



**November 2023**

**Steering Committee  
Reports**

**Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, December 11, 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 November 2023**

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I chaired the Steering Committee Meeting on November 8 and attended the following:

- Cooperation with the Professional Community Meeting 11-6-23
- Public Information 11-15-23
- Philly Zone Meeting 11-13-23
- Special Events Meeting 11-27-23

We are off and running with the 2023-2024 Steering Committee. There are a lot of familiar faces, some new ones too, and I look forward to serving with everyone.

Interphones still needs support. I believe it's critical to make sure a newcomer can hear a friendly voice and get directed to a meeting when calling SEPIA. Please contact Fran 215-923-7900 for more information.

If you want to learn more about what a 12 Step Committee does...attend one of their meetings!

With gratitude,  
Jay F.  
Chairperson

## **Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of November 2023**

Vice Chair Report  
November 2023

- Attended Bucks County Zone meeting.
- Email contact with Area 59 Alternate Delegate Curt Chambers (Panel 73) regarding Share-A-Day (SAD) 2024: discussed venues and dates / SJN Center for Saturday, February 3 rd or 10 th to avoid interfering with parishioners Sunday service and competing for limited parking but remaining open to Sunday early afternoon if Saturday is not available. Curt will announce date for planning meeting at the Area meeting on the 12/10.
- Chaired the Special Events Monthly Meeting (first time – yikes!!)
  - Voted on theme for Round UP 2024 : lots of great participation and themes. Thanks to all who submitted their ideas. Winner is “164 at the Shore”.
  - Fran sent out email blast – the day after the meeting – announcing the Logo Contest (close date 12/23/23). Logo will be voted on during December's meeting on 12/28.
  - Tentative dates and location for RU planning meeting (1/6, 1/7, 1/20, or 1/21 at St. John Neumann Center). Post meeting contact with Tree of Life Church in Springfield as an alternative site.)
  - 3 bids for T-shirt and pin printing – winning bid will be decided right after the committee votes on the winning logo.
  - Gratitude Breakfast – asked members to think about possible sites in their areas and bring back suggestions for 2024.
  - Bingo – tabled to post-Roundup.
- Received and reviewed various SE documents sent by Jay (that RoundUp Excel spreadsheet is something else!). Thanks Jay!!!!
- There was a problem with SE committee members not receiving my emails regarding upcoming meeting. Double checked SE group email lists, member email addresses, and added new members. Updated distribution list is now 94 members. Sent test email.

Please see the Special Events' meeting minutes included in the Steering Committee Reports for more details on the above or feel free to contact me directly.

Submitted by:  
Tiara T. 215-519-5424  
With a grateful heart – YIS  
December 4, 2023

### **SEPIA Office Report from the month of November 2023**

Office Report for the Month November 2023

The office is focused on getting the new website registration procedure in order. Kevin working closely with web technician, Kerri, on getting the details correct and doing testing to ensure that online registration goes smoothly this year.

Paper registrations will be ready as soon as the pricing gets set for merchandise, registration etc. You can reserve rooms at the Grand Hotel now. Call the hotel at 800 257 8550 and you must use the code 656596 when making your reservation.

We are also deleting rejected emails from our Mail Chimp and adding new email addresses of the IGR's and members that request to have the Interviews emailed to them. If you would like to be added to the list you can call or email the office and we will add your name to the list.

Please send in your meeting changes! If you know of a meeting that is no longer there please let us know. Newcomers are going to meetings listed on our 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!!

Any questions, please feel free to contact anyone at the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900.

Thank you for your service!

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Blessed Holiday Season !  
Fran, Kris, Candy, & Kevin

### **Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from November 16, 2023**

#### **SEPIA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2023**

Attendance: Stephanie W. (Treasurer), Greg B (Assistant Treasurer), Jay (Chair), Jeff (Bucks Co Visitor)

Meeting opened at 7 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions

- Read and discussed Tradition 1 and Concept 1
- Reviewed Financial Reports: Monthly Income Statement (P&L), Year-to-Date I/S, Balance Sheet
  - OCTOBER MONTHLY P&L
    - Fran still needs to complete Bank Reconciliation
    - Discussed large inventory adjustment (prior year issue). Impacted monthly bottom line. And yearly bottom line.
    - Reviewed committee and office expenses
  - OCTOBER YTD – FINAL YEARLY INCOME STATEMENT
    - Increase in revenue noted in literature and contributions.
    - Discussed variances in yearly expenses in COGS

