



May 2023

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7 pm

For all Zone and Committee Zoom Information see the spreadsheet that is available on SEPIA's website.

Chairperson's Report from the month of May 2023

Chairperson Report from May 2023:

As summer approaches, we found May to be much calmer than April. It provided a moment to catch our breath after all the hard work that went into planning and carrying out the annual Round Up.

We hope to see everyone on Sunday June 11 at the SEPIA UNITY COOKOUT! The event will take place at Neshaminy State Park, Pavilion No.1, State Road at Dunks Ferry Road, Bensalem 19020. Noon to 5 pm.

There will be an OPEN A.A. Meeting at 2:00 pm. Enjoy delicious - and free- hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water and coffee. Please bring a covered side dish to share.

Yours in Service,

Rachel C.

Chairperson, AA SEPIA

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of May 2023

Vice Chairperson Report for May 2023

This month I attended the following Committee Meetings:

- Cooperation with Professional Community on 5-1-23
- WebTech on 5-3-23
- Steering Committee Meeting on 5-3-23
- Archives Committee 5-9-23
- Treatment Committee 5-15-23
- Finance Committee 5-18-23

Round Up numbers are still being finalized but it appears the 2023 Round Up was attended by approximately 1100 People and brought in around \$20,000 for SEPIA!

Now with the 2023 Round Up behind us, we are starting to look ahead at our next Special Events. In September we hope to host a SEPIA Bingo Night. In October we plan to host our Annual Gratitude Breakfast. More information for both these events will be coming soon.

Anyone is welcome to join our Special Events. Our Meetings are held the last Monday of every Month on ZOOM. See the SEPIA Calendar in the back of Interviews for details on all the Committee Meetings.

With gratitude,

Jay F.

Vice Chairperson

SEPIA Office Report from the month of May 2023

Office Report for the Month of May, 2023

Round Up Wrap Up

It has been very quiet this month of May! Our 2023 Round-Up is over and despite some big changes this year, was a success. There are a few bills still to come in that will need to be paid but all in all we raised about \$20,000.00. This will pay some of our bills for the upcoming year including the SEPIA office rent, and providing literature and supplies to the 12 step committees to carry out their obligations.

There are some Round-Up hoodies, t shirts, and a few zip-up hoodies left over at the office. Please contact us if you would like to purchase any of these items.

We publish our newsletter "Interviews" every month and it is chock-full of information. We are looking for Members in the fellowship to send us stories about their recovery story, write about a Step, or a Tradition, you can tell of a spiritual experience you may have had. Anything recovery related would be great. Email it to:

manager@aasepia.org. You can also have the "Interviews" emailed to you. Just send an email or call us at the office and give us your email address.

We are also looking at printing a meeting list BUT we need accuracy! Please send in your meeting changes! We are still getting calls about meetings that are listed and yet no one is there. If you know of a meeting that is no longer there please let us know. Newcomers are going to meetings listed on our website and the Meeting Guide app and finding locked doors!! Even if it is not your meeting please let us know.... Responsibility Pledge... I (WE) am/are responsible... each and every one of us!!

Volunteers are needed at the office! Please consider coming in for a few hours to help out! We have vouchers for free parking if you come down and spend some time with us!! Thank you in advance.

I want to thank all of you, groups and individuals, for your many contributions that help support the SEPIA office and our 12 Step committee work. Any questions, please feel free to contact us at 215-923-7900 or email us at: manager@aasepia.org.

Thank you for your service!
In Fellowship,
Fran, Kris, Kevin & Candy

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from May 18, 2023

SEPIA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for 5/18/2023

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00 pm; Attendance: Jim B. (Treasurer), Stephanie W. (Asst Treasurer), Jay F. (vice chairperson), Steve S (Dir of Public Information), Andrea (Bucks Co zone coordinator), Patrick M. (Phila liaison), Steve Mc (Chester liaison), Greg (Mont Co liaison), Janet C (Delaware Co liaison), Chris B (Bucks Co liaison), Elaine J (member)

- I. Meeting opened at 7 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions
- II. Read and discussed Tradition 7 and Concept 7
- III. Reviewed Financial Reports: Monthly Income Statement (P&L), Year-to-Date Income Statement, Balance Sheet

A. April 2023 Income Statement (P&L):

1. Total income is lower than budgeted, some of the income appears to be not posted to the correct accounts. The round up figures are still being finalized.
2. Cost of goods sold is higher than budgeted. This may be due to the round up costs coming in higher than anticipated, but without the corresponding income to compare to, it's hard to say. Round up figures are still being finalized.
3. Committee and zone spending is low, timing differences may be an issue as it appears the interphones committee had no phone bill in April. Expecting a pick up in May after round up.
4. Office expenses and salaries are slightly lower than budgeted.

B. Year-To-Date (11/2022 - 04/2023) Income Statement:

1. Total income is lower than budgeted, some of the income appears to be not posted to the correct accounts. The round up figures are still being finalized. Literature sales are 19% higher than budgeted, which may be due to an increase since COVID, and also due to an April price increase.
2. Total cost of goods sold is 19% higher than budgeted, some of this is due to the catch up of literature costs owed to AAWS for prior year sales, there are likely higher costs for the round up than budgeted. The round up figures are still
3. being finalized.

