

Santa Clara County Intergroup Council

MEETING MINUTES – April 7, 2021

- Welcome to Intergroup!
- Zoom Best Practices
 - If you wouldn't do it at an in-person meeting, don't do it here!
 - Please be mindful to turn off your video & audio when making noise or moving around, so as not to disrupt or distract others. You may unmute yourself when called upon, but please remember to mute yourself when you are done speaking.
 - Please put IGR after your name to indicate you are an Intergroup Rep.
- A Moment of Silence followed by the *Serenity Prayer*. Jaye
- Reading of the Twelve Traditions: Deb
- Reading of the Definition of Intergroup: Greg
- Introduction of New Group Representatives: Laura, Wed. Women's Step Study Meeting in Los Gatos @7:30; Katie, alt. IGR, Winchester Group; John Sanders substitute for the Raffle Group; Christy, Los Gatos Back to the Book; Deb, Thurs. Higher Power Hour Meeting; Juan T., Secretary, Oficina Central Hispana Costa Norte
- Visitors: None
- Birthday announcements: Christopher J., 3 years, 3/12; Eric, 6 yrs, 4/6; Rose, 8 yrs, 3/11; Jennifer, 3 yrs, 3/27; Josh, 5yrs, 3/28; Gayle, 44 yrs, 3/11; Katie, 5 yrs., 3/11; Juan, 14 yrs. 3/12; Stephanie, 4 yrs, 3/21
- Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Reports listed on the website: None
- Treasurer's Report – Alexis
 - Observe our 7th Tradition – Either by Venmo (select the QR code shown below or type in @Alexis-Winslow-1 in the Venmo App) or by mailing a check to Alexis Winslow - 375 Oleander Dr, San Jose, 95123 winslowalexis2@gmail.com Thank You!
 - Balance forward March: 739.00
 - Balance 811.00 April

@Alexis-Winslow-1



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Intergroup Chair

Jaye S. 408-489-5903

jayezdaisy@yahoo.com

If you need to bring something to the meeting that requires more than a 3-5 minute discussion, please email to me in advance so I can add it to the agenda. Please remember, there is a difference between New Business and Open Forum.

Also, we will be keeping the meeting open for 10 minutes after the close of the meeting for any questions and to give people extra time to get items of interest / links out of the chat.

Committee Reports- *Please keep reports to 3-5 minutes.* Please be sure to highlight your “Take Away”. Also, please email your reports whenever possible to Christopher – xtopherjahn@gmail.com

1. **Central Service Board:** Elected Group overseeing Central Office Operations
Carole R. 408-621-9300 caroleruvalcaba@gmail.com

The **Central Service Board** met last month, on Thursday March 25, 2021 virtually on Zoom.

1. The CSB reviewed **business operations content** relevant to next 2-3 board meetings.
2. Treasurer Debbie H., shared & reviewed the **February 2021 Treasury Report**.

FEB 2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Incorporated
Treasury Summary (as of FEB 28, 2021):

1. Group **Contributions for FEB 2021** \$12,788.47 **Down -26%** over the same period LY \$-4,396.03
2. Group **Contributions YTD:** \$30,316.21 **Down -44%** over the same period LY \$-24,211.24
3. Total **Ordinary Income YTD** was \$32,270.86 **Down -38%** change over the same period LY.
(Vs. Total Ordinary Income LY YTD = \$51,703.33 delta= \$-19,432.47)
4. **COGS YTD** was \$1,771.41 **Down -79%** over the same period LY \$-6,584.12
5. **Gross Profit YTD** was \$30,597.49 **Down -31%** change over the same period LY \$-13,590.37
6. **Total Expenses YTD** were \$26,197.07 **Down -29%** over the same period LY \$-10,801.66
7. **Net Income YTD** was \$4,409.32 **Down -34%** over the same period LY \$-2,270.21
8. **Prudent Reserve** Current Balance \$86,257.99

Source: Central Service Board Announcement - Treasury Report 3/25/21 – Thank you Debbie H.

[See full Financial Report on the website at: <https://aasanjose.org/co-intergroup-financials-and-minutes>]

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----- Message from Central Service Board

Attention: **Intergroup Reps & Volunteers** - 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 books and literature, maintaining the AA San Jose website, AA phone hotline, storing Santa Clara County aa archival documents, and covers any expenses incurred by providing these services to our community.

