

**ANNAPOLIS AREA INTERGROUP – March Council Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Meeting – Tuesday, March 15th, 2022**

**Executive Offices**

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

**Committee Chairs**

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

**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		Back to Basics	Andy
5		Bowie Friday Night Speakers	Chris L
6		Crofton Friday Night	Jim W
7	X	Crofton Open	John B

#	Represented	Group	IG Council Member
8		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	X	One Page at a Time (Mondays)	Margaret C
18	X	Quiet Waters Group	Alli T
19	X	Red House Annapolis Morning	Cybele
20		Red House Beginners	Steve M
21		Sat Morning Big Book	Diane F
22		Sat night Young Peoples	Stan A
23		Serenity at 7	Dan H
24	X	Severna Park Tues 12:30	Val B
25		Sunday Any Lengths	Dick M
26	X	The Hatchery	Susan D
27	X	Thursday Night Big Book (St Philips)	John L
28		Thursday Young Peoples Living Sober	Michelle
29	X	Tuesday Night Big Book (Turkey Point)	Aleene
30		Tuesday Night Pasadena	Stu B
31		Turkey Point - Women Lit Up	Teresa M
32	X	Turkey Point 12x12	Dawn K
33		Wednesday 12x12 6 pm	Richard Y
34		Women's Spiritual Freedom - Tues Bowie	Amy B / Betsy C
35		Zoom - Women Lit Up	Heather W

## Liaisons & Guests

- BAYPAA Events, Matt F

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## **1. MEETING OPENING - 7:00 - 7:15 pm**

- Chair called meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- Secretary read Tradition Three & took attendance.
- February Council Meeting Minutes read by the Secretary. Suzanne motioned to approve minutes as is, Linda seconded. Motion passed with majority.

## **2. EXECUTIVE REPORTS – 7:15 - 7:25 pm**

**Chair, Aaron W.** - Nothing to report

**Vice Chair, Chris L.** - Nothing to report regarding Red House

**Treasurer, Alli T.** -

1. Taxes – Signed tax forms w/Gardiner & Appel and will be sent out.
2. Contributions – Alli presented current budget numbers. Concern that the contributions are not what is expected. Checking account will be going down \$1K every month. Committees have not been spending much.

For the IG reps on the call, please check if your group is making contributions!

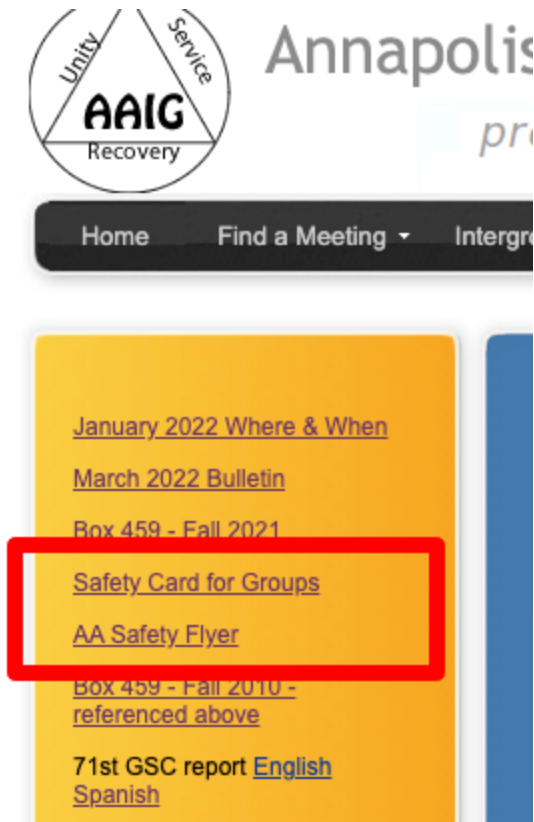
**Secretary, Megan J.** –

- Backfilled for Jochen on the database updates.
- Council Meeting Minutes from 2021 posted on Google account to put up on website.
- Need to meet with Cybele and Jochen on desk emails. If it is not a meeting update, but general questions or if someone is struggling, how should they be handled.
- Putting together a proposal for a Technology Solutions Committee; discussed with Aaron, Jochen, and Linda to get guidance.

## **3. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - 7:25 - 7:30 PM**

**Safety Committee, Suzanne L** - Committee has met three times. There is a Safety Statement that Suzanne read that the committee is suggesting that groups to include in their meeting openings. The main goal is to protect the newcomer, as feeling unsafe can deter people from coming back to meetings. The new AAIG Safety Statement provides avenues to communicate if there is an issue. Motion will be made in new business to approve and communicate to groups.

As we have discussed many times, the Safety information for groups is posted on the AAIG website.



**By-Laws Committee**, Linda J. - Met on 2/28 and got through the first 6 of 7 by-laws. The committee is focusing on making the words more specific and explicit. Reminder that the committee will be providing a general synopsis rather than a detailed account of every discussion. Committee continues to solicit comments/critique, please provide!