4. Committee and zone spending is below budget. CPC has no spending so far YTD that has been reported. At the half way point of the year, it would be good for committees to review their budgets and spend their funds as they intended
5. during the budget process.
6. Negative miscellaneous expenses to be looked into
7. Office expenses are lower than budgeted due to not incurring some expenses such as computer consultants, computer equipment/lease and professional services.
8. Payroll taxes look to be overstated while compensation is understated, overall it is 89% of budgeted amounts. Line item reclassifications may be needed to accurately report amounts.

C. Balance Sheet:

1. Franklin Mint plus Money Market funds will be making up our prudent reserve.
2. Negative round up deposits of \$18K are likely round up income and need to be reclassified as such.
3. A few anomalies in accounts receivable, offset and accounts payable to be reviewed internally.

IV. Office Manager Report: Fran not present

V. Open Discussion

- A. Committee meeting visitation - no formal commitments were made
- B. Committee members contributed to discussion regarding financial institutions where we may receive a higher rate of interest on our prudent reserve funds.
- C. Discussion regarding what to do with group funds when they are consistently at an excess of their expenditures. Does it make a difference if it is a meeting at a club house?
- D. Updates to email addresses were made to ensure that all liaisons and alternate liaisons can have access to the monthly reports.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge

Next meeting 7 pm, 6/15/23

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie W

Archives Committee Report from May 2023

Report not received prior to submission

CPC Committee Report from May 1, 2023 – Hybrid Meeting

CPC Minutes May 1, 2022

Number of Attendees: 26

Attendees to fill out this form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Vt_sOCy6cSYwtxxOs5TFJoqhj97carlststccFF_VU/edit

To view volunteers that have completed the form:

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OT0eR8uYyC6_D1yzGX9RGbNFHaik-6G5a_kLosS7LU/edit#gid=1762286256

Agenda

- 26 people at the meeting including online.
- Introductions of newcomers (name, homegroup, did you complete the form?)
 - *post form link in chat
- Explain what the CPC is/ what volunteers do, eligibility and what newcomers can expect to do next
- No Students escorted in May as they are on vacation until August

- 7 new people signed up for CPC.
 - For when Drexel Students come back in August - students have access to ALL reading materials. The AA suggested readings (The Drs Opinion, How It Works, AA Preamble) are provided on their FPC1 course page. Do not suggest anything additional unless the student asks for it. When we “suggest” additional literature/videos, etc we actually put
- Drexel Medical School’s accreditation at risk. They are allotted 2 hours for this entire process, including readings. Their administration must account for every minute of work they assign and can lose their accreditation if they exceed certain time restrictions. This also applies to our pre and post meeting. Meet no more than 15 minutes before.
- cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
 - If the students have questions post-meeting and the volunteer sends out something they requested, that’s OK. Lorie suggests if there’s anything that you feel is an important reference – post meeting - she’s happy to post that as well – as a ‘Post meeting reference’.
 - If the students don’t respond when you reach out to them please let us know. It proved to be very helpful in September and alleviated scrambling at the end of the month.
 - Please make sure to copy Lorie Cannon, myself and Mike on ALL correspondence
 - llc62@drexel.edu
 - cpcdirector@aasepia.org
 - cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
 - We can reach out to students and ask for copies of their assignments (a 1 page paper they are required to write about their experience with the CPC). We are looking to publish one in the Grapevine to make known the difference SEPIA is making in the medical community.
 - Participated in CPC panel discussion with the Drexel University’s Physician’s Assistants, for the College of Nursing & Health Practices course: Biopsychosocial Issue and Practices.
 - Discussed working with other areas beside medical students - The difficulty is getting other professionals to put aside time to work with us.
 - Working with HR Summit to possibly be a participant in their HR meetings. One of the largest HR Association in the county.

Prison Committee Minutes from May 4, 2023

Prison Committee report May 4 2023

Chair Mac

Attending 15

Reading Tradition7 and concepts7

Prison Committee ByLaws

Introductions

Director thanked everyone for help at Round-Up and members who made to our meeting

Zone Reports

Bucks County

Alixandra reported getting literature in and needs a new zoom chair. Bucks County requesting literature

Delaware County

Frank same meeting going need to be aware of member calling in

MontCo

prison waiting on start up. Building 51 going good.

Charley

Philly zone

Lyn

Pushing on meetings to start

Working on getting more members clear on the process

Sci Chester meeting going on like more member to get Cleared
Spanish meeting going good need more Spanish speaking A.A.'s to chair
Sci Phoenix meeting going good waiting on next group of AA to get cleared
FCI Philadelphia 1st group doing training in June
We also are sending in our AA literature, temp contact, penpal
Temporary Contact
Asst prison Director
Working on updating list and contact forms
An getting then distributed

Temp pen Pal
Always looking for new article an letters

Where we need help
Getting Member cleared
Updating our temp contact lists

Letter writing to pen pal

Inviting the membership to our live an Zoom meetings
Thank you and all the help
Director Prisons
Mac
Chester Prospect

Public Information Committee Minutes from Wednesday May 17, 2023

Public Information Committee

May 17th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09>

I. Open with Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Steve S., Jay Vice Chair, , Emma Volunteer, Rocky, John Huntley Philadelphia Liaison, Philip K Philadelphia Alt Liaison, Jeff Fisher - General Service Rep,, Sam Hadden, Nick M. - new Chester County Liaison, Sarah Montgomery alt liaison,

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Round Up Debrief: Steve S.

Great time, workshop did not have a great turnout. Lots of people came to the table - gave out clergy and senior center packets.

