

Intergroup meeting, March 2, 2022

Start time 7:33pm Jaye S

- Zoom preamble and online etiquette. Serenity prayer.
- Read the definition of Intergroup: Kim W
- Read the 12 traditions of AA: Glen C

New IG reps:

- Kim W representing Thursday night meeting “Not too late for enthusiasm”
- Glen c representing the High Hopes Saturday 730a men’s meeting

Visitors?

- Robert D
- Annette S.

Milestones:

- Lisa R 2/22/22- 12 years!

Corrections/editions to minutes sent out?

Alexis treasurer’s report. Info in chat on 7th tradition. Total \$1,565.00. *CHAT: From Alexis-Treasurer to Everyone 07:33 PM. 7th Tradition Contributions. Venmo: @Alexis-Winslow-1, the 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. Alexis Winslow, Treasurer 408-712-1182. winslowalexis2@gmail.com.*

Note: If you have more than a 3-5min discussion, let Jaye know so she can add it to the agenda. *There’s a difference between new biz and open forum.*

SERVICE POSITION OPEN! Activities chair. More info can be found at <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Open1.jpg>. *CHAT: 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.*

Announcement and introduction for Robert D: Robert has been asked by central office to assist IT with his tech expertise. A little about him; he’s a software engineer, 4.5yr sober, boiled owls homegroup, and he generally understands AA. He is currently establishing a group of industry experts for tech guidance for projects proposed for our www.aasanjose.org website. He is offering high quality solutions for what’s needed at central office and for the website. Feel free to ask questions- he’s enthusiastic to help. Contact info: Robert Day, 650-743-5437, r@day.industries

Committee reports:

Joe (Board): Toni will share his report on the screen. February 24th was the last central service board meeting. The prudent reserve and balance as of 1/31 is in online at: <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/January-2022-Financial-Reports-Combined.pdf>. We have a positive balance of \$3,381.53. The board just (very recently) lost a board member. Open nominations were held by the board group (which is currently a group of 5). An election was made for Annette S. This is a current board recommendation. We will now open the floor for nominations for anyone else besides Annette (who is already vetted). She has served on the board previously. 25 voting members present currently (7:53pm). 'Yes' votes need to be over 60%. All in favor of Annette raise hands. *Over the majority.* Congrats Annette! No other reports from Joe. *CHAT: From Annette to Everyone 07:58 PM*

Thank you and I look forward to servicing you and Central Office

Central office/Toni: Meeting summaries that are located at central office. Two versions of the Meeting Summary document have been added to our website on the Information for Groups page (aasanjose.com/groups). You can still pick up either of these documents at Central Office; we just wanted to make them more easily available by putting them on the web site. The hotline number has been added to the left-hand side of home page on the website right below the AA Service/Unity/Service logo so that when someone looks at our website on the phone, it appears at the top of the screen:

The screenshot shows the AA website home page. At the top, it says "WELCOME TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS". Below this is the AA logo, which is a triangle with "UNITY" on the left side, "SERVICE" on the right side, and "RECOVERY" at the bottom. In the center of the triangle are the letters "AA". Below the logo, it says "24 HOUR HOTLINE: 408-374-8511". At the bottom, it says "Learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous in [About AA](#)". On the right side, there is a section titled "24 HOUR HEL" with a phone icon and the number "(408) 374-8511". Below this is a section titled "CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATION:" with a list of days and times: "Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday: Closed". At the bottom right, it says "Please Click Here for Office hours and Central Office sales: 408 889".

Meeting guides are updated monthly so that the latest updates appear with each printing. They will soon be available online. One thing central office has noticed is that there's a difference when viewing the website depending on if you're viewing from a laptop, iPad and/or phone.

