

ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP – May Council Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting – Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

Executive Offices

- Chair, Aaron W. - *present*
- Vice Chair, Chris L. - *present*
- Treasurer, Alli T. - *present*
- Secretary, Megan J. - *present*

Committee Chairs

- Activities, Chris D. - *present*
- Bulletin, Val B. - *present*
- By-Laws Committee, Linda J. - *present*
- Corrections, Jim O. - *present*
- Facilities, Chris L. - *present*
- Finance, Aaron W. - *present*
- Literature, David S. - *present*
- Outreach, Tim H. - *present*
- Public Information (PI), Dan H. - *absent*
- Red House Desk Co-Chairs
 - In-House Desk, Cybele D. - *present*
 - Rollover Phone, Sean M. - *absent*
- Safety Committee, Suzanne L. - *present*
- Treatment, Jorge B. - *absent*
- Website, Jochen H. - *present*

Intergroup Council

#	Represented	Group	IG Council Member
1	X	Annapolis Noon Group	Donna
2		Arnold - As Bill Sees It	Tammy
3		Arnold Asbury Group	Sean M
4	X	Back to Basics	Andy
5	X	Bowie Friday Night Speakers	Chris L

6		Crofton Friday Night	Jim W
7		Crofton Open	John B
8	X	Eye-Opener Sat Morning (St Philips)	Bev M
9	X	Fri Noon Step - Woods Memorial	Peggy M
10	X	Galesville 12x12	Tim H
11		Going To Any Lengths Group - Sat 8 pm	Daniel G
12		Herald Harbor Step Group	Clayton U
13	X	Keep It Simple	Jochen H
14	X	Ladies' Night @ Club 164	Megan J
15		Mayo 5:30 pm Wed Group	Anthony B
16		Misfit Women	Becky
17		One Page at a Time (Mondays)	Margaret C
18	X	Quiet Waters Group	Alli T
19	X	Recovery Not Cancelled	Mike T
20	X	Red House Annapolis Morning	Cybele
21		Red House Beginners	Steve M
22	X	Sat Morning Big Book	Diane F
23		Sat night Young Peoples	Stan A
24		Serenity at 7	Dan H
25	X	Severna Park Tues 12:30	Val B
26		Sunday Any Lengths	Dick M
27		The Hatchery	Susan D
28		Thursday Night Big Book (St Philips)	John L
29		Thursday Young Peoples Living Sober	Michelle
30	X	Tuesday Night Big Book (Turkey Point)	Aleene
31		Tuesday Night Pasadena	Stu B
32		Turkey Point - Women Lit Up	Teresa M
33		Turkey Point 12x12	Dawn K
34		Wednesday 12x12 6 pm	Richard Y
35		Women's Spiritual Freedom - Tues Bowie	Amy B / Betsy C
36		Zoom - Women Lit Up	Heather W

1. MEETING OPENING

- The Chair called meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- The Secretary read Tradition Five & took attendance.
- The April Council Meeting Minutes were read by the Secretary. Cybele motioned to approve, Chris L seconded. Motion to approve the April minutes passed.

2. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chair, Aaron W. - Big welcome to David S, new Literature Chair! He and Linda are meeting at Red House tomorrow to pass the baton. Discussed at May's Executive Committee Meeting, Aaron added a new ad hoc committee focusing on Technology. Megan J appointed to chair the committee.

Vice Chair, Chris L. - No major news from the Red House. Have received two separate requests just today to start later meetings at the Red House on Friday and Saturday nights. Will find out more information and keep the group informed.

Treasurer, Alli T. - Presented Treasury Report. Twelve groups have contributed between March 15th and May 15th. Checking account is about \$14.5K, which shows that the committees are not over spending.

Alli to discuss how to keep track of Literature monies with Linda and David at RH tomorrow. Cybele and Alli to get together on some questions from Cybele on literature.

Secretary, Megan J. – Continue to see new groups being formed with no guidance or direction. Believe this to be a gap that AAIG could fill.

Discussion ensued.

- Linda J. - They can be directed to the AAIG website.
- Tim H. - Agrees there is a need; asked to add to agenda for next Exec Committee Meeting.
- Aleene - In her experience, this was a function of the Outreach Group. When new groups started, Outreach went to new meetings and led them through how to register, etc.
- Bev M - Tim and her have talked about working together to go to groups. There is a GSR training program on 5/21 (Saturday) for GSR and Alternates at Severna Park United Methodist Church.

3. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Committee, Suzanne L - Safety cards have been provided to some of the committee and members have started documenting to which meetings they have distributed the card. Suzanne is also reaching out via email to meetings on Zoom if we have contact information.

The next meeting is tomorrow on Zoom at 6:30 pm. New safety cards were printed out, Suzanne picking them up tomorrow. A committee member shared a podcast which has shed new light on the safety issue in general.

By-Laws Committee, Linda J. - Continuing to walk through 2016 By-laws. Over the next few months, she wants to get feedback specifically from IG reps on a few topics. Linda is requesting that IG reps provide feedback first before hearing from the Executive Committee. Suggesting doing an inventory at the Council level to see if we are doing what we should be doing.

