

**ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP  
AAIG “Virtual” INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Zoom Meeting Held – Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

Meeting Called to Order with Serenity Prayer and Traditions Eight and Nine.  
Secretary performed roll call.

**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.

Digital Communications, Sean M.  
(absent)

Grapevine, Suzanne L.

Literature, Erin M.

Outreach, Mary K. (absent)

Public Information, Dan H. (absent)

Red House Desk, Betsy S. (absent)

Treatment, Jorge B. (absent)

Website, Jochen H.

**Intergroup Representatives**

Pam M. -- One Page at a Time

Becky -- Misfit Women

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

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

Speaker's

Cybele -- Red House Annapolis  
Morning

Clayton U. -- Herald Harbor Step

**Intergroup Liaisons**

Amy B. - BAYPAA Liaison

Red House Beginners' Liaison, Steven N. (absent)

Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Chair, Kathryn K. (absent)

## **Guests**

Robby R. - Visiting on behalf of Annapolis Noon Group

Sarah - Visiting on behalf of Young People's Thursday Night

Beverly M. - Visiting on behalf of Eye Opener, Sat Morning

Secretary read the minutes. Suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jochen; Council voted to pass motion.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**Chair,** Val B.

Welcomed Megan J as new secretary. Chair sent out messages asking for members to respond to email cleanup of the Executive Committee and Intergroup Council distribution lists.

Announced business meeting items, including old business - activity report; new business - safety discussion; and upcoming nominations for Council Officers (begins in October, ends in November, with elections in December).

**Vice Chair,** Richard Y.

Modified paragraph in the Red House agreement with the First Presbyterian Church to allow pets [service animals]. This parallels the church policy and will allow Red House Desk volunteers to bring service animals during their shifts.

Vacuum purchased for \$104.

**Treasurer,** Tim H.

Tim presented the budget report for August. Aaron and Tim simplified the report format, collapsing the 1st half of year, and adding a YTD column.

Expenditures YTD = \$16,702.79

Largest expenditure was Activities - about \$5K

This year, Treasurer advises spending of about \$20K.

Val spoke to Heather, the BB&T Account Representative. Heather said, owner's accounts are visible online, on one page, easy to review. Placing the \$15K of prudent reserve in savings or checking leaves the monies more accessible to the fraud. As trusted servants of other people's monies [area AA group's], Heather suggested adding a preventative measure to reduce the risk. She said putting the prudent reserve into a CD would add a layer of security.

Added to NEW BUSINESS.

Clayton has suggestion to sell Where&When booklets for \$.25.

Part of OLD BUSINESS.

Beverly informed AAIG that her group has not made contributions in awhile and asked if they should. The Chair advised that it is up to each AA group as to whether they give contributions.

Stan made a motion to approve the budget report, seconded by Cybele; Council voted to pass motion.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ad Hoc Red House Steering Committee, Aaron W.**

Nothing to report, the committee is on pause. The Steering Committee Chair agreed to remain in the position, should the need arise to call on the committee.

**Ad Hoc Bylaws Steering Committee, Valerie B.**

Phase I of the 2016 Bylaws review is complete! The Ad Hoc committee reviewed all 22 Articles and items were "pinned" that need further discussion. The last committee meeting was Tues 8/24. The Chair is combining the group's "pinned" notes for Phase II of the review, which begins 9/28. Phase II includes, discussing differences, possible tweaks, and reviewing Robert's Rules. Any suggested changes will be brought to the Council for their review and final vote.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Activities Committee, Stan A.**

**AAIG has had an event every month** since July. Coming up is the Meditation Workshop on Sunday, 9/26. Also, the Halloween bash planning is in full effect with Club164 on Friday, 10/28. The plan is to sell tickets at \$10 ahead of time, and charge \$15 at the door. The committee will choose a non-profit in which to donate part of the proceeds.

Stan shared a picture of the new AAIG volunteer t-shirts. These are for volunteers and will also have some to sell at the Red House.

Last Saturday the “Drug-free All Stars” event took place at Truxton Park. There were about 200 people throughout the day and AAIG was present to grill food for the event.

Lessons learned over the last few events: 1) Need to allow more time to plan events. 2) People are getting used to events again. Each one gets more momentum.

Clayton believes tickets to the events should be \$1- \$2 or free, especially since we are looking to spend budget. Moved to NEW BUSINESS. Stan advised we are not going to turn anyone away if they cannot pay.

Activities Committee meets at 49 West every Sunday at 7 pm. All are welcome to join and provide input.

