

**ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP
AAIG “Virtual” INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Zoom Meeting Held – Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order with Serenity Prayer and Tradition Ten. Roll call performed.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Offices

Chair, Val B.

Vice Chair, Richard Y.

Treasurer, Tim H.

Secretary, Megan J.

Standing Committees

Activities, Stan A.

Bulletin, Cierra “CiCi” S. (absent)

Coop. Prof. Com., Peggy G. (absent)

Corrections, Jim O.

Facilities, Richard Y.

Finance, Aaron W.

Grapevine, Suzanne L.

Literature, Erin M.

Outreach, Open Position

Public Information, Dan H.

Co-Chairs, Red House Desk

In-House Desk, Cybele D.

Rollover Phone [Digital

Communications], Sean M.

Treatment, Jorge B. (absent)

Website, Jochen H.

Intergroup Representatives

Pam M. -- One Page at a Time

Becky -- Misfit Women (absent)

Tammy -- Arnold Monday 7:30
(alternate rep) (absent)

Tim H. -- Galesville 12 x 12

Aaron W. -- Back to Basics

Richard Y. -- Wed, 12 x 12, 6 pm

Heather W. -- Zoom-Women Lit Up

Dawn K. -- Turkey Point 12x12

Jochen H. -- Keep it Simple

John B. -- Crofton Friday Night

Chris L. -- Bowie Friday Night

Cybele D. -- Red House Annapolis am

Clayton U. - Herald Harbor Step (absent)

Teresa - Women Lit Mtg at Turkey Point

Donna - Nooner at First Presbyterian

Susan D. - The Hatchery

Dan H - Serenity at Seven

Peggy M - Friday noon step @ Woods
Memorial (absent)

Sean M - Sat 6:30 pm Arnold Asbury

Megan J - Ladies' Night @ Club 164

Stan - Sat Young Peoples'

Val B - Severna Park Tues 12:30 pm

Intergroup Liaisons

Tim H - District 6

Guests

Allison (Ally) T - Interest in being appointed to Treasurer

Secretary read the minutes. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Cybele; Council PASSED MOTION.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chair, Val B.

The Open Commitment for Outreach Chair was posted in the Bulletin. Three people interested in the position. Val interviewed and assigned Co-chairs -- Tim H for physical outreach (visiting meetings) & Megan J for electronic outreach. Both accepted. Mary K is interested in being an Outreach Committee Member.

Bringing it Home Committee has not received interest.

To discuss:

- Nominations
- Activities Report
- Online Voting
- Prudent Reserve

Vice Chair, Richard Y.

Not much to report. There was an injured person that came to the Red House for help. The emergency was managed with a 911 call.

Safety Committee met. It consists of four members. There is the possibility of an email sent by the committee. The individual that was causing concern has not been seen at meetings recently.

Treasurer, Tim H.

Presented Treasurer's Report.

As they are not being used, he reduced some of the budgets to reallocate.

In the last few weeks, we have spent 4K in literature to provide to correctional facilities and Gaudenzia.

Secretary, Megan J

Val provided Megan J. with 4 ring binders of archived secretary minutes.

Following AAIG Bylaws, Article 10. The IG Council made a motion to make Secretary Pro Tem, Megan J., into the official Secretary for the rest of 2021.

Motion made, 2nd and Council PASSED MOTION.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Red House Steering Committee, Aaron W.

Will re-convene as needed.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Steering Committee, Valerie B.

Met on 10/12, will reconvene on 10/26. Reviewing “pinned” items. Any change to the Bylaws will come to council for vote.

Ad Hoc Safety Committee, Richard Y

Covered in Vice Chair report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee, Stan A.

Stan presented the Activities Report.

- Recapped the 4th of July event and Volleyball and Family Day Picnic; received lots of good feedback.
- \$733 spent on supplies that are reusable.

Lowered price of Halloween Bash at Club164 to \$5.

Any feedback for Events Committee can email aaigevents@gmail.com. Val noted that AAIG created emails for each committee, including the Activities committee at activities@annapolisareaintergroup.org. Val asked the webmaster, Jochen, to explain it works. AAIG emails are automatically forwarded to personal emails. “Sunshine” email is set up.

Activities Committee meeting at Club164 during the month of October.

Halloween flyer lists that 50% of proceeds will be donated to a charity. Placed in NEW BUSINESS for IG Council discussion.

Bulletin, Cierra S. (absent)

Suzanne L gave report for CiCi - All anniversaries are listed for November. CiCi is planning to send out the first draft of the November Bulletin this Sunday. Will include Secretary on email for review.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Peggy G. (absent)

Val met with Peggy about letters created for health care providers and other professionals. Researched and requested supplemental AA materials. Erin provided about \$11.00 worth of pamphlets. Val is co-chair to represent CPC at meetings.

Corrections, Jim O.

Women's meeting starting at Jennifer Road on 11/4.

In January, Jennifer Road will make the decision as to whether or not to allow the guest speaker program to resume and get new volunteers badged.

Digital Communications Committee, Sean M.