2. Senior Outreach Campaign and HUSHH Update: Steve S.

Well over six months. People have gotten positive reactions from staff when distributing these. I will show people what is in the packet. People are very happy to get these. One person wondered what one has to do to sign-up, which is a reasonable question. We also can mail the packets to people.

Steve will have packets mailed to John H.

In the packet is a HUSHH flyer so senior centers have the option of trying to secure HUSHH service.

3. Faith Leaders Campaign: Steve S.

Faith leaders' pamphlet replaced the pamphlet directed to clergy. However, the faith leader pamphlets are out. We are using the old clergy ones for the time being.

4. Radio Stations directory formation and outreach: Emma S.

PI committee has obtained contact information for radio stations in the 5 county area. Steve has been emailing stations to see if they want to play PSA's. We have heard reports that the PSA's are being played. We need to continue to inform people that PSA's are approved by the General Service Conference and have been since the 1960's. Jeff suggests that we could have a blurb in the interviews and the Grapevine because this is also an issue that comes up at the General Service.

The national PICPC Working group is putting on a program for AA members on June 21 on the topic of Tradition 11. Powerful Speakers are being lined up.

5. University Contact list: Sam H (Philadelphia Liaison) Review the 'Educator' e-flyer here.

Trying to get to Universities and get them information. We will start outreach in August. Do we just take a packet? What should we tell them that we want to do? Do we just email stuff, or try to talk to someone. What is the best way to approach the Universities? John - a combination of both, how you pitch might from one to another is to have a sheet with key bullet points to discuss in any situation - topics to touch on when reaching out. Steve - AA has a You Tube Channel there are conference approved videos directed to young people. We can keep in mind - a link to give to a guidance counselor - First came to mind the Residence Assistants - the folks who are students - the RA would know about it could post flyers or QR for the Young Tube - ask the youth side of AA ... Scott is very involved Bucks YPAA we can ask him about that.

6. Lamar Billboard

We rented 5 billboards one in each county for Memorial Day or 4th of July. NOT turning out as simple as as hoped. They can't give us a price until just before the billboard goes up.

Jeff would like to work with us and find out who the contact is. Steve - we looked at a few different companies, Jeff - economies of scale works better. I'm concerned with Montgomery and Central Bucks - billboards co-fund. Rocky - could we do a plane that goes by the shore. Rocky will look into this.

7. Other PI Events report out: Steve S.

Went to three Unity Pitches this month. Devon Saturday Morning Unity Pitch - Devon 2023-05-06 Flourtown Unity Pitch 2023-04-30. Sam is in the one tonight at Flourtown - New Beginnings Unity Pitch - Philadelphia 2023-05-17

RVP 2023-05-04

Recovery event put on by RVP - they run a number of half-way houses. Various recovery related organizations set up information tables. Public Information was there to explain AA to people. Rocky joined Steve for this one.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Assistant Director - Sam H.

2. Upcoming PI Events.

a. Building Blocks Recovery Event - Philadelphia 2023-05-20

b. Veterans Resource Fair - Malvern, PA 2023-06-10

c. Workshop on the May 23rd Pete B. of Area 59 Zoom at 7pm. On GS Conference on PI

Google Business Profile - Google creates a Google Business page for any business with a physical address.

We claimed ours. We were able to put our information on it. One of the things we do is ask homegroups photos of those meetings, Google analytics thinks it's a good idea to send more people to our page when we post these photos. This causes more people to call the office and go to the web page more frequently - Google has changed the way it operates, so it is not as easy to get a sense of how many people are viewing the photos.

Sam - some of the text explaining what Sepia is, and is not, is out of date. Google Business Profiles (GBP): a free listing for all businesses with a brick-and-mortar presence. Claiming ownership of the profile enables us to control the information presented to people using Google Search and Maps.

Sam claimed the profile for SEPIA and was the owner and one of the managers of SEPIA's profile pictures posted on SEPIA's profile. One month we garnered 40,000 views of our pictures/posts.

Sam - if we post ourselves in a sub-category as a treatment center we will come up if someone googles treatment centers.

Google Ads

Google will grant non-profits up to \$10,000 a month worth of ads when certain keywords are used. General Service Conference approved AAWS uses. SEPIA can use this to cause keywords in an Internet search to bring more people to our site. SEPIA is set up to use this, but Google requires changes to our website. Once we revamp our website we can use campaigns based on key words to utilize Google Ads for aasepia.org.

Also looking for webtech volunteers who have experience with Word Press.

Other New Business - Jeff wants to work an approach to combine resources to better leverage AA messages. Steve and Jeff will connect.

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, June 21/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

Steve S., Director of Public Information, publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

– please send any photos of your home group for the Google Business Profile page

Sam H. Assistant Director of Public Information publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

PI Zone Liaisons & Alternate Liaisons:

- Bucks: Erik B. - publicinfobcz@aasepia.org
- Bucks Alternate: Open Position - publicinfobczal@aasepia.org
- Chester: Nick M. - publicinfocczl@aasepia.org
- Chester: Open Position - publicinfocczal@aasepia.org
- Delaware: Rocky R - publicinfodczl@aasepia.org
- Delaware Alternate: Open Position - publicinfodczal@aasepia.org
- Montgomery: Scott G - publicinfomcz@aasepia.org
- Montgomery Alternate: Sarah K - publicinfomczaltliaison@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia: John H - publicinfopcz@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia Alternate: Patrick McN - publicinfopczaltliaison@aasepia.org

Contents of Public Information Workbook Kit https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, May 29, 2023

SEPIA Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

05/29/2023

Memorial Day “Virtual BBQ” Meeting called to order at 7:01. Jay led with Rich as Zoom host.