Even though we don't currently have *in-person* meetings, there are still 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**.

Continued...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 any AA meetings you attend to set up Venmo and PayPal accounts to **collect 7th tradition funds** during the pandemic, so that these critical functions of our Central Office can continue to be provided to our AA fellowship.

2. **Central Office:** Central Office Updates
Bruce 408-478-0712

It's General Service Conference time. In order to stay informed about topics of interest to A.A. generally and to our Santa Clara County Fellowship specifically, I attended:

- PRAASA
- Agenda Topics Workshop
- Big Book Discussion
- District 40 meeting
- Northern California Office Managers meeting
- Pre-Conference Assembly April 3-4.

As many of you know, we lost Julie during this pandemic. She has moved to Sonora and is truly happy there. So, we need to replace her and I've put the job requirements and application process information in the April COIN on our website.

It's time to start thinking about group and meeting insurance requirements. Tomorrow I will post some information about the process we'll use this year, but the highlights are:

1. We're not sending the June 1 renewal notices this year. We'll use an email blast.

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2. We're asking that you don't submit an application for this coverage until you know it will be required by your landlord. Groups are moving, new groups forming, and Zoom will undoubtedly stay with us, so wait 'til the dust settles before applying.
3. Completing the application form and submission to Central Office along with the payment remain the same.

As State and County requirements and protocols change, please keep us apprised of changes, start-ups, renewals, and happening in your groups. We need this information to answer questions from callers, to prepare the meeting guide and online listings, and to assist with insurance.

And Central Office fairs well.

3. **IT Director:** Responsible for CO tech and updating the AA website.
Phil 408-656-2236 phil.wysocki@gmail.com

The website has changed hosting companies. Central office is developing a new website. Web content wants input and include everyone, especially under-represented populations in AA. Contact Kelly to make sure you are represented. See the website for details.

4. **Virtual Solutions Committee:** Providing virtual solutions.
Joe Lisa aasjvsc@gmail.com

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.

- o Our Committee is still at a pause until restrictions change for the County/State. We will continue to do research and post information when it is appropriate to do so. But based off of the most recent announcements from the State of CA it sounds like over the next few months we will hopefully be able to safely reopen meetings, but until we have guidance from the County of Santa Clara, we do not want to assume that the State changes will take effect, as the stricter guidance of the two is the one that applies. We are hoping by next month's meeting we will have more concrete information to share.

- o Now more than ever we ask that you please share with your meetings/group the "Future In Person Meetings" tab on the www.aasanjose.org website. We strongly encourage your meetings to have a true group conscious about reopening your meetings. As a reminder Tradition 2 states "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

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§ 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.

- o Feel free to contact the committee at aasjvsc@gmail.com with any questions

5. **Nights & Weekends Diverter Coordinator:** After-hours phone coverage for A.A. Hotline in SCC.
Carol B. 650-743-5023

It is my privilege to be the Diverter Coordinator. Diverter Volunteers provide after-hours 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.

When our Central Office is closed, incoming calls are diverted (or forwarded) to a person who is on call. 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 one DIVERTER shift opening: the fifth Monday of the month from 11:00pm-6am beginning May 31. The fifth Monday occurs about four times/year. Does anyone want to raise your

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hand to take this overnight shift? Or think about it and give me a note in the chat, including your phone number.

- 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, April 17, 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. The Zoom Meeting ID is on our AA San Jose website; you can also contact me at carolbuchser@aol.com or text 650/743-5023.

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

6. **Twelfth Step Committee:** Phone and visitation contact with callers in need.

Blake

1. Any member with 6 months sobriety and a working knowledge of the steps & traditions can be a 12 stepper. Next workshop will be Saturday, April 17th @ 10am. Commitment lasts as long as you like.
2. Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop
(Every 3rd Saturday at 10am)
Upcoming: April 17th @ 10am
Meeting ID: 172 445 181
Passcode: 019237
Diverter = 1 year sobriety
Web Hotline = 1 year sobriety
12 Stepper = 6 months sobriety

7. **Web Hotline:** Coordinates web hotline function.