Red House Desk rollover phone report. In September 2021, there were 200 calls, 56% answered, 44% rolled over.

Hoping these numbers will improve with Cybele's recent efforts.

Rollover volunteers are experienced and are on shifts from 7:30 am to 7:30 or 8 pm. Rollover folks have a digitized version of the Red House desk manual.

Need someone on Sunday (or Friday).

Are call backs being resolved? Yes, information is being recorded on the Red House shift log.

Facility, Richard Y.

Covered in Vice Chair report.

Finance, Aaron W.

Nothing to report, presenting 2022 budget next month.

Grapevine, Suzanne L.

Ordered 60 books from the Grapevine, 20 books of each 3 new ones. Dropped off Grapevine books at Women's Literature meeting. Placing some more orders this week.

Suzanne will give 2-minute pitch at the Area Assembly in December.

New Grapevine Podcast, Suzanne to find out more.

Literature, Erin M.

Literature sales are booming including a recent H&I order. Jorge advised Erin that he will pick up his order tomorrow at the Red House.

Outreach, Open Position [Mary Kay committee member]

Next month will get a report from Megan and Tim, new committee co-chairs.

PI (Public Info), Dan H.

Looking into running an ad in the Gazette (\$500) that will run on the website and newspaper. Planning on starting to run in November (to get ready for holiday drinking ;).

Looking into online ads, but would have to start Facebook page, and do not believe this is the best path. Maybe handle in a smaller committee.

Red House Desk, Cybele D.

Chair met with Cybele, and she is the new committee chair!

Biggest priority is filling shifts. Lesson learned with recent [Annapolis] Boat Show: need to prepare shift workers (there was no available parking on street or in garage so many shifts went unfilled that weekend). Looking to fill nine shifts. 2nd priority, list of substitutes.

Some desk email was going into her junk, now caught and she has been responding. Val reminded all committees to check their "junk mail" for messages forwarded from their AAIG emails.

Reminder by Sean M that Red House shifts are the introduction to newcomers.

Val updated Red House Desk list, please take down the old one and repost.

Treatment, Jorge B. (Absent)

Providing in-person meetings at four treatment centers:

1. Hope House, Mon & Wed, In person, 7 pm
2. Tranquility Woods, Wed & Sat, In person, 7 pm
3. Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center, Wed, In person, 7 pm
4. Pathways, Thurs & Fri, In person, 7 pm.

Website, Jochen H.

Lots of meeting updates to the web. Gave a presentation to Area 29 group about the AA Meeting Guide App.

Secretary to send out the presentation with the meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED [OLD] BUSINESS

1. Prudent Reserve

It was recommended by Heather at BB&T/Truist to put into a CD.

Discussion ensued about why prudent reserve was taken out of the CD in the first place. Tim doesn't agree that we should "tuck away."

Richard made a motion to put Prudent Reserve into a CD, Suzanne seconded. Council PASSED MOTION.

2. Activities

It was suggested charging \$1- \$2 or free for activity events, to spend AAIG budget. Due to fast approaching date of event, Stan, Activities Chair contacted Val, AAIG Chair. Val agreed event needed to be announced. (Event covered in Activities Report).

3. Outreach

It was suggested to merge Outreach committee with the Activities committee. AA members reached out October Bulletin posting. (New Outreach Committee covered in IG Chair Report).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Voting process

Jochen advised can use Zoom, but difficult to guarantee secrecy of vote. Research continues for best path forward.

2. Nominations for Council Officers (suggested years of sobriety)

1) Secretary (2 years sobriety)

➤ Stan nominated Megan J; Donna seconded. Megan J accepted.

2) Treasurer (4 years sobriety)

➤ Stan nominated Aaron. Jochen seconded. Aaron accepted.

➤ Val nominated Allison T; Tim seconded. Allison T accepted.

3) Vice-Chair (4 years sobriety)

➤ Stan Nominated Chris L., Cybele seconded. Chris L accepted.

➤ Val nominated Stan for Vice Chair; Donna seconded - Stan did not accept. Nomination withdrawn.

4) Chair (4 years sobriety)

➤ Tim nominated Stan; Chris L seconded. Chris L accepted

➤ Richard nominated Aaron W; Cybele seconded. Aaron W accepted.

➤ Jochen nominated Megan J, Richard Y seconded. Megan J removed from nomination, does not have 4 years sobriety.

Final nominations will be made at the November Intergroup Council Meeting. Voting in December IG Council.

3. Activities - AAIG Spending Approval

The flyer for the AAIG sponsored Halloween Party includes the following statement, that “All proceeds go to AAIG events and NACOA (National Association for Children of Addiction).” Many Council Members believe that the Activity Committee’s plans to donate to NACOA goes against Tradition 6.

Tradition Six: “An AA Group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility, or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

Discussion ensued.

Teresa made a motion to DISCONTINUE with a donation to the outside source for the Halloween Bash. Richard seconded. Council PASSED MOTION. Donation to NACOA will be removed from the flyer.

**Motion to adjourn by Tim; seconded by Richard. Council PASSED MOTION.
Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm with Responsibility Statement.**