In attendance: Jay, Lorraine, Dave, Fred S., Sharon, Suzanne, Jimmy, Peggy H., Bebe, Nick P., Mike Q., Bonnie B., Rich M., Chris C., Nick M., Bill S., Lynn M., Rebecca, Elaine J., Kevin B., Andrea S. & Jon R. (22 in total)

- Opened with Serenity Prayer
- Attendees introduction conducted with name, home group and anniversaries noted.
- Prior month’s minutes were discussed; no comments or amendments identified. Minutes were motioned for acceptance, seconded and accepted by all.
- Gratitude Breakfast –
 - Two potential venues presented by Jay – Springfield Country Club and Cannstatters

- Many others have not responded to requests for quote/availability
 - Price will be higher this year, probably closer to \$30/person
- o Fred commented that Cannstatters is where the dinner-dance used to be held
- o Dave suggested Cannstatters has ample parking
- o Kevin suggested public access better at Cannstatters
- BINGO Event –
 - o Nick M. attended the meeting to present his experience with other BINGO events
 - Option of old school hopper or use of downloaded app w/projector or monitor
 - Order BINGO cards in bulk w/markers
 - Past events had as many as 80 attendees but smaller turnout (~40) this year
 - Cards were sold 10 for \$8
 - Each round was different, whole card was the final round
 - Last year they did a potluck lunch followed by BINGO on Saturday afternoon
 - o Suzanne also shared that she had been involved in several large BINGO events
 - Bulk card order ensures no duplicate cards; can order color-coded cards so each round can be easily separated
 - Knows someone who has the whole set-up and will ask if they would rent it to SEPIA
 - Will also check with her home group meeting space to see if it is available
 - o September timeframe proposed for the BINGO event
- Round-Up
 - o Jay presented the survey responses with details
 - 75% had attended previous Rus
 - 84% did not enjoy the banquet
 - \$50 too high for quality of food based on comments
 - 53% attended workshops
 - Suggestions to space the workshops out more)
 - 64% did not attend AI-Anon session
 - 96% did not attend Hispanic session
 - 66% attended peer meetings
 - 54% did not attend long-timers session
 - 88% liked the karaoke event (big hit!)
 - 83% liked the ice cream social
 - Negative comments about the wait time, however
 - 70% appreciated the walk-run
 - 82% liked the coffee
 - Double the quantity of coffee supplies used
 - 8% liked the hospitality room
 - 20% intend to return next year
 - Many noted that they prefer it to be at another venue
 - o 2023 Round-Up Results and Overall Feedback:
 - ~1,100 attendees
 - \$20K profit for SEPIA
 - 67% online-registered, 6% by phone, remainder in person
 - Many attendees stated at another venue as Showboat sold out on the room block; could have used another 100 rooms for sure
 - Facility deficiencies noted – escalators, elevators
 - Large venue – lots of walking
 - Survey indicates a shore destination as a strong group preference
 - o Jay has initiated conversations with The Grand for 2024

- Weekend following Easter is the likely date-UPDATE Grand rescinded April Date and offered Early March Dates

o Jay commented that we need to start planning for beyond 2024 and need volunteers to assist with that effort

- At a minimum, need to nail down the date and venue for 2024
- Consider other shore venues
- Consider other non-shore venues

o Sharon asked if there was a max distance to take into account for future RU events

o Dave suggested that if The Grand is selected for 2024, need to ask about better space to serve as hospitality suite

o Jimmy added that the survey responses aligned with his own experience, which has prompted him to attend Special Events meetings

o Ashley suggested extending the speaker time so speakers were less rushed (long-timers panel)

o Suzanne asked to make note that the schedule for karaoke should be pushed back by 30 minutes to allow for set-up

o Rich expresses his tanks for the hard work this year, is happy that The Grand is back in the running for 2024 but admits a better venue than The Grand is needed (i.e. larger)

o Jay mentioned his expectation that room rates and banquet expenses will very likely be higher for 2024 but is hoping to negotiate the banquet price down.

- Motion was made to close the meeting, which was seconded and passed with no abstentions.
- Meeting adjourned with the “Responsibility Pledge” at approximately 8:00pm

A short unofficial discussion about potential venues ensued following the meeting.

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from May 2023

Report not received prior to submission

Unity Committee Report from May 2023

Report not received prior to submission

Website/Technology Committee Report from May 3, 2023

SEPIA WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

May 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. Introductions

Steve S – Public Information Director, Jay F – Vice Chair, Sam H – WT Committee Member, Fran G – Officer Manager, Chuck J – WT Committee Member, Kevin B – Assistant Manager, Emma S – Public Information Assistant Director

II. Unfinished Business/Follow Up:

- Status on Brian and Chuck’s access to websites and back door admin

Chuck has not received any access to anything web related. Chuck needs to talk to Jim Beury about access to WordPress. There are two websites: the Django website, the other is in WordPress. Kevin will get Chuck information on Django. Jim B will get Chuck information on WordPress.

Chuck and Kevin are continuing to work on the public calendar. Tim has the link to update the new account/calendar. Then someone else needs to be assigned access to update the meetings/calendar events. Kevin currently is the person who posts calendar events.

