsletter the Coin

Mel

- We are looking for a new coin editor. Mel has found some help with the Coin. See intergroup website for financials and minutes. Mel is working on getting last back issues published. Please email submissions to coin@asaanjose.org

Virtual Solutions Committee: Providing virtual solutions

Joe and Lisa

- 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. Last month I reported that there would be some updates very soon to the documents under our tabs. Just when we had finalized the editing and were ready to update, the County and State got more restrictive. We felt that rather than post any misleading information we needed to do further research to make sure we share accurate up to date information. We are still doing research and will post information when we feel it is appropriate to do so. We ask that you please share with your meetings/group the "Future In Person Meetings" tab on the www.aasanjose.org website.

- 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" - <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Group-Inventory-for-the-Covid-19-Era.pdf>. 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. 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.

Old/Ongoing Business:

- None

Motions:

- None

New Business:

- None

Other Service Committee Reports

North County General Service Liaison

Lori

- We had elections last month. We will have a whole new panel of people starting Jan. 2021. We have two district committee member (DCM) positions open. We have a budget. Things are winding down. We will get the agenda topics for 2021 in February. Group consciousnesses will start happening at the end of February and in March.

South County General Service

Scott H.

- We have been holding our elections. We have filled a lot of our positions. We still have some open positions. It's been a pleasure doing this service position for the last 2 years.

Hospitals & Institutions: Carrying the message to those confined to correctional & mental health facilities

Lisa

- Monthly meeting was held last week. Contributions are way down, significantly lower than last year, but we are doing OK. Eight meetings are currently conducted via zoom, otherwise we are working on getting literature and pamphlets into facilities. Evans Lane, a facility for parolees and at risk probationers, needs a

secretary for online meetings on the first and second Wednesdays of the month, via Zoom at 7:30 pm. This is a mixed, closed meeting. Contact Lisa if interested.

Bridging the Gap: Helping alcoholics just released from hospitals, treatment centers or correctional facilities transition to A.A. in their local community

Christina C.

- No report.

PI/CPC: Our information voice to the general public & professionals

Luisa

- No report.

Sober and Free: Sober & Free is San Jose's LGBTQ+ annual AA conference

Blake

- No events until January. Find us at soberandfree.org

SCCYPAA: Young People in A.A.

Ben

- No report.

Open Forum: What's on your mind?

- There was a question about H&I meeting times for the open secretary position.
- There was a question about what kind of help the Coin needs. They need layout and design help.
- Unity day needs a committee chair. The current Chairperson is moving.
- Regional Virtual Forum Dec 19 put out by NY GSL. Find registration information on aa.org. Trustees and directors of our corporation back in New York will be on the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Alexis

- \$ 49.00 has been contributed to Venmo for this meetings' contribution. If you contribute to the 7th tradition after the meeting concludes, please note that the contribution is for intergroup.

Closing:

Responsibility Statement: Jaye.