Stan advised he talked to the mayor, Gavin Buckley, at the All-Stars event. The mayor is very interested in visiting outreach events, recovery houses and rehabs. Stan advised mayor seemed interested in coming to the Halloween Bash.

**Bulletin**, Cierra S. (absent)

CiCi published new bulletin for September! Work on October bulletin has commenced.

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

Will discuss committee with Peggy and obtain secretary notebooks for the new secretary.

Tim asked how to get literature delivered to the Light House. Directed to contact Erin and she can coordinate. [This is not a CPC activity. Possibly Treatment.]

**Corrections, Jim O.**

No updates.

**Digital Communications Committee, Sean M. (absent)**

No report.

**Facility, Richard Y.**

Covered in Vice Chair report.

**Finance, Aaron W.**

Started work on 2022 Budget.

**Grapevine, Suzanne L.**

Suzanne attended an Area 29 Grapevine Committee meeting.

Reported that there will be a Grapevine table and literature for sale at three upcoming events:

1. Southern MD Round Up
2. Area Assembly in December
3. District 10 Picnic

Intergroup is donating to those events.

**Literature, Erin M.**

Just placed a big order. Literature is moving.

**Outreach, Open Position [Mary Kay committee member]**

If someone is looking for an AA Service Commitment, this commitment is open. The position is advertised in the September Bulletin. Basically, the committee:

- Promotes area AA group interaction, participation, and support of Annapolis Area Intergroup functions and activities.

- Contacts, collects, and maintains area AA group information, such as meeting times, locations, names of Intergroup Representatives and/or contact persons, and
- Maintains contact with AA groups in the AAIG service area.

Stan suggested merging the Outreach committee with the Activities committee, which has 12 - 15 people.  
Add to NEW BUSINESS.

**PI (Public Info), Dan H. (absent)**

No Report.

**Red House Desk, Open Position (absent)**

Need a new chair for this committee. Betsy has done a great job filling the Red House Desk shifts.

Stan commented that Red House presence is much better, there is always someone at the Red House when he stops by for literature, etc.

**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.**

AAIG's second domain "Annapolisaa.org" is live. Emailed electronic versions of September Bulletin. Lots of group updates are coming in.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Increase Spending - Treasurer's List -- Receiving suggestions on reducing budget. Reviewed budget items that have not used allocated budgets.  
Discussion and ideas on how to distribute literature to AA groups and

outside institutions. Clarification that Outreach is to AA groups, not to other institutions [which are covered by Corrections and Treatment committees].

o providing One free big book and One free 12 and 12 to each REGISTERED AA Group in AAIG. Suggest Outreach and Literature manage. Estimated Cost \$5,000.
o same as above but increase the quantity to Two big books and Two 12 and 12. Estimated Cost \$10,000.
o providing newcomers within AAIG with One free big book. Manage through District input plus Red House input. Estimated Cost \$500 to \$1,000.
o having Big Book and Grapevine Drawings at every AAIG Activities event. Estimated Cost less than \$1,000.
o subsidizing Group and District Activities (including Workshops and other events) put on by Groups and Districts within AAIG. If \$500 per event and 5 events, then Estimated Cost \$2,500.
o increasing the quantity of Big Books, 12 & 12, As Bill See's It and other AA Literature at Libraries, Hospitals, Institutions, Rehabilitation centers, High Schools, the Light House and other appropriate places. Estimated cost, if 100 books then \$1,000.
o considering providing "AA Literature " in lieu of " Cash " where opportunities for donations present themselves.
o other

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Safety Concerns - There is a person going to AA meetings who has been following people to their cars after meetings. On 8/18, this individual acted on this behavior at the noon group at the First Presbyterian Church. Some AA members went to the church about it, and he was banned from church property, which includes the Red House. However, incidents with this individual are not isolated to the noon group or the church.

Suggestion was made for the meeting participants to take the "Safety Card for AA Groups" and "Safety and AA" Pamphlet back to their groups. Chair to email these documents out to this group.

There were concerns raised that incidents with this individual are happening at a lot of meetings, and the situation seems to be escalating. There is a threat of retaliation.

Groups are the ultimate authority on how to handle but many groups are not aware of this threat.

Due to the seriousness of the safety in AA, an Ad Hoc Safety Committee will be formed. Richard Y. agreed to chair the committee. The first meeting is tentatively set for Thursday 9/23.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Due to the hour and intergroup representatives needing to call it a night, all unfinished business will be addressed at the next intergroup council.

**Motion to Adjourn by Chris; seconded by Cybele, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm with Responsibility Statement.**