- Committee email list and overall database (Kevin & Chuck)
Chuck has been clearing up emails in Google Workspace, and committee emails.
- Website Migration to WordPress Plans
Chuck will be looking at the servers to advise on how to proceed with WordPress.
- Status on recruiting new WT volunteers?
Matt from Montgomery County knows WordPress and Google Ads and has volunteered to help.
- Volunteer to review Google Analytics to assess what pages are most visited? (Emma)
Chuck has already reviewed. We currently have a lot of data that Sam has placed in Google Spaces.
- Policy on accessing SEPIA Drive. Report on Intergroup Managers' Group (Fran)
Fran will reach out to the Baltimore Intergroup about their Digital Files Access Policy.

New Business/General Discussion

- Need the website updated before taking on the printed meeting lists. Chuck is looking at the website and its servers and will then make recommendations.
- We have many different AA website designs to review from the National PI CPC Committee monthly meeting minutes.
- Kevin: the store is on the IP provider which is very slow. He would like us to consider upgrading or moving the store to another provider. Chuck will work with Kevin on getting access to the store.

Close with I am responsible

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, June 7th/ 5:30 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 840 2179 3007 / Password: 580960

Steve S., Public Information Director, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Emma S. Public Information Assistant Director publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, May 8, 2023

Bucks County Zone Meeting

Andrea called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition- 7 Read Concept-7

Last month's Minutes were read and approved.

Attendance:

Intergroup Reps: 42

Alternates without rep present: 5

Alternates with rep present: 5

Guests: 12

New Representatives:

Jess- True Center, Heather-Just for Today, Fran-Each City & Hamlet, Barbara- Women Helping Other Women, Jeff- Sunday Night Serenity, Pete Bristol Beginners

Anniversaries:

Personal: Arty 11yrs, Bryan 1yr, Dawn 33yrs, Heather 10yrs, Sly 2yrs

Home Group: Sellersville 74yrs 5/22 @6:30pm, Primary Purpose 5/19 @7pm, Yardley 38yrs

5/21 @ 6:00pm, Just for Today 5/23, Rolling Hill, Perkasie 28yrs 5/22 @ 6:30pm

Guest reports:

Chairperson- Rachel C-Biggest Fundraising 1,100 people.

Prison Director- Matt-Philadelphia prisons need help. New meeting opening up Federal Prisons for men and women.

Archives-Mark- meetings are online and @ AAsepia- Looking for help to redo the quality of the picture and sound of the videos.

Public Information- Emma- we inform the public on what AA is. We do not promote AA. Ways we inform – electronic billboards, 24-hour hotline, and distribute packets to senior centers and faith leaders.

Liaison Reports:

Andrea Zone Coordinator:

- Roundup- Some concerns with venue
- Sunday June 11—SEPIA Unity Cookout Neshaminy State Park, Pavilion No.1 State Road at Dunks Ferry Road, Bensalem 19020. Noon to 5 pm Open A.A. Meeting 2:00 pm. Free hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water and coffee. Bring a covered side dish to share.

Randy Archives:

- Update home group history- check binder
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Lindsey CPC: Services will start up again in August.

- Volunteers are needed- the service is to guide students before and after meetings.
- Live or Zoom 1 year sobriety and attend 2 CPC training meeting and Shadow 1 meeting.

Chris B. Finance: No Report

Maureen Interphones: No report

Eric Public Information:

- Group history- Update home group history
- H.U.S.H.- Need Liaison for this committee- service for the sick and shut in. New contact sheet.
- Prison- Service needed to help take members to AA mtgs for 1 week upon release.

Helene Special Events:

- Helen is moving to Florida-Helene thank you for your service.
- Round-up- lots of opinions- conversations about moving the round-up to a new location.
- The committee is open to other options.
- Gratitude Breakfast- Looking for a new location for the Fall.
- Bingo Night- Fall event more info to come!

Unity: No Report *Liaison- need a new Liaison

Oz Prisons:

- Information- contact OZ through Perkasiaea@gmail.com

Marie Treatment:

- Complimented for keeping our commitment.
- Silver lining needs approval
- Bridging the Gap- avoid giving rides to new releases.

Bucky PAA-

- PENNSCYPAA XXXIV Jul 14, 3:00 PM – Jul 16, 3:00 PM
Sheraton Bucks County Langhorne, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047, USA

Old Business:

- Public Information- need liaison.

New Business:

- Silver Lining Vote- Yes-31 No-4
- Eric was voted in as Unity Liaison.

- Liaisons needed- Special Events
- Alt. Liaisons needed- CPC, Public Information, & Unity

Motion to close at 8:40 pm next meeting- 6/12

Closed with I Am Responsible

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday May 8, 2023

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Meeting Chairperson - Kirsten

New IGRs were welcomed. There was a quick orientation for new members after meeting.

Welcome: Ryan B, New Hope, WC; Jon H, Church Street; Matt, The Meeting House; Sophia, The Living Room Group; Stephen D, Chester Springs Group; Sarah, Paoli Group.

Anniversaries over the past month

- George, 31 years

Homegroup Anniversaries:

- Oxford Conscious Contact, 11 years
- Quaker Meeting House – will be on May 21st
- Malvern Mens Group – will be on May 24th – 58 years
- Ludwigs Anniversary – 58 years

Meeting Minutes

- April 2023 meeting minutes were sent to all via email. One error was that a suggestion had been made last month for us to consider having our zone meeting on alternate months when we take our vote. The minutes were approved.

