

Intergroup notes 040622 7pm

Meeting start 7:32pm

Jim M reads the definition of Intergroup Service Council

Lisa BS reads the 12 Traditions

New reps? None.

If you're new, please consider attending the new intergroup rep orientation on 5/4. Also, please read through the intergroup procedure guide online which has helpful information. <https://aasanjose.org/intergroup-orientation>

Any non-intergroup reps visiting? James M, Glen C, and Annette (new board member)

Birthdays: Joe 39 years on 3/6th, Jennefer 4 years on 3/27th, Kurt 32 years on 3/30th, Tammy 2 years on 3/1st, James M 33 years on 4/1st, Grady 31 years on 4/1st, Jayson B 5 years today (4/6), Gail W 45 years on 3/11th, Juan 15 years in March (couldn't hear the date), Sandy 34 years on 4/1st, Blake 9 years on 4/2nd.

Treasurer's report, Alexis.

Service opportunity and general info: Jaye

Jaye S: We currently need a **secretary workshop lead** Secretary workshop information is at: <https://aasanjose.org/event/secretary-workshop-2/all>

Joe/Central Service Board: He has no written board notes. They're in a state of flux @ the central office. Toni left; Jody W is new to central office and taking over (as of last week). They are probably at least halfway through cleaning things up and are working with Kurt. An accurate report will happen (should happen) next month. Anything to add Jody/Kurt? Jody intro. Lisa BS/question: is Jody the new "Toni"? Kurt M- Jody is the lead person @ central office. She's doing a great job. Jody and Kurt work at Central Office.

Phil/IT: His camera is not working. Yesterday there was a glitch @ the aasanjose.org website. It was down a few hours, but the issue is taken care of. The website operated as normal, which is good. He went offline to look at it (with Glen), and it did function as it was supposed to. This hasn't happened in a while. But sometimes there are issues, and that's normal. Phil will also be going in to help Jody get situated with IT at central office. It should be a smooth transition. Questions? Clarification for Annette. Jennefer: this just points to the fact that our website needs some help. Correct? And it's getting worked on.

Phil- this is an isolated incident. It's healthy. Maybe next month he can bring stats as to how long our website has been running successfully.

Robert D/Central office technology review committee: There are 3 recommendations based on info reviewed over the last few months.

1. We recommend that central office completed and adopts the privacy policy and terms of service produced by the content committee.
2. We recommend that the solution proposed to be built by Sure Exposure is evaluated after it's successful deployment with other intergroups as to it's fitness for the needs of central office.
3. We recommend that central office should continue to maintain its current tech stack and website on an ongoing basis at this time.

Take Away: Please let your group know these service opportunities are available and an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer, a person with long sobriety who is struggling or just someone trying to find the next meeting. Training workshops are offered monthly.

In chat: From Robert to Everyone 07:58 PM

Any questions for the technology review committee can be directed to r@day.industries

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.

- 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.

- All our links are up to date to reflect and stay current with the recent changes from the County and State.
- 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 aasjvc@gmail.com with any questions. We are also asking you to share best practices and learnings your group may have had regarding Hybrid meetings. We want to be able to share this info with other groups/meetings looking for meetings that have had success in regard 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.

12 Step/Diverter, Blake B: Take Away: Please let your group know these service opportunities are available and an easy way to help another alcoholic, whether it's a newcomer, a person with long sobriety who is struggling or just someone trying to find

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Diverter/Web Hotline/12 Stepper Workshop

(Every 3rd Saturday at 10am)

Upcoming: April 16th @ 10:00 am

Meeting ID: 172 445 181

Passcode: 019237

Diverter = 1 year sobriety

Web Hotline = 1 year sobriety

12 Stepper = 6 months sobriety

Sean M Nights and Weekend Diverter Chair - smccauley@scu.edu 925 321 0972

Ali C Daytime Diverter Chair - alicopani93@gmail.com

Katy F Web Hotline Chair - sccwebhotline@gmail.com

Blake B 12 Step Chair - blake.baza@gmail.com

Diverter Shifts open: Monday, Week #3, 4:30pm - 7pm AND Tuesday, Week #4, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Intergroup outreach committee chair/Ben: *Will email, had to leave early.* Email received: I have not been having the success I had anticipated getting members to volunteer to join the outreach committee. So far it is just the one volunteer and I. My goal for April is to get a female alcoholic to join us so that we can start approaching the women's meetings that my sponsor tells me I should not be attending. LOL.

We have been attending meetings and giving out information regarding the benefits of having an Intergroup rep. What we are finding is that the fellowships want to discuss it more at their business meetings to have a group conscience. Some smaller meetings have declined. I expect that we will need to double back to certain business meetings to determine whether the fellowship has decided to appoint a rep or to go without. I have added several more columns to the spreadsheet that Phil had provided me so that I can more accurately track the status of discussion with each fellowship.

Activities committee leads HAVE BEEN FOUND! Sketch and Jennefer will be on the agenda starting next month.

Voting member count tonight is 26.