Katy F. sccwebhotline@gmail.com

Sobriety requirement is 1 yr. Attend the Workshop listed above. Answering 3 to 4 inquiries a day on average.

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

Cheryl

Via Zoom 1st Sat. / Month. Zoom info on IG website.

9. **Outreach Committee:** Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings

Jesse

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No report.

10. **Activities Committee:** Organize the many great activities for A.A. in Santa Clara County
Open Position – if interested, please contact Jaye – jayezdaisy@yahoo.com
11. **Newsletter Committee:** Help prepare our monthly newsletter the COIN.
Please send entries into coin@aasanjose.org
Tina Louise: Need submissions for May issue, Step 5, Tradition 5 and integrity. Write from the heart and honestly. Publishing in a timely manner again. The new editor is grateful for the work and training of the previous editor, Mel

- Voting Member Count – Jill: 41

Old/Ongoing Business: None

Motion:None

New Business: None

Other Service Committee Reports- Please keep reports under 2 minutes. Please be sure to highlight your “Take Away”. Also, please email your reports whenever possible to Christopher – xtopherjahn@gmail.com

1. **North County General Service**

Pris

- District 4 (in partnership with district 40) held its first ever Agenda Topics Workshop via zoom with breakout rooms, past officer and delegate presenters and a mock Group Conscience to give new GSRs practice.
 - Very positive feedback
 - One GSR had a very touching feedback that she shared, she came to the workshop not knowing the what/hows of a Group Conscience, but left the workshop feeling that she had been equipped to conduct a Group Conscience.
- Area committee meeting and DCMC/DCM Sharing sessions
- In our district meeting, we watched the 21-minute video “The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access”
- We held a Sharing Session led by our Area treasurer Chitra S.
- District 4 GSR’s and officers had anotherWe also had another opportunity to view the video “The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access” during the sharing session that was held on March 14th.
- We have a new recording secretary
- We continue to look for opportunities to improve out tools and communications. We use a collaboration tool called Slack where we post all documents and can collaborate. This month, out

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technologist for Slack/Zoom developed a tutorial to help new GSRs. We've also incorporated a quick overview as part of our GSR Orientation.

2. **South County General Service**

Veronica veroc1977@gmail.com

No report.

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

Lisa 408-807-4443

The Northern CA H&I Committee is an independent 9th Tradition service committee of Alcoholics Anonymous. The only purpose of the H&I Committee of AA is to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who is confined. The activities of this committee are based on and governed by, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We provide meetings in hospitals, recovery centers, rehabs, community facilities, jails and prisons in Northern California. AA literature is brought into the meeting and provided free to members who attend; this is where approximately 90% of the money contributed in the H&I "pink cans" goes.

We also provide sponsorship at selected and authorized prisons. we match prisoners requesting sponsorship with specially oriented, anonymity-protected volunteers.

As of the March 23rd meeting, there were several service positions open, including Coordinator for Julian Street Inn and for the Santa Clara County Jail. Help is also needed to "build the bench" of secretaries for the Soledad program. People to chair meetings are always needed. Contact number is 408-877-4464. Thank you.

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

Currently serving 3 facilities: Mariposa, Pathways, Newlife. Always looking for meeting chairs. They are helping these newcomers access meetings.

5. **PI/CPC:** Our information voice to the general public & professionals
Francine Bacchini, PI/CPC Chair

WHAT IS PI/CPC?

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community – the PI/CPC Committee – is responsible for engaging with, and informing, the general public and professionals to help them understand how and why AA works.

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To learn what this committee has to say to the general public and professionals, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/sjpicpc> – be sure to scroll all the way down to view everything!

To learn what we have to say to everyone within AA, please visit: <http://bit.ly/sjpicpc-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 Twelve Step program of recovery.

