

## oINTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2021

### Intergroup Chair:

Jaye S. [jayezdaisy@yahoo.com](mailto:jayezdaisy@yahoo.com)

- Jaye S., Intergroup Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:36 pm followed by a review of Zoom practices, a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.  
Adam read the definition of Intergroup. Jim read the Twelve Traditions.

### New Intergroup Reps:

- Jason – St. John's Men's Group
- Adam – Boiled Owls
- Joan Palo Also Sunrise Group
- Colette Women Crushing Recovery
- Jim R&B in Sunnyvale

### Visitors

- Grady

### Birthdays:

- Carol B. 17 years
- Matt, 4 years
- Pris, 10 years

### Corrections or Additions to the Months, Minutes or Reports

(none)

### Corrections or Additions to the Previous Month's Minutes

(none)

### IG Treasurer's Report – Alexis W.

- Currently have \$1287 in bank
- Tonight's collection: \$??

### 7th Tradition Contributions

Alexis Winslow, Treasurer

408-712-1182

[winslowalexis2@gmail.com](mailto:winslowalexis2@gmail.com)

- Venmo: @Alexis-Winslow-1  
(last 4-digits of my phone # 1182-if needed on Venmo)
- Mail Check: 375 Oleander Drive, San Jose, CA 95123  
Payable to: Alexis Winslow
- Please notate on Venmo or check: For Intergroup

## REPORTS

### Nominating Committee

Report from Robby

(Gloria Vallejo and Mary McCoey)

Elections were held for the positions of Recording Secretary, Alternate Recording Secretary, and the Central Service

The new elected officers are

- Deb N. -- Recording Secretary
- Kerry B. -- Alternate Recording Secretary
- Linda / Joe B. -- New Central Service Board

### Central Service Board

CSB Announcement for Oct 6, IG meeting + Revised Treasury Report

**Central Service Board:** Elected Group board members that oversee Central Office Operations. Report by: Carole R., 408-621-9300 [carolervalcaba@gmail.com](mailto:carolervalcaba@gmail.com)

The Central Service Board met last month on Thursday, Sep 23, 2021 on Zoom.

Financial review – screenshot

REV. 10.14.2021

LY= last year.

## **AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Incorporated

### **Treasury Summary as of AUGUST 30, 2021: (REV. 10-14-21)**

1. Group Contributions for AUG 2021 \$11,892.41 Down -34% over the same period LY \$ 17,999.30/Delta: \$-6,106.89
2. Group Contributions YTD: \$114,183.28 Down -6% over the same period LY \$121,312.47/Delta: \$-7,129.19
3. Total Ordinary Income YTD was \$130,506.10 Down -8% change over the same period LY.  
Vs. Total Ordinary Income LY YTD = \$141,177.90/Delta= \$-10,671.80
4. COGS YTD was \$11,337.57 Down -14% over the same period LY \$13,167.81/Delta: \$-1,830.24
5. Gross Profit YTD was \$117,337.66 Down -8% change over the same period LY \$128,010.09/Delta: \$-10,672.43
6. Total Expenses YTD were \$122,046.66 Down -5% over the same period LY \$127,883.83/Delta: \$-5,837.17
7. Total Other Income YTD was \$357.11 Down -68% over the same period LY \$1,107.31/Delta: \$-750.20
8. Net Income YTD was \$(-4,709.00) Down -3830% over the same period LY \$126.26 /Delta: \$-4,835.26
9. Prudent Reserve Current Balance \$80,983.94

### **Group Contributions Analysis:**

- i. **Monthly:** AUG 2021 \$11,892.41
- ii. **Sequentially:** Compared to JUL 2021 at \$16,213.49 Down -27% (M-o-M) (Delta: \$-4,321.08)
- iii. **Year-Over-Year:** Compared to AUG 2020 at \$17,999.30 Down -34% or \$-6,106.89 (Y-o-Y)

\*Financial data subject to change as our new Quickbooks Bookkeeping consultant audits and reconciles our financial records to ensure accurate financial reporting for January 2021 – through – current month.