Attendance

- 61 in attendance – 59 voting members
 - 19 non-voting members
 - 40 voting members
 - 2 abstentions

Concepts & Traditions

Discussed:

- Tradition Seven – “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions..” – The Twelve Tradition Illustrated – Tradition 7 (aa.org).
- Concept Seven – “The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purpose for its final effectiveness.” The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated – Concept 7 (aa.org)

SEPIA Steering Committee

Vice-Chair, Jay

- The Round Up in Atlantic City went very well. Still digesting the comments and ideas. This will be even bigger next year.
- Working with the Special Events group on fundraisers for Sepia.
- Still looking for a venue for the Gratitude Breakfast which will be on a Sunday in October. Need a venue that can hold 250-300 people, with a view of charging \$25 per person. Any suggestions are very

welcome.

- Plan on having a Sepia bingo night. Flyer to come.
- A question came up about the Sepia calendar. This is being reworked. If anyone wants to consult the calendar in the meantime please see that attachments to Kirsten's meeting email.

Assistant Treasurer, Stephanie

- She is impressed by Chester County's communications.
- Will have her report which Kirsten will forward when she gets it.
- Contributions are up year to date as are literature sales.
- Spending is a little low.
- There is money budgeted to do 12th step work. Please reach out if needed.

Assistant Secretary, John R.

- New to the role and did not have anything to share at this time.

District Announcements

District 29, Amy

- Having a workshop with District 31 on June 3rd. Topic: Upside Down Triangle. Flyer to come.
- Fishing and swimming will be available for \$12.

District 30, Peg

- Looking for a venue to have a District 30 picnic in summer or early fall in Chester County.

District 38, N/A

District 44, N/A

District 56, Nick, ADCM

- Our three legacies workshop will be on June 24th. Flyer:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LZf9IGUmeNUnXfnH2Lf07L_7e-Awn6hY/view?usp=sharing

Zone Announcements

Finance, Steve.

- Highlighted that all group contributions are on the last page of the Interviews Magazine, page 16.

Interphones, Sue R.

- Need volunteers to be on the 12 step list to be on call.
- Need volunteers to help with HUSH program (which helps people with 20+ years who are shut in to have access to a meeting)
- If interested in helping, please contact Alfreda at interphonesdirector@aasepia.org.

CPC, Sue

- Drexel students are on break for June and July. Still need to have people volunteering with the program. Its all on zoom.
- CPC would like to extend their program to more professionals so that we can continue to educate the public on our program. They are asking for assistance to help set this up and looking for people they can include. If interested please email: cpccdirector@aasepia.org

Treatment, Jake

- Gaudenzia Sunday night meeting moved from 7-7:30 PM.
- June treatment link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_zKJcRrmUalZ7JbkkwdrRuUyfiHQ9wvkl3fj62OEDM/edit?usp=sharing

Bridging the Gap, Pierre

- Recently found some patients at RCA very interested in the program.
- 1 year of sobriety required to volunteer. There are 2 positions, one to introduce the program and the second to meet patients at their first five meetings to help acclimate them to AA. It can be intimidating for new members to go alone. If interested please contact Pierre: 484-363-0337, pierreamy11@gmail.com.

Special Events, Bill S.

- Round Up as Jay said was a success.
- Also spoke about the need for a venue for the Gratitude Breakfast.

Men's Prison, George

- Continues to get communications indicating that the prisons will open soon.
- Takes literature to prison libraries.

Women's Prison, Open Position

Archives, Debi

- Looking for histories from groups. Please send to Archives.
- Anyone who has 20+ years of sobriety who would like to have their story recorded please contact Archives.
- If interested in hearing any of the stories please go to the Archives office.
- Jon H. going to take over at Director of Archives. Thank you Jon.

Unity, Steve as Bobette was not available

- Recent pitch at Devon went very well.
- Unity Picnic coming up on June 11th. Flyer: Unity Cookout--Neshaminy State Park, Pavilion #1 — SEPIA: Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous (aasepia.org)

CCCYP, Nick

- 34th Conference, July 14-16th. "Language of the Heart" Flyer: PENNSCYPAA XXXIV | PENNSCYPAA XXXIV (buckypaa.wixsite.com)

Zone Coordinator, Kirsten

- Enjoyed the Round Up and appreciated all the work involved.
- Discussed Open Positions, encouraged people to volunteer as we are on zoom.
- Had been thinking about whether to continue to keep the traditions and concepts being read at the meetings and we are going to continue doing that.

Old Business:

- Vote on meetings going forward. Will we have meetings either all in person , face-to-face, on zoom only or have quarterly face-to-face meetings.
- The group voted -
 - 10% voted face-to-face
 - 63% voted zoom only
 - 27% voted to meet quarterly face-to-face

It was decided to bring it up again in a few months and see how people felt at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nick has volunteered to be the Director of Public Information.

Meeting closed 8:35 PM.

June meeting will be on June 12, 2023 via Zoom

Delaware County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday May 8, 2023

Delaware County Zone Meeting

Minutes - May 2023

DRAFT

Opening:

Open the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity prayer

Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 44
- Alt w/o rep: 2

Other Attendees:

- Alt. w/rep: 2
- SC Members: 6
- District Reps: 1
- Guests: 1

Present previous minutes for review and approval

Zone Coordinator's Report

- While numbers have not been finalized, there were over 1000 attendees at this year's Round Up.
- Zone Coordinator's Contact was made available for all who are interested, as well as contact info for the treatment liaisons.