Phil IT: Things running smoothly. He'll take the opportunity to expand on website viewing on a computer/laptop versus a phone. It can't all be viewed the same. On some sources, the phone number for the hotline isn't showing. If you have questions- please ask. The website update will happen soon, with documents, etc. No other items to report. *CHAT: Phil W - IT Guy Contact info: <mailto:phil.wysocki@gmail.com> phone: 408 656-2236.*

Joe N (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. One example: The public health resources link is current with the county. Under considerations for in-person meetings, they added verbiage there @ website. Your building/facility is to be checked with first. The county is currently matching the state standards, and we are heading out of mask requirement phase. Email Joe if you have questions/concerns. Thanks for your patience. *CHAT: From Joe Nunez (Virtual Solutions) to Everyone 07:58 PM.* <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Meeting-Summary-Form.pdf>

<https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MEETING-SUMMARY-2-in-1a.pdf>

Here is the report:

- 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.
- <https://covid19.sccgov.org/news-releases/pr-03-01-2022-indoor-mask-requirement-transitions-to-recommendation>
- All of our links except for "Hybrid Meetings" will be updated by Friday to reflect and stay current with the recent changes from the County and State. Below are just a couple of highlights of things we added.
- Public Health Resources web links have been updated.
- And one example of added/changed verbiage is under the "Considerations for In Person Meetings" link. We added a suggestion for your meeting script to state "Please wear your mask at your own discretion and practice patience, love and tolerance through this transition."
- Reminder to check with your building/facility for any specific requirements they may have.
- 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.

CHAT: From Joe Nunez (Virtual Solutions) to Everyone 08:01 PM Virtual Solutions.

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12 step report (diverter), Ali C: Ali is currently the 10a-430p coordinator for diverter. There are many shifts. The diverter is AA- when central office is not available. It's for new people to call anytime, 24 hours per day (plus a web hotline). Currently there are no open shifts for the diverter. To take a shift, it requires a working knowledge of the 12 steps, and a 1 year sobriety requirement. Questions? Contact Ali C.

Service Position open: Secretary workshop chair. Contact Jaye S for more info.

Outreach/Ben J: not present. Report submitted later: Two of the volunteers have disappeared so he can assume that they are no longer interested in volunteering. One volunteer and Ben have been going to 1 meeting each per week and have found that most meeting secretaries do not know whether their Fellowship has an Intergroup Rep and who that would be. For these Fellowships they have been getting the business meeting date/time and will be attending those.

Ben has been updating the spreadsheet that Phil had provided with all the information they have gathered and added a column for the business meeting details. Phil had suggested that he send the information to him when there is an appropriate amount of information to update to the website.

Gina Louise/Newsletter report for the COIN: Toni and Geena released [March coin](#). It's available at aasanjose.org, please remind everyone to give information about the coin to their groups. The Coin is written by members in this county. Everyone is welcome to submit articles! Needed for April: writing on step 4, tradition 4, and the principal courage. Don't worry about the quality of writing, just write from your heart. *CHAT: From Geena Louise, COIN Editor to Everyone 08:10 PM I'm Geena Louise, alcoholic and Editor of the COIN, the monthly Central Office Intergroup Newsletter. Who writes for the COIN? YOU DO!*

We need more articles for the next issue with topics Step 4, Tradition 4, Courage, or any sobriety topic. Articles due by the 20th of the month. Please write! It's as much fun as it sounds.

<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>

Toni F (added): [NCCAA spring conference](#) is coming up. H&I will have a table, central office will have a table, lots of volunteers will be there. The flyer is on the website. It's next weekend! Fri/Sat/Sun March 11, 12 & 13th. Please join us!

No ongoing business.

[Any new business?](#)

Pris J, North County: There's a [Flyer](#) on aasanjose.org, please distribute the information. There was a writing workshop held recently, to help with the coin and grapevine. Writing enhances your sobriety, lots was learned from this workshop. There is now a district hybrid meeting committee. What will it take to become hybrid, looking at associated costs and service commitments.