#### **4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - 7:30 - 7:50 PM**

**Activities Committee**, Chris D. – The Chili Cook-off in February had 60 people, and went really well; costs only came to \$106. The next two events are set up –

- 1) March 27th at First Pres, 1- 6 pm, Step 1-2-3 workshop. Hoping to get a lot of newcomers.
- 2) April 30th at Truxton Park, 1 - 6 pm, a cornhole tournament.

**Bulletin,** Val - Contacted every single mailing address that was subscribed. Now ALL are going to email addresses!! Bulletin is completely digital now, nice job Val!!!!

**Cooperation with Professional Community,** *open*

**Corrections,** Jim O. – Meetings started at Jennifer and Ordinance. If you want to get involved, contact Jim, as there is an approval process.

Multiple group members expressed interest in service work and will contact Jim for more information.

**Finance,** *open*

**Literature/Grapevine,** *open (Alli T filling in)* – Red House volunteers continue to do a great job collecting literature costs/sales.

Alli is leaving on Monday and will be gone for 6 weeks for a long bike ride. Cybele is her back-up, helping with Literature, Group Donations, and has a key to the PO Box.

Alli will be available via the internet at times during her trip and she will try to keep plugged in.

**Outreach,** Tim H.

Aaron shared and Tim presented his monthly Outreach Report. Two people contacted Tim to join the committee but when he explained what it was, they were not interested. Tim has been going to district meetings. Considered DCMs “informal members” and not part of the committee.

**Public Information,** Dan H. - *Absent*

**Red House Desk,** Cybele - Nothing new to report. A few shifts are open.

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

**Treatment,** Jorge B. - *Absent*

**Website,** Jochen H. - Updating Coming Events List.

## **5. OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. Books for purchase have been removed from Club 164 and the issue has been resolved since our last meeting.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS - 7:50 - 8:10 PM (10 minutes on each subject)

### 1. AAIG Activities -- Closed Facebook Group

Chris D made a motion to create a closed Facebook to post AAIG Activities. This would be similar to the AA closed Facebook groups in the Annapolis area that exist today. The idea is to cut down costs on flyers and provide another avenue to reach more people. Not a substitute for communications.

Discussion:

- We are posting the flyers on the website.
- A closed Facebook group means invite-only. If someone finds the group, they send a request for the invite to the admin.
- Group discussed whether anonymity would be an issue or if we would be violating any rules.
- Matt advised BAYPAA has one and it works very well to get word out for our events. Closed group, invite only, and there are 4 admins. On the Facebook page, they post flyers and collaborate with YPAA and other AA pages. Admins approve the information posted, and pictures of people that come to events are not posted on the BAYPAA FB page.
- More discussion needed.
- Chris L sent the AA Guidelines, and will be included in the minutes.

Linda made a motion to table Chris's motion until the April Intergroup meeting. Tim seconded. Motion passed with majority.

2. Safety Committee -- Suggested reading by the Secretary at the beginning of a meeting, communicated as the AAIG Safety Statement.

*The Safety Card for AA reminds us that "our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place." If at any point during this meeting you feel unwelcome, unsafe or threatened, please reach out to the chairperson(s) or a trusted group member for assistance.*

Suzanne made a motion to pass the information to all of groups in the area. Tim seconded. Motion passed with majority.

3. Outreach — W&W - next printing? Ideas on how to make W&W & info about AA accessible for people may not have phones, internet, etc.

Discussion:

- There is not currently one scheduled - per Tim, possibly May 1 or Sept/Oct 1.
- The Red House is out of hard copies; group discussed how to get some back.
- Coming out of the pandemic, printing may not make sense because meetings keep changing.
- However, the longer we wait, the more the current W&W will be more and more out of date.

Agenda topic will go to Executive Committee next month as New Business.

4. Vote on keeping 12 meetings in 2022 — By-Laws state we are required to have 9 meetings per year. Exec Committee recommends we do not lose momentum, and that because we now have zoom, we recommend the meeting calendar include 12 meetings this year, one every month.

Alli made a motion to keep 12 meetings this year. Linda seconded. Motion passed with majority.

#### 5. Technology Committee - Jochen

Jochen provided more context on why a Technology Committee is needed. As the Webmaster, he should not be responsible for technical support in all areas. We need additional folks to share this responsibility.

Megan is putting together a proposal and will meet with Jochen to discuss before the next Executive Committee.

Thank you from BAYPAA for allowing them storage space!! This Saturday there is a BAYPAA event and they may need to use it. Matt will get with Chris L to discuss.

## **7. MEETING CLOSE**

- Tim made a motion to close, Megan seconded. Motion passed with majority.
- Meeting closed at 8:15 pm with the Responsibility Statement.