ATTN IGRs:

Please encourage all meetings groups to elect a PI/CPC Rep. To learn more or to download a PDF that describes the roles and responsibilities, please visit:

https://mcusercontent.com/984bad00b28649d42604d029b/files/654c9603-2755-45e4-a319-8f75df35b997/PI_CPC_Rep_ForYourAAHomeGroup.02.pdf

RECENT PI/CPC EFFORTS:

- 02-25-21: Delivered New/Updated A.A. presentation to the [County of Santa Clara Office of Veteran Services](#) (David Till, Director).
 - 25-minute presentation followed by 34 minutes of Q&A – very engaged audience, very positive outcome with plans to have us back!
- 03-25-21: Emily Hsieh, Director of Community Affairs, Silicon Valley from People Assisting The Homeless (<https://epath.org/>) contacted us to ask what AA could do to help her homeless clients - invited PI/CPC to meet via Zoom with her team.
 - Pre-meeting, Emily asked a number of questions by phone, and was emailed our landing page link and the [updated presentation PDF](#) for review.
 - Meeting Outcome: Emily's colleagues would like us to provide A.A. books and pamphlets for their clients, and to help facilitate bringing a meeting into their new "48-family tiny homes" community.
 - PI/CPC approved budget for providing books and pamphlets - gave this lead to H&I for follow-up to host a Tuesday AA meeting via Zoom.
 - We also advised Al-Anon of the need for a Friday Al-Anon meeting (for adults with drinking partners) and a request for a separate Alateen meeting as well (they have a number of 13-17 year old clients that need support).
- Upcoming Events:
 - *PI/CPC Open House*, August 1, 2021, 3:30pm to 5:30pm – all of A.A. invited to get to know PI/CPC via Zoom.
 - 3:30-4:30pm, Overview of what PI/CPC does and how the traditions are applied to our committee work (Presented by Bob J., Workshop Coordinator) with an open Q&A.
 - 4:30-5:30pm, updated CPC presentation followed by open Q&A (presented by Francine B, PI/CPC Chair).
 - Attendees will be invited to attend our usual monthly committee meeting that follows (from 5:30-7pm) to learn more about how they might be of service.

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- *Alcoholism's Impact Upon Society* – an A.A. Workshop for Professionals (co-hosted by the East Bay and Santa Clara County PI/CPC, although we may open this to other PI/CPC groups across the US)
 - Open with a discussion of the importance of anonymity, followed by a 20-minute CPC presentation that informs the professional community about A.A.
 - 4 Class A Trustees speak for 10 minutes about alcoholism's impact upon society, and what A.A. can do to help (from the perspective of their respective industries: an addictions expert from the healthcare industry, parole officer from law enforcement, judge from a drug/alcohol court, etc.)
 - Budget Request: We hope to do 4 broadcast emails to invite professionals to attend – estimated cost for 30,000 contacts: \$12K-\$15K, include LinkedIn advertising (estimated cost: \$4K), plus getting an article into the San Jose Mercury News that helps further our promotional reach.
 - A landing page with a link to Eventbrite registration (we then capture email addresses of the registered professionals for ongoing contact).

REMINDER: MEDICAL COMMUNITY VIDEO – STUDY OF A.A. SUCCESS!

To view what the medical community has to say about the success of our AA program, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/Cochrane12> – a video entitled, “Stanford, Harvard Study of A.A. Success”

6. **Sober and Free:**

Joe filling in for Blake

- Sober & Free is San Jose's LGBTQ+ annual AA conference.
Next Event...Adventure Down Memory Lane
Experience what created the foundation of what our fellowship is today.
Saturday, April 10th at 4:30-6:30pm PST
Meeting ID: 856 5612 9619
Passcode: fellowship
Everyone is welcome. Live captioning available.
- Sober & Free 2021 will be held virtually May 14th & 15th. Registration available at soberandfree.org

7. **SCCYPAA: Young People in A.A.**

Greg

Having elections on the 18th of April. Will elect new liaison to IG.

Open Forum- What is on your mind? Please raise your hand & wait to be called on so we do not have a lot of people talking over one another.

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Tamlyn: On Virtual Solutions Committee: Insurance obtained through IG does not cover lawsuit due to covid exposure.

Treasurer's Report- Alexis, what were our contributions for tonight? 57.00 Also, remember, you can contribute for March up until the 31st of the month to count for this month. Please put "Intergroup 7th Tradition" in the memo on your check or Venmo.

Close with the Responsibility Statement: "Who is Responsible..." Jaye