- Unplanned deficit because of literature costs (increases) and less net revenue in fund raising.
    - 10,000 deficit related to the inventory adjustment in addition; committee and office expenditures were less than budgeted.
    - Should be noted that figures are not finalized.
  - BALANCE SHEET
    - It appears that literature inventory is now accurate.
    - Accounts payable number looks high.
    - Again, the end of year numbers have not been finalized yet.
  - OFFICE MANAGER REPORT (Jay)
    - The new Zoom set up is working for meetings.
    - Website is being worked on—working on back end registration initially.
- Other Business
    - Jay asked a question about some directors getting laptops. If purchased, they should be charged against committee budgets.
    - Updated Prudent Reserve – Will review when numbers finalized.
    - Found new CPA firm to prepare financial statements.
    - Unity Pitches – Try to have the finance committee members attend the Unity Pitches and not just the treasurer/assistant treasurer.

Next finance committee meeting to be held December 21 at 7 pm on zoom.

### **Archives Committee Report from November 14, 2023**

Report not received in time for publication.

### **CPC Committee Report from November 6, 2023**

#### **CPC Minutes November 6, 2023**

- Number of Attendees: 25
- Attendees to fill out this form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex\\_M\\_V4xxaAwUFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex_M_V4xxaAwUFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit)
- To view volunteers that have completed the form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex\\_M\\_V4xxaAwUFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex_M_V4xxaAwUFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit)
- Meeting is the 1st Monday of the month. Hybrid. SEPIA office and Zoom.
- 25 people at the meeting including online.
- Liaison's reports - 3 present.
- 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
- 3 new people signed up for CPC.
- 36 students, from Drexel, were assigned for the month of October. All were escorted to meetings.
- 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 1½ 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 for no more than 15 minutes before and after the AA meeting.
  - [cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org)

- If the students have questions post-meeting and/or 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 the escort reaches out to them, the escort needs to let Lorie, Mike and Steve know. It proved to be very helpful and alleviates scrambling at the end of the month.
- Escorts need to make sure to copy Lorie Cannon, Steve and Mike on ALL correspondence
  - llc62@drexel.edu
  - cpcdirector@aasepia.org
  - cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
- Escorts 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.
- HR Summit was discussed. This is a recurring workshop where Human Resource representatives share best practices. Alcoholics Anonymous could participate. Richard Avery from HR Summit attended our meeting to explain their program. Question were brought up about having to pay for this service, attraction versus promotion, anonymity and the possible perception that AA is endorsing HR Summit. These will be investigated in the future.
- Reflection papers were addressed. One of the students felt they were being pushed to submit their reflection paper. It was decided, going forward, we will no longer ask for the reflection papers. Instead, we will create a couple of questions, on their website, the student has the option to answer, regarding the information contained in their reflection paper. They will also have the option to submit the full paper with their personal information redacted.
- A budget of \$800 was approved at our September meeting. This will be voted on with the SEPIA budget at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **Interphones Committee**

- Interphones Committee did not meet in November.
- Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **Prison Committee Minutes from November 2, 2023**

Prison Committee report November 2, 2023

Chair: Charlie K.

Attendees - 8

- Read Tradition 1 and Concept 1
- Prison Guidelines read

Introductions and thanks to everyone for coming

Zone Reports:

Bucks County – Another men's meeting possibly being added; Women's meeting good.

Chester County – They are starting to do clearance again and going to open meeting up as some point.

Delaware County – Men's and women's meetings being filled weekly.

MontCo – MCCF men/women meetings are being filled weekly and Bldg #10/Bldg #51 being filled weekly.

Philadelphia County – Meeting being filled weekly at PICC and DC. Still no response from Ms. Moreno (e-mailed about orientation)

State and FDC:

SCI Chester – Things are great at the prison; attendance is growing and need to send more books.

SCI Phoenix – Things are good; meetings are being taken care of but need to get more people cleared.

FDC Philadelphia – Meetings are going well; good attendance but also needs more books.