North County General Service Pris J. Email: rightsized2011@gmail.com

District 04 REPORT:

- District 04 in conjunction with District 40 will be hosting an Agenda Topics Workshop on Saturday, March 12th. The workshop provides General Service Reps (GSRs) information on Agenda Topics, How to take a Group Conscience, and How to deliver your Group's Conscience at the Area Assembly in April.
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Veronica/south county:

Lisa H&I: Make sure the pink cans get passed around, preferably separately from the 7th tradition baskets. H&I funds are for literature for people in institutions. Institutions are having less meetings than before due to Covid. They have 28 meetings per week currently in facilities. It takes 40 volunteers to run those meetings. Hundreds of people are attending those meetings. Open positions will be coming up soon, coordinating clearances, bridging the gap coordinator. Start the process for yourself on clearance, so that when more positions come available- you can be available. Spanish speakers are needed. More info in chat. *Sent in: Hospitals and Institutions is responsible for taking the message of recovery in AA into jails, prisons, detox and recovery facilities, psychiatric facilities and other institutions where people can not get out to a meeting.*

Many thanks for your contributions to the pink can as well as your online contributions. These purchase literature and books for those who are confined.

H&I has a mix of in-person and zoom meetings, although not all facilities are open to meetings at all yet; approximately 20 facilities are having about 28 meetings a week. There are currently about 40 volunteers and up to 200 people being served. This is expected to increase as more facilities open. Secretaries and chairpeople are needed, many opportunities for service are available.

There are several available spots such as Region 70 Chairperson, the Men's sponsorship program for Soledad prison needs a Coordinator. Bridging the Gap needs a Coordinator. The SCC Jail clearance position will come open in April. Please share this information, especially with those who have past H&I experience.

Call for more information about any of this: 408-877-4464.

Elizabeth/bridging the gap:

Francine/PI/CPC liaison & chair: There's lots going on in PI/CPC!

- Tomorrow morning 15 doctors will be meeting at [Cristo Rey](#) (a Jesuit high school) and coming up with young members speaking to peers, there's going to be a presentation @ student assembly,

next Monday parent presentation also (with interpretation), an information table, and bringing meetings into the school.

- This Saturday there's a presentation at a virtual conference (in Spain) 8a-10a (1 hour presentation, 1hour question/answer).

Learn more about [PI/CPC](#) on the first Sunday of the month, 530-7p training and getting to know the committee better.

Open forum (8:21pm):

Grady: his group would like to know if the central office service board operates with a budget. And what it is. Joe answer. He can present one at the next meeting. Grady wants to know when it's formulated, approved and how it all works and gets presented. Joe and Kurt M help give information needed. Link posted for more info on financial. <https://aasanjose.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/January-2022-Financial-Reports-Combined.pdf>

Tamlyn: Have we set aside some excess funds to revamp the website? How do we bring that to the board and get input from intergroup reps? Seems like we have lost momentum and lost people when the committee dissolved. Is there any way to go forward? Joe responds. They just started talking about it. We will take into consideration. Lots happening to delay response with this item (and others) with sudden board member changes, etc. He will bring it up once things settle. It's all still open for discussion.

Francine: Spanish intergroup has signed up for \$5k website and offering a matching donation for the English website. The prospect is already taken care of if we want the English version of the Spanish website. She's not sure if this is of interest. Kurt M responds, Robert Day wants to talk to Francine and Tamlyn and people in the high-tech committee. Everything Francine gave them (all the information) went to Robert, and he's reviewing it. Please just talk to Robert D and we will go from there. Kurt added that the Spanish speaking offer is generous, but he doesn't know if it's what we want. It's going to the next level. Sure Exposure is the name of the company, and it's already sold to 5 intergroups. Other groups are lining up to do this.

Alexis: closing treasurers report.

Chat box:

- From Jill B to Everyone 07:39 PM <https://aasanjose.org/intergroup-orientation>
- From Jill B to Everyone 08:08 PM Secretary Workshop: Discuss the Secretary's role as the facilitator of an A.A. Meeting. Open Chair Position – if interested, please contact Jaye – jayezdaisy@yahoo.com 408-489-5903