

2/2/2022 Intergroup notes

7:34pm the meeting comes to order with Jaye. Welcome to the monthly regular business meeting of the Santa Clara County AA Intergroup council. Start with the serenity prayer. Jeanette to read the definition of intergroup. Robert to read the 12 traditions. Email or text Jaye with questions or concerns. New business vs open forum explained. 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. This meeting will be open for 10 minutes after the regular meeting ends- for extra time to get information from the chat box. **Position still open:** activities coordinator. Please reach out to Jaye if interested. **ACTIVITIES CHAIR:** 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. Attend monthly IG meeting to report on upcoming activities, ask for help with communication and build up excitement. Utilize support services through Central Office. Committee Reports - Please keep reports to 2-3 minutes. Please be sure to highlight your “Take Away”. Also, please email your reports whenever possible to Kerry Y. – casakerry@gmail.com

Meet new intergroup reps: Robert representing Men Seeking Guidance (M,W,F @ 12pm), Wendy representing Serenity @ noon on Benton, James M representing The Cavemen group Sunday night in LG. *Welcome!*

New intergroup orientation is at 7pm before the regular meeting. Also- see our website for more information on the group and how it works, i.e., roles & duties. *Thank you for your service!*
<https://aasanjose.org/intergroup-orientation>

Non-intergroup rep/new people? No

Milestones? None

Corrections/additions to notes from last month? None

Alexis/the **treasurer** is out of town, the 7th tradition information is posted in chat (Kerry B). 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! Your meeting/group 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.

Committee reports:

Mary: central service board (for Joe B): Report- *who are we?* We are an elective group that oversees Santa Clara County central office service operations. Last meeting was on Zoom, financial review for 12/31/21; total contributions were \$12,988.68 (down year to year by about \$6k), total YTD: \$178,238.38 (off by about 3% from last year, around \$5,100). See report here: [DEC 2021 FINANCIAL REVIEW](#). Intergroup Central Office of Santa Clara County, Incorporated- Treasury Summary as of December 31, 2021:

- Total Contributions for DEC 2021 \$12,988.68 Down over the same period LY \$19,961.59/Delta: \$-6,972.91
- Total Contributions YTD: \$178,238.38 Up over the same period LY \$173,129.82/Delta: \$5,108.56
- Total Expenses YTD were \$139,335.93 Down over the same period LY \$189,981.55/Delta: \$-50,645.62
- Net Income YTD was \$50,645.62 Up over the same period LY \$-10,973.23/Delta: \$61,618.85
- Prudent Reserve Current Balance \$103,054.98 (approx. 93% of goal \$111,259.00 6 months previous year expense.

Central office is an essential function of our community. AA books & literature plus website and hotline. Storage of archives and covering expenses to the community – many expenses. Without these services, it's difficult to carry the message. When deciding to contribute, keep this in mind. One last item- delighted to announce last year with changes to central office, Toni helped to keep all running. She was doing temporarily as volunteer. She worked so well; she has been hired permanently! Great news!

- Central Service Board: Elected Group overseeing Central Office Operations
Joe B. 408-655-4733
- The Central Service Board met last month on Thursday, January 27, 2022 on Zoom.
 - CSB opened a new CD for \$10K bringing the prudent reserve to \$103,054.98 (approximately 93% of prudent reserve goal).

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

Toni/Central office:

- Reminding you of the NCCAA Spring Conference being held March 11 – 13th at the Holiday Inn in San Jose.
 - If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wayne B at 408-205-7993.
 - There will be a host committee planning meeting on 2/12 at 4 pm and March 5 at 4 pm.
 - Go to norcalaa.org or our website for more information.
- Error in the Meeting Guides published prior to January 11. It listed some meetings that were not in-person. We apologize for the error. Revised Meeting Guides dated January 11 are available in Central Office.
- Central Office: Interim Assoc Director of Operations; Toni F. 408-813-0752
toni@aasanjose.org

IT director/Phil: Working with Josh to a narrow format (meeting guide). Word formatting issues with PDF. The meeting guide is there. Not too much to report currently. Things are smooth for now. Phil: 408-656-2236 phil.wysocki@gmail.com

Virtual Solutions, Joe N: Purpose of committee explained. The report is the same as the last few months. Look at [aasanjose](#) for future in-person meetings, the information is there. Group inventory tools are available- centering around this time we are in. The inventory questions are to ask the group to get a better look at what members think/feel. Look at the info. Will put the link in chat. Please share successes. January 2022 Report: 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.

- Please 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 virtual solutions committee at <mailto:aasjvsc@gmail.com> with any questions.

12 step group, Katie: Katie is the web/hotline representative tonight. Santa Clara County intergroup has 3 service committees dedicated to helping the still-suffering alcoholic. All service positions require knowledge of the 12 steps/12 traditions. *Diverter phone coverage*, 24-hour hotline. Reason why it's called the diverter. Diverter shifts, service time is 1 year, and sobriety requirement is a year. Contact Sean M. *Web hotline services* recently started, no service term and 1 year sobriety requirement. *12 steppers*, for next level outreach diverted from phone/online service. Introduce people to the fellowship and direct conversations with people who reach out. There's a joint training workshop on the 3rd Saturday/month. Next is 2/19 10am on Zoom. **Chat:** *Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop:* (Every 3rd Saturday at 10am)
 Upcoming: February 19 @ 10:00 am
 Meeting ID: 172 445 181
 Passcode: 019237
 Diverter = 1 year sobriety
 Web Hotline = 1 year sobriety
 12 Stepper = 6 months sobriety