Temporary contact – List is good; got 2 letters from inmates with release dates in 2024

Pen Pal – Eryn is doing good service weekly with the letters to the prisons

New Business:

6<sup>th</sup> annual National Corrections Conference – discussion about sending a trusted servant to represent SEPIA and decided to take information to the Steering Committee

Charlie K

### **Public Information Committee Minutes from November 15, 2023**

Public Information Committee

November 15th, 2023 Minutes

Wednesday, November 15th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206pwd=cWIPd2ZSUllvWHcwbndyeXA4SFAwUT09>

I. Open with Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Sam H – PI Director, Deborah D – PI Asst Dir, Jay F – Chair, Nick M – Chester Liaison, Laura A – Bucks Liaison, Daniel R (Rocky) – Delco Liaison, Mamapalo – PI Member, Jeff F – PI Member

II. Read Tradition 1

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Senior Outreach Campaign: Sam H

a. Flyers and packets will be given out including HUSH material.

b. PI liaisons may distribute packets at Zone meetings.

2. Faith Leaders Campaign: Sam H

a. We are continuing to utilize the Clergy pamphlet in packets. We will use the new Faith Leaders pamphlet, which is more inclusive, when it becomes available.

3. University Contact list: Sam H (PI Director) Review the 'Educator' e-flyer here

a. The Google Spreadsheet is being used for committee members to enter University contact information and to make connections.

4. Lamar Billboard - Billboards week of October 18, 2023

a. It was mentioned that District 23 is putting up a billboard on Route 309.

b. We had 5 Billboards rented in October and will look to do so again moving forward.

5. State Senators and Representatives

a. We will continue to discuss the best strategy to connect to and attend events.

6. Young People Service Card

- a. Need to coordinate QR code with launch of new website.
- 7. Consider creating a Facebook Page
- 8. Check contents of Public Information Workbook Kit  
[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-65w\\_PI\\_Kit.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf)

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

New Committee has transitioned.

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, December 20th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA  
 Sam H., Director of Public Information, [publicinfodirector@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfodirector@aasepia.org) – please send any photos of your home group for the Google Business Profile page.  
 Deborah D., Assistant Director of Public Information [publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org)

PI Zone Liaisons & Alternate Liaisons:

- Bucks: Laura A- [publicinfobcz@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfobcz@aasepia.org)
- Bucks Alternate: Michael C - [publicinfobczal@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfobczal@aasepia.org)
- Chester: Nick M - [publicinfocczl@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfocczl@aasepia.org)
- Chester: Open Position - [publicinfocczal@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfocczal@aasepia.org)
- Delaware: Rocky R - [publicinfodczl@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfodczl@aasepia.org)
- Delaware Alternate: Meg O'B - [publicinfodczal@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfodczal@aasepia.org)
- Montgomery: Sarah K - [publicinfomcz@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfomcz@aasepia.org)
- Montgomery Alternate: Open - [publicinfomczaltliaison@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfomczaltliaison@aasepia.org)
- Philadelphia: John H - [publicinfopcz@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfopcz@aasepia.org)
- Philadelphia Alternate: Phillip K - [publicinfopczaltliaison@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfopczaltliaison@aasepia.org)

Contents of Public Information Workbook Kit: [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-65w\\_PI\\_Kit.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf)

**Special Events Committee Report from Sunday November 27, 2023**

**11/27/23 Special Events Committee Meeting Notes**

- 30 Attendees
- Opened with the Serenity Prayer
- Anniversary - Jimmy celebrated 36 years on 11/27
- October Meeting Minutes accepted
  
- Voted on 2024 Round Up Themes - 29 submissions shared in a poll by Fred S. Each meeting attendee voted for their top 3. Fred tallied the first poll and made a second poll with the top 3 themes from poll #1 - which happened to be 5 because there was a tie (164 at the Shore, Follow the Path, Rule 62, Power of We, and Happy, Joyous and Free). The winner was “164 By the Shore.” Fran will send out an email blast about the theme and a logo contest that’ll last about 3 weeks. We were encouraged to share this info through personal networks.

**Old Business**

- Gratitude Breakfast - Location
- Round Up - March 8-10, 2024
- Round Up Planning Meeting - search for locations to fit 300 people. Round Up Bids for shirