

May 4, 2022 7:30pm Intergroup meeting minutes

Meeting start 7:33am

Definition of Intergroup read by Vi N.

12 Tradition read by Shyloh S

New introductions: Emily rep for the Friday Los Gatos noon “Easier Way” group, Carlos B rep for the “5@4” group, Shyloh rep for Gilroy fellowship.

Visitors: Dan P.

Birthdays: Glenn, Kerry B.

Minutes for previous month, any changes?

Treasurer is out sick today. Jaye reports. Balance forward \$1614, contributions in April \$29.00. Current total balance \$1643.00.

Secretary workshop committee chair **POSITION OPEN**. 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

Reports:

Joe B, Central office board. Report sent out. Contributions, etc. mentioned.

Kurt @ Central office. Jody is new and doing a great job working with tax people and bookkeepers. Getting all in line. Posted financials, minutes, agenda, the coin, etc. this month. Printed meeting guides, etc. Really doing a great job. The Board decided to bring on another person, the ad is up on the website. It's an Assistant position (same as Kurt), more help is needed. Jody will oversee with 2 assistants. If you know someone who has knowledge of AA steps/traditions, can work 12 hours per week (M, T & W, 2pm-6pm), please put them in contact with central office.

Phil, IT: No complaints, nothing to speak of. Take opportunity, this is his farewell. He's exiting his volunteer shift as director, been doing for 2.5 years. Thanks everyone. There's a new person coming in, more will be revealed (see Kurt). It's been a pleasure. He'll still be in the background and available if need arises.

Lisa, virtual solutions: See emailed report. May 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.

- All of 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 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.

Ali C, 12 step report: Put Sean in their prayers his wife going to have a baby! Diverter day coordinator. First the diverter volunteer after hours phone coverages. Also, the AA hotline. Alternates needed for when a shift opens. Terms are 1 year, but many have held positions longer. One for 15 years. Sobriety requirement 1 years (loosely).

Alternates can be anytime, day or night. They just need some backups in case of emergency. Also alternates are needed for the web-hotline.

Ben J, outreach: Was able to get a volunteer to join the outreach committee to help him get to meetings! 😊 These fellowships don't know, so they are helping people understand and filling the spreadsheet.

Geena Louise, The Coin: May coin has been published already. Looks great! Published for 17 years now. Each editor made improvements along the way. The Coin is the best newsletter of any central office in her opinion 😊 It's better when you submit articles for the coin. Please send for June! Articles are due by the 20th of this month.

Voting member count at 8:00pm: 31

Old/ongoing business? Nothing open

New business? Quiet

Service committee reports continued:

Pris, District 4: See email update.

Intergroup Meeting May 4, 2022

District 04 - Santa Clara North County

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

- District 04 conducted a Hybrid meeting "dry-run" and a presentation with Q&A/ so that all our members could participate, and we could have an informed discussion.
 - No additional cost to our district for hybrid set-up because the church has all the hardware equipment we need
 - However, it will take 2 additional resources for the setup so this would be a new commitment at meeting for set-up.
 - We estimated it would take about 30 minutes set up and require 2 people. One main one back up.
 - After the presentation we conducted a for Online/Zoom Vs Hybrid

Polls Conducted:

- Will you attend the May District 04 Hybrid meeting in person? 77%=No, 23%=Yes
- Recommendation: At this juncture, District 04 will wait because of the challenges to find a 2nd person to set up, and also because the pandemic is not really over yet and we may see an uptick in infection cases due to spring break and travel.
- The PI/PCP committee brought a new proposal that: *That District 04 provide the Santa Clara County Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee a one-time sum of one thousand dollars to support an increased need in the community for subscriptions and literature."*
 - The proposal will be handled as New Business in our upcoming district meeting.

- We had 1 new GSR in the month of April.

Lisa, H&I: Definition of H&I and duties. Pink can information. Main thing that the pink can collection report for 2021 came out. Traditionally in past years, H&I served a whole lot of facilities. 33,000 meetings per year. What H&I wants to say is THANK YOU. H&I adamant contributions in no way detract take from the 7th traditions. Please be sure to circulate separately. Remove from baskets if found together. There's still service positions open, and chair people needed as well. Info in chat, let her know if interested. www.handinorcal.org/contributions. Contact Lisa at: larund408@gmail.com, 408-807-4443. H&I Contributions can be made directly if desired: Thank you!

Elizabeth, Bridging the Gap: bridge the gap helps people from incarceration to their first few AA meetings and help navigate Zoom. More info- put name/contact info in chat. Report emailed.

Francine, PI/CPC: Lots going on, and we have formed an outreach team. Lots of big plans coming up! We need people to help present. Especially during the week. Please consider, they have provided trainings. Next- health fair 5/20 at senior center- hosting a table English/Spanish. Info in chat, let her know if any questions. Chat: To learn about PI/CPC, visit our landing page: <https://bit.ly/spicpc-members>. We will be hosting an AA info table at the Senior Center Health Fair on Friday, May 20th, from 10am-1pm. Please consider electing a PI/CPC rep for your meeting group and have them attend our 1st Sunday of the month meeting, from 5:30-7pm. We have many opportunities coming our way and need to train more presenters, so consider joining our committee to help us inform the general public and professionals about AA. 705 of AA members are 1st introduced to AA via referral. Help more alcoholics find AA by informing those with interest. To clarify: 70% of AA members are 1st introduced to AA via referral. Informing everyone means more alcoholics can find sobriety!

OPEN FORUM: questions/comments?

Autumn: is there a form that intergroup reps are supposed to fill out to turn into the central office to update meeting info online? Jill B; go to aasanjose.org for New Intergroup Orientation link. Info for intergroup there, and a link for the form to put your name/info and group you represent. Greatly appreciated when you do this! Kurt- go to new & updated meeting form, in the first paragraph, click on that and fill out and it's updated from there. Anything that a group wants to change is there.

<https://aasanjose.org/new-updated-meeting-form>

Sharon: It's not a bad idea to go to AA San Jose website- check your meeting information and make sure it's current.

Tim M; no pink cans on Zoom, so how are donations being broken down? They are made directly to H&I per Kurt, so no percentage- it's a direct donation on H&I website.

Anything else?

Add to distribution list: georgeadidas@gmail.com, and Jrafter6@gmail.com, and BEEBSDRAWS24.7@GMAIL.COM, and alicopani93@Gmail.com

Chat resources:

<https://aasanjose.org/intergroup-orientation>

<https://aasanjose.org/event/diverter12th-steppers-workshop/2022-05-21>

Meeting ending 8:15pm with responsibility statement.