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Outreach Committee: Intergroup's liaison with groups and meetings: Ben J. 408-569-4546
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Newsletter Committee: Help prepare our monthly newsletter the COIN. **Open Chair Position** – if interested, please contact Jaye – jayezdaisy@yahoo.com 408-489-5903

Gina Louise: The Coin (central office newsletter) comes out monthly. All going smoothly. Current issue released yesterday. Took articles from members throughout the county. Focus for next month: step 3/trad 3. Please consider writing. Chat info: I'm Geena Louise, alcoholic and Editor of the COIN, the monthly Central Office Intergroup Newsletter. Who writes for the COIN? YOU DO! <https://aasanjose.org/writing-for-the-coin> Please email me with questions and submissions at coin@aasanjose.org. Read COIN issues: <https://aasanjose.org/coin>

South County, Veronica: No answer.

Lisa R, H&I: Hospitals and institutions. Takes message to places where people can't get out to meetings. There's going to be a Nor Cal meeting coming up where they will consider restructuring H&I. More voting members being considered. Please contact Lia for more info. Jeff is the general person to speak to. Many places closed due to Covid, but still a need for people to chair, secretary and do service via Zoom. She has contact info for that. Sponsorship program at San Quentin, successful. Men outside sponsor on inside. Want to start at Soledad, looking for a coordinator. Are you ready? Let Lisa know. Region 70 chairperson position is open.

Hospitals and Institutions carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous into jails, prisons, rehab facilities, hospitals, and other places where alcoholics cannot get out to a meeting. Your contributions into the pink can or electronically to handinorcal.org help to purchase books and literature for alcoholics who are confined.

Some meetings are being held virtually but many facilities are closed for meetings again due to the COVID surge. There are several *open Secretary positions* and many people to share their story! The Region 70 leadership position is open. General Service representatives for North County District 04 and South County District 40 are needed. Especially need Spanish speakers. A Coordinator to develop and implement the Sponsorship Program at Soledad Prison is needed. Please call 408-877-4464 for more information, or talk to your H&I meeting rep. If your meeting doesn't have a representative for H&I, please consider doing it yourself! Thank you!

Elizabeth M, bridging the gap: helps individuals go from incarceration to treatment groups, help with zoom/navigating. Currently BTG goes to pathways, NewLife and Mariposa. Some places are Zoom only, some in person. Hopes to get everything up and running on Zoom. BTG (bridge the gap) report:

- * New Life and Pathways treatment center meetings are now on zoom only
- * Mariposa center is closed to outside meetings until further notice due to Covid surge
- * 6 women were interested, 3 followed up and joined an AA meeting
- * BTG is hoping to expand the reach to more centers to help others.... more details as information comes.

Francine, PI/CPC: Public information cooperation with the professional community.

Professionals, students, etc. to better understand what AA is and how it works. More info means more people will hear the message. Working with different organizations. Chat: Link to flyer about PI/CPC and an URGENT need for Grapevine subscriptions - please share this at in-person and online meetings:

https://mcusercontent.com/984bad00b28649d42604d029b/files/64f1e0d3-f30e-867d-df79-e9400631ade2/12_06_21_GetToKnow_PI_CPC.pdf

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community PI/CPC Liaison Report – February 2022

- Your Support is needed! PI/CPC made presentations to Abode Services, an organization that provides permanent housing for the unhoused. Abode requested that AA bring 2 open meetings to their Pedro Street (Willow Glen) facility.
- Two PI/CPC committee members volunteered to serve as secretaries (bringing their own laptops) for these meetings - they will be launched soon & open to all as hybrid meetings. Start date remains TBD.
- Meeting launch date is tentatively for the end of February (5-6pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, exact dates TBD). This Pedro Street facility (which houses the homeless for 3-6 months prior to placing them into permanent housing) has high rates of alcoholism (more than 60%) so please consider attending and offering yourself as a sponsor.
- An NA meeting has been held there for several months and has been well attended.
- Tuesday night's meeting will be English only, but Wednesday night will be offered in both English & Spanish with simultaneous translation provided online via Zoom (the Spanish Intergroup is hosting these meetings and providing translation support).
- These meetings will be literature meetings (Big Book and Step Study) on alternating weeks.
- Francine will provide meeting details as soon as they are available by completing the online form – please watch the AA website for final meeting details!
- Grapevine subscriptions needed!
 - Abode Services has 8 facilities in dire need of 3 subscriptions each to the Grapevine (24 total) • Cost: \$28.97/subscription, total needed: \$695.28! Please contribute via Venmo at: <https://aasanjose.org/picpc>.

ATTN IGRs: please share this URL and the urgent need for Grapevine subscriptions with your meeting groups! For a PDF flyer that can be shared with your meeting group, please visit: https://mcusercontent.com/984bad00b28649d42604d029b/files/64f1e0d3-f30e-867d-df79-e9400631ade2/12_06_21_GetToKnow_PI_CPC.pdf • The Spanish Intergroup generously provided \$405 for multiple La Vina subscriptions that were directly requested by Abode – let's do what we can to ensure adequate contributions from our local English-speaking meetings so that the still suffering alcoholics at Adobe Services may be introduced to A.A.'s Twelve Step program of recovery!

END TIME End at 8:14pm, thank you. Close with responsibility statement.