Alt Zone Coordinator's Report

Old Business

- The SEPIA Website is merging the SEPIA bookstore into the same site
- Positions still needing to be filled:
 - Finance Janet / OPEN
 - Unity Hank / OPEN
 - Special Events OPEN / OPEN
 - PI/Web Rocky / OPEN

New Business:

- Bus Trip to GSO – NOT a district, zone or SEPIA sponsored event. Will be Friday, July 21, 2023. Contact Howard S. for additional information.
- Last Call is having an anniversary meeting 5/20 @ 7:30
- I am Responsible is having an anniversary meeting 5/19 @ 6:30
- Women's Lakeside is having an anniversary meeting 5/13 @ 12N
- Aston Tuesday Night (Mt Hope) is having an anniversary 6/13 @ 7pm
- SNA is having an anniversary 6/24. Start time TBD.

Liaison Reports:

STEERING COMMITTEE

CPC – Mike, Asst Dir – looking for people to escort med students both virtual and in person.

Interphones – Paul, Asst Dir – HUSSHH needs support. Flyer is available.

Secretary – Sharon – They can always use volunteers at the SEPIA office.

Unity - ?, Asst Director – Unity Picnic is coming in June and you don't want to miss it!

ARCHIVES (Howard S.; Jack Alternate)

- Still looking for members with >20 years to please consider sharing their story
- Groups please make sure your history and covid history are up to date with the SEPIA office
- Your Group History should be shared with the Zone, the SEPIA Office and Area 59 – they do not necessarily cross-share the information received. Contact Howard to review the binder 610-939-2317
- New presentation available for your home group "History of AA in Philadelphia" – 23 minutes long. Looking to set up a time for the Zone to view.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (Dan H.; Todd, Alternate)

- Take about 700 Students per year to meetings online and in person
- Volunteers are needed to take med and nursing students to meetings. Check the SEPIA website for sign up information or email cpdirector@aasepia.org

FINANCE (Janet; Alternate OPEN,)

- Financial Statements are normally included as part of the monthly interviews.
- Financial guidelines have been updated and are being (somewhat painfully) implemented.

INTERPHONES (Kathy M.; Tim, Alternate)

- HUSSHH needs support – "Helping Unite Sick, Shut-In, Hospitalized and Homebound."

PRISONS (Frank K.; Blaine, Alternate)

- SCI Chester. Anyone interested in volunteering at SCI Chester can get the required documentation from the SEPIA office. There are (3) meetings per week and there is a need for Spanish language meetings at the facilities.
- SCI Philadelphia has a women's section that meetings can go to if we have people to take them in.
- Attend the Prisons Monthly Meeting (Hybrid) for Philadelphia and SCI commitments.
- Looking for people to become part of both the Pen Pal and Temp Contact programs.
- George W Hill – Chaplain Dunn requests that we please make sure that the attendance sheets are completed. Get these from the desk guard at security.

June Commitments @ GW Hill:

Women – Mondays @ 7:30

6/5 Fresh Hope – Brooke 484-300-7352

6/12 Chester Woodlyn - Michelle

6/19 RTW – Renee C. 484-832-9091

6/26 Lakeside Women – Denise B. 302-229-1236

Men – Fridays @ 7:30

6/2 Drexel Hill BB – Tom

6/9 Springfield Monday Night - Jack

6/16 New Beginnings – Jim L. 610-803-8140

6/23 Last Call – Sean 610-504-4905

6/30 First Things First – Tom O. 267-804-0836

PUBLIC INFORMATION/WEB TECH (Rocky; Alternate OPEN)

- PLEASE REVIEW ALL GROUP INFORMATION ON THE APP AND THE SEPIA WEBSITE AND CONFIRM YOUR GROUP'S DETAILS
- Please submit photos of your meeting locations (without people) to help drive our accessibility on the web and give us a higher ranking in Google searches. Please consider asking your home group if they are ok with a photo being taken and posted. Send to pi@aasepia.org
- Live Events – If you have one or know of one, please contact PI (Health Fairs, Community Events, etc.)
- Information is being given to Senior Centers and Chester County Probation & Pre-Trial. Reps attended a Senior Expo last month and handed out packets. There is a need for outreach to the Senior Community.
- Looking for ways to stay relevant in today's technology-based society.

SPECIAL EVENTS (OPEN; Alternate OPEN)

- No report this month, outside of comments by Zone Coordinator

UNITY (Hank; Shane, Alternate)

- Unity is the AA Travelling Roadshow. Unity pitches are available in person or through zoom if you don't know what a Unity Pitch is, ASK!
- Unity Picnic is scheduled for June 11, 2023 at Neshaminy Creek State park

TREATMENT (Pez; Courtney, Alternate; Additional Comments by Dave)

- Please contact the intergroup office or pzt1@aasepia.org if you are interested in taking a commitment outside of DelCo. Phila Zone needs help.
- Bridging the Gap is now taking applications for volunteers – see Dave T for further info 610-633-7023
- JUNE Host Commitments:

o Mirmont Tuesday: Brookhaven

o Mirmont Friday: Last Gaspers

o Mirmont Saturday: First Things First

o Harwood House: DH BB

o Keystone Monday: Oakmont / Media Young People

o Keystone Wednesday: Aston Tuesday Night / EHG

o Keystone Friday: Media Beginners / Keep it Green Women

o Crozer Psych Ward: Chester Woodlyn

o Philly VA Monday: First Things First

o Philly VA Wednesday: Last Call

PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT IF YOU TAKE A COMMITMENT, SOMEONE MUST SHOW UP!