Any ongoing business? None.

New business?

Francine PI/CPC: Who's going to complete the survey on privacy policy and terms of service? Question for Robert D (technology). Regarding the website. Someone from intergroup needs to answer those questions. Kurt M- we will get together with Robert and get through that. It needs to be done, so it will be done. Thank you for bringing it to our attention. Grady- what is the proposal by sheer exposure? Francine- It's a completed AA website that is packaged in a way that it can be used in any area. 4-6 months before live, global AA interactive website, ratchets up our opportunities and increases our visibility. Where's it being rolled out? That's 4-6 months. Spanish intergroup is rolling it out with English translation. Under their own Domaine (aaespanol). Did we go back to the old exposure? Francine update Grady on details. Promoted by national PC/CPC committee. Looking good! Still writing content. It's awesome with all it can do. Thank you, Francine.

No other new business?

More reports:

Pris/N. County: can't make it, report has been emailed. Email received-

Intergroup Meeting April 6, 2022

District 04 - Santa Clara North County

Pris J. DCM/Alt DCMC (Contact: RightSized2011@gmail.com)

Email report to: casakerry@gmail.com

- Santa Clara District 04 in conjunction with District 40 hosted an Agenda Topics Workshop on Saturday March 12th to provide 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.

<https://aasanjose.org/event/agenda-topics-workshop>

- District 04 conducted mock Group Conscience sessions during their General Service meeting to provide more opportunities to practice

- We are in the final stage of our Hybrid meeting planning and assessment. The physical and technology solutions are in place. At our next district meeting, we will have an evaluation of how the meeting will run by staging and conducting our first hybrid meeting. The landlord has been invited to address any questions that the district members may have.

Lisa/H&I: 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 cannot 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 Recording Secretary for the monthly meeting, 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.

Liz/Bridging the Gap: can't make it, report has been emailed. Email received- Bridge the Gap from the call on **March 21, 2022**

1. People are double checking centers for updates covid/vaccine rules: Mariposa, New Life, Pathways, and newly Palo Alto VA
2. Cindy requests IN PERSON speakers at Mariposa so any volunteers can give their email or cell number.
3. 13 cards to connect turned in and 3 successful connections made and got to an AA meeting
4. Palo Alto VA is opening so possibly adding that to the "BTG" group of centers
5. New videos will be ordered from NYC AA central office so they can be shown at centers that are open

Francine/PI/CPC: They had presentations at Cristo Rey Jesuit HS for 240 students! They spoke to lots of parents & students. They also spoke at a Catholic church (Spanish & English mass). They are actively using a flyer in English/Spanish, with 'we have a solution'- it's very informative. Please share flyers everywhere you can. Barber shops, stores, etc. People have been posting them. People can call the diverter (English/Spanish), and also go to the website for meeting information. They are looking to buy PI cans to pass during the 7th tradition at meetings. Any questions?

Via chat: From Francine PI/CPC Liaison/Chair to Everyone 08:17 PM

*This is the landing page to view **Sure Exposure's** custom template AA website:*

<https://sureexposure.com/web-design-service/nonprofit-websites.html>

*To learn more about **PI/CPC**, please visit our landing page where information, presentations, and special PSA flyers are available (in English and Spanish):*

<https://bit.ly/sjpicpc-members>. We are looking for bilingual people to help translate our PSA flyers into Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Hindi, etc. Email picpc.santaclara@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Geena Louise/The Coin: *From Geena Louise via chat: COIN Editor to Everyone 08:04 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 5, Tradition 5, Integrity, 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>

8:12pm, time for open forum

Sharon L, question to Joe: did you say that the central office investigation found incorrect financial reports? Something about prudent reserve? I missed that info. Joe- the prudent reserve was not one of the items. Timetables on T-bills were not coming in correctly, some was being reported as cash in prudent reserve. They are working with a bookkeeper. Accounting is important, but it's just not jiving. No discrepancies, just in the reporting that was taking place. We are not short, we just aren't reporting in the proper place. It's difficult to get our arms around it. Sharon- thanks!

Bernadette P: position for lead @ central office; is that advertised for the fellowship? Kurt answer: when the position became available, it was posted on website. Phil put it up, 2 positions were posted for 9 days. They interviewed a few people. Jody was available, and she was a good fit. Is it a paid position? Yes.

Grady: are there services anywhere in the county for hearing impaired? Kerry told him about the ASL office seen on Winchester near Hamilton. Kurt- go to website, there is hearing impaired information linked in the search categories. There is a classification on meeting search for them. In guide on app online. Also feel free to call Kurt at the office tomorrow and he'll show you.

Jaye S: any other questions? Comments?

Nancy CT: To be clear, the intergroup office hours have or have not changed? Jody says she's available some days. What about Kurt? What are the hours of the office and what days/times are they open? Kurt and Jody combined hours fill the open hours. No changes to the central office operating hours.

8:18pm, closing treasurers report by Alexis. \$24 contributions during this meeting. Thank you!