Where to find the Treasury Reports 2021 – Find full details for the IG minutes & financial reports on the website at: <https://aasanjose.org/co-intergroup-financials-and-minutes>

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Attention: **Intergroup Reps & Volunteers.**

Please share the **7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions Announcement** at AA meetings.

**Your 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collection, we ask you to keep these local support services in mind.

Thank you,

*Central Service Board*

### Central Office Report

Toni

- Previously, there was the ability to add your name to our general interest mailing list by entering your name and email address on our website. For some reason this was removed. It has been put back at the bottom of the home page. Encourage your sponsees or anyone else who is interested in receiving the COIN and other announcements from Central Office to sign up.
- I would like to thank Geena Louise for being The COIN editor. She has decided not to continue editing The COIN so we need a new COIN editor.
- New book titled “Prayer & Meditation” has been issued by AA Grapevine. The book has writings from A.A. members who share the many ways they connect spiritually. The cost is \$13.

### IT / Website Coordinator

Phil (408) 656-2236

Kelly T. (949) 892-7788

As some of you know, our website committee has been working toward much needed updates to expand the reach of AASanJose.org so that we more effectively carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We are excited to let you know that we will make a presentation detailing an exciting plan to get this project underway — at the next intergroup meeting in November.

Please stay tuned for next month, when we'll share more details and hopefully — discuss voting!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

## Virtual Solutions

Joe Nunez

<https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Overview-Planning-Meetings1.pdf>

The purpose of this committee is to be able to provide resources on [www.aasanjose.org](http://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.

- Please refer to the links on the Overview Tab of the “Future In Person Meetings” on the [www.aasanjose.org](http://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](mailto: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.

### Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop

Carol B. -- Diverter Chair, [carolbuchser@aol.com](mailto:carolbuchser@aol.com) or text 650/743-5023

Neil G. -- Daytime Diverter Coordinator

Katy F. -- Web Hotline Chair, [sccwebhotline@gmail.com](mailto:sccwebhotline@gmail.com)

Blake B. -- 12 Step Chair

### Open Diverter Shifts:

- Wednesday 10am-2pm starting 10/13
- 4th Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm starting 10/27
- 1st Sunday Noon-4pm starting 11/7

Trainings are every 3rd Saturday at 10am

- Upcoming Training: October 16th @ 10am  
Meeting ID: **172 445 181**  
Passcode: **019237**

### Service Requirements:

Diverter = 1 yr sobriety

Web Hotline = 1 yr sobriety

12 Stepper = 6 mos sobriety

### Secretary Workshop

Cheryl (408) 838-4188

Not present

### 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>

### Newsletter Committee

We are looking for a new COIN Editor. Until one is found, we will not have the COIN..

### Intergroup Inventory Committee

Austin R. (408) 391-0637 / [austinrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:austinrobinson@gmail.com)

<https://bit.ly/INTERGROUFINV>

September update: No committee meeting last month. But also, no feedback from IGRs and groups. Please ask your groups how they feel about the need for an intergroup inventory and **what questions should our intergroup ask itself?**

### Background and Questions for IGRs and their groups

Purpose: To establish a framework and process for an intergroup inventory

**Who** Participates in an Inventory?

- Active IGRs or their alternates if primary IGR is unavailable
- IG Elected Committee Members (Chair, Alt-chair, treasurer, recording secretary, etc)
- Intergroup Committee Members (Diverter, 12th step, Web/Tech, Activities, etc)
- Central Service Board Members
- Tradition 8 Office Staff & Central Office Volunteers (diverter/web hotline volunteers)

### Questions for IGRs and groups:

Does your group feel strongly about the participation outlined here?

If so, please let the committee know.

**When** should Intergroup have their next inventory?

- As early as January, given intergroup election and holiday season. The more time the better, so that groups can carefully consider and discuss questions, then inform their IGRs. We will continue to announce this and work with the chair to find time on a future agenda in the future.
- Many AA groups and service bodies regularly hold an annual or bi-annual inventory.

### Questions for IGRs and groups:

Does your group feel strongly about when (or if) an inventory should take place?

If so, please let the committee know.

**Where** should intergroup hold its next inventory and should it be online only?

- Given the state of affairs with the pandemic, the committee consensus is to cooperate with a local group's facilities, such as The Alano Club of San Jose, which has strong hybrid technology capabilities, if it were to be held in person. Funding would need to be approved.
- Online only is also an option which, if meeting-in-person restrictions persist into next year, may force our decision here.

**Facilitating** the inventory: who leads this and what role do they play?

- AA experience has shown that an outside, objective, facilitator is best when leading a group conscience or group inventory.
- The intergroup inventory committee or chair can appoint an representative to lead the planning and organization of the inventory event itself.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### H&I

Hospitals and Institutions carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous into jails, prisons, rehab facilities, hospitals, and other places where alcoholics can not get out to a meeting. Your contributions into the pink can or electronically to [handinorcal.org](http://handinorcal.org) help to purchase books and literature for alcoholics who are confined. Some meetings are being held virtually but several have opened to in-person attendance. There are a few open Secretary positions and people to share their story are also needed. The position that coordinates clearances for Santa Clara County jails is open, as well as a meeting coordinator for the Evans Lane facility.

Please call 408-877-4464. Thank you!

Contributions can go to [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org)

### Bridging the Gap

Bridge the Gap always needs people to chair 👍. Video or in person opportunities.

### PI/CPC

From Francine B., PI/CPC Liaison & Chair

#### **Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community**

##### **PI/CPC Liaison Report – October 2021**

##### **A.A. in Action – a Workshop for Professionals**

Held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10am & 6:30pm (90-minutes).

Both A.A. and Al-Anon provided brief presentations followed by 5 panelists from the professional community.

- Attendees: 86 for 10am/85 for 6:30pm (171 total, including panelists)
- English to Spanish Translation + closed captioning was provided.
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback from the panelists and the professionals in attendance – *many who stated they would begin to refer people to A.A. for help!*
  - We received private chats, calls, and emails from physicians, nurses, counselors, corrections officers, HR managers, pastors, and social services workers complimenting A.A. on its efforts and requesting when the next event would be held!
- This event was video-recorded and will be posted to YouTube upon availability – working on this now!

**URGENT NEED: for donations of GRAPEVINE Subscriptions.** Cost per subscription is \$28.97/year.

Adobe Services, 8 Santa Clara facilities that house long-term homeless with rates of alcoholism more than 60%, need 3 subscriptions per facility. Please go to [www.aasanjose.org/picpc](http://www.aasanjose.org/picpc) to find our Venmo account to make contributions – we need to raise ~\$700!



Come visit the PI/CPC committee members at the A.A. info table at [Many Paths One Destination](#) this Saturday, from 9:30am to 2:30pm – located at Lincoln Glen Church (2700 Booksin Avenue, San Jose.)

### Sober and Free

Joe Nunez

<https://www.soberandfree.org>

Nothing to report.

### District 04 - Santa Clara North County

Pris J. DCM/Alt DCMC ([RightSized2011@gmail.com](mailto:RightSized2011@gmail.com))

- This past month, we were honored with a presentation on the 71st Conference by an Area Delegate.
- We are working to finalize activities for hosting This year's November 6— Fall Inventory Assembly, which is in about 4 weeks. We hope to see you ALL there!
- District 04 hosts a service meeting called “Bringing the A.A. Service Manual to Life” service meeting. Our next event is Sunday, October 10.
- Dist 04 hosts a Service meeting. Come and join us on select Sundays for the “Bringing the A.A. Service Manual to Life” service meeting. Our next event is Sunday, October 10.

Kathi F. — Pacific Region Trustee

Chapter 9: The General Service Board

Sunday, September 12, 5- 6pm Pacific Time

Zoom ID: 497 810 6507