• If you cannot keep a meeting or host commitment, or if there are issues or no-shows, this should be communicated as soon as possible to Pez or the Zone Coordinator.

ZC closed the meeting at 8:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 12th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

HMB Ukranian Church

900 Fairview Rd.

Swarthmore, PA 19081

Respectfully submitted by

Brooke S., Zone Secretary

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, May 8, 2023

Report not received prior to submission

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday May 8, 2023

May 8th, 2023

Opened with The Serenity Prayer

Tradition and Concept 6 read and discussed.

Zone Coordinators report: Round Up has come and gone. It was a great success.

Thanks to all involved for making it happen. Special Events is now open for ideas in ref to a new venue for next year's Round Up. Every IGR is to attend the meeting from beginning to end. We conduct new business at the end of the meeting, but you must be present to take important info back to your home groups.

JIM B (Treasurer) Sepia: They meet on Zoom the info is sepia's website. Aasepia.org. Sepia has a surplus so they would like the committees to spend more.

Steve (PI)- Web Tech info/google are working well. There is a lot of traffic due to the google ads. Packets are available for nursing facilities i.e., assisted living facilities, nursing homes. HUSSH needs volunteers. Faith leaders are being contacted as well to be able to provide them with information on AA. The PI dept are also reaching out to radio stations who have played a few PSA's. 90% of alcoholics do not make it to AA. They have created a QR scan that will take it to all links.

Charlie (Prisons): SCI Chester and Phoenix have 2 meetings a week. There is a major need for Spanish speaking participants. Pen pal program is going well. There is a Temp contact list for inmates being released from the facility. Please do not go alone, always go with someone else. We need volunteers to get cleared to take meetings in the prisons.

Spence (Archives): The history of AA in Philadelphia will be played every hour at the round up. Any home group can put in a request for archives to come and show the movie at your home group. They are also in the process of cleaning out some older info to include updated information.

Unity (Tiara T): Annual Unity Cookout is June 11th at Neshaminy State Park. All are welcome fun, fellowship, and food.

Luke (Treatments): Assistance is needed to get these commitments filled.

New IGR's:

Jonas LGBT Trinity Beginners

Kyle NE Club

Stacy Hone on Girard

Personal Anniversaries

Bill 7 years

Joe 21 Months

Saul 6 years Group Anniversaries

Oxford Circle Group 54 years

N. Philly Group 63 years

Jerry (Treatments)- 146 commitments last month 121 were filled. Malvern is a new facility on Broad At. They have 2 floors with 4 meetings each. A question was asked as too then being combined. Jerry will investigate that but as for now we agreed on 4 commitments a week 2 on each floor. We have asked some of the other counties with less commitment to assist. Malvern commitments 3rd floor has drug and alcohol meetings on Sun and Mon at 7pm. 4th floor is dual diagnosis Fri and Mon meetings at 7pm. These commitments will begin in June. Penn Med has free parking. Delco has taken 2 meetings at the via indefinitely. Treatments is also trying to create a QR scan code to assist with keeping updated information on commitments.

Finance- No Report

Anna (Interphones)- They meet on Zoom @7pm last Wednesday of even months. Volunteers are needed for the 12th step call list: People coming out of rehab and escorting them to a few meetings. HUSSH is also in need of volunteers. This program takes meetings to the sick and shut in who are unable to get out to a meeting.

Prisons (Lynn): The process has changed a little at this time you all can now contact the prison Erica or Ms. Moreno to give them the necessary info to apply to volunteer at the prisons. The number is 215-684-8528 also email prisondirector@aasepia.org We need all the assistance we can get. Please ask your home groups to get involved by reaching out to Mac the prison director or Lynn the prison liaison. CFCF cannot open at this time due to lack of volunteers. Detention Ctr 1st and 3rd Sat's of the month from 1230-2pm. PICC Women's 2nd Sat same time. PICC Men's 4th Sat same time. There is also a contact sheet available to assist an inmate coming out of a facility to an AA meeting. DC is beginning a weekender's program for people who are in for DUI's. They will be joined in on the regular weekend meetings beginning in June. The pen pal program is going very well. Letters will need to be submitted by Sun to be sent out on Mondays.

PI (JOHN): Support is needed. John has volunteered to become the new liaison for PI. PI is in the process of procuring 5 billboards in 5 counties. They are also reaching out to radio stations for some advertising time. They meet on Zoom the 3rd Wed monthly.

Special Events (Dave): The Gratitude breakfast still hasn't locked in a date. Location is still being sought. This date also commemorates AA's 75th anniversary. There will also be a BINGO night, more info to follow. There has also been some very strong opinions on the Round Up. Please send or bring your comments to the special events committee.

Joseph (Unity): Get involved. The cookout is June 11th at Neshaminy State Park. They are asking for donations to be covered. Set up and clean up volunteers are needed before and after the cookout. They are also going to home groups upon invitation to give a unity pitch. They meet the 3rd Tues on zoom monthly.

Young People: No Report

CPC(Jesse): This committee educates the medical community on the topic of alcoholism. They are 1 st year med students from Drexel University. This semester we have escorted 36 students. Criteria for this committee is 2 meetings w/CPC to escort. They do presentations upon invitation to home groups as well.

Old Business: Motion passed to give out commitments in a lottery style fashion.

37 yeas 0 No's

We need people to get involved with service. There are numerous positions open.

Next meeting June 12th, @7pm

Closed with "I am responsible"