Some IG members advised that they are new and/or until they joined the group, they didn't know the Intergroup existed.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee, Chris D. - Just had the May Meditation event, 23 people showed. The cost was a \$50 contribution to church. The committee decided not to hold an event in June. The focus of the committee is on the Fourth of July alcathon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Tim suggested that a printed flyer be available for distribution a few weeks before the event.

Bulletin, Val B

1. The May Bulletin was posted and included AAIG Committee requests. There have been no requests for the printed bulletins since all were moved to email-only in March.
2. Val is working with Jochen to update the Bulletin webpage to mirror how we are currently operating, as AAIG has not charged for copies for some time.
3. Started working on the June Bulletin
 - Not many anniversaries for June - hopefully, that will pick up
 - Need the May-June Treasury Report

- Also, need any updates from the AAIG Committees - Activities/Events, Bylaws, Outreach, Safety, etc.

Cooperation with Professional Community, *open*

Corrections, Jim O. - Nothing new to report, things going well, getting new people signed up.

Finance, *open*

Literature/Grapevine, David S. - New Committee Chair!!

Outreach, Tim H.

- The May 2022 AAIG Meeting Guide has been printed and initial distribution of copies is complete. 1000 copies were printed at a significant discount (about a $\frac{1}{3}$ savings). 400 copies were delivered to AAIG Phone Desk and 500 copies delivered to AA Groups and meetings in our area. 100 left over as back-up.
- Set up an Outreach table at the May Meditation event with AA Literature, AAIG handouts, a Grapevine drawing and sign up for the online Bulletin.
- Where & When content needs to be updated.

Megan J - Suggest that the Outreach Committee create an Outreach page on the website.

Diane - The Saturday Morning Big Book meeting is not on the W&W or Meeting App. The Technology Committee found that this is because it is showing on the list for Sunday's meetings. Will fix and report back.

Public Information, Dan H. - *absent*

Red House Desk, Cybele - Everything going well, the pay to park closing of the garage has not impacted desk volunteers. Some Red House meetings are actually seeing an increase in attendance.

Red House Rollover Phones, Sean M. - *absent*

Treatment, Jorge B. - *absent*

Website, Jochen H. - Spoke on why a Technology Committee is needed in addition to a Website Committee. It makes sense to fold the Website Committee into the Tech Committee, as we need support not only for the website and keeping track of group updates; there are other things that come up like installing MS Office at the Red House, new logo to show 50 years rather than 45, website content and formatting, etc.

Jochen formatted the export from the database for the Where & When for Tim. He also presented a live meeting list from the meeting database that he has been working on. This list pulls real-time data and is formatted to be printed.

Would appreciate feedback from this group, specifically filters, e.g. what to hide if not interested and would make the printable document smaller. For example, filters on towns, in-person vs zoom, etc. Link was provided in Chat –

https://www.annapolisareaintergroup.org/w_w_html

Nice job Jochen!! Thank you!!

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Where & Whens - Tim proposed that the distribution be limited to 1 per meeting, 5 per meeting, 10 per group. 50 cents a copy if the group wants over 10.

Discussion:

- Aaron - Last year we were aggressively giving out old W&W's because we had so many in excess due to the pandemic. The new price and quantity rules need to be discussed and agreed to.
- Tim - The new cost printing of one W&W is 66 cents.
- Jochen's new report is not taking the place of the W&W, which has a lot more information in it. The report lists the meetings only and was created for groups to print real-time. The current W&W is not real-time and doesn't print normally when printed.
- Point was made that communication is the key, we don't want to stop doing W&Ws; we are still in a time where people don't use technology.
- In the 2022 budget, W&Ws are a separate item and have a \$2K budget of their own. Confusion about who is the W&W gatekeeper, as there was no vote on the last printing and we are trying to be careful about spending. Outreach did not manage the W&Ws until recently.
- Need to have a consistent message about the W&W's. Current Red House guard rails - 1 per person, 5 per group. We aren't charging. Don't have any rules for more than that. We do not want Red House desk shifts to have to qualify meeting vs group, or other rules. Also need to address the possibility of someone asking for 100 since they are free?

- Point was made that many times when people give donations at the meetings, they believe these cover the costs of W&W's. But that is not accurate if the groups are not donating to AAIG.
- Most newcomers have phones, so they go to the app and don't use W&W's.
- Tim was tasked by Aaron to provide options based on this discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

5. OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AAIG Activities -- Closed Facebook Group

Chris made a motion again to create a Closed Facebook page to post AAIG Activity flyers as outlined in the detailed motion that was sent with the agenda. Megan J seconded.

Discussion ensued. This item of business has been brought up for many months. In March, the Intergroup was asked to take this question to their groups and get feedback. A decision was made to move forward with a vote.

Chair counted hands –

- 5 For
- 6 Opposed

Motion did not pass.

7. MEETING CLOSE

- Chris L made a motion to close, many seconded. Motion passed with majority.
- Meeting closed at 8:42 pm with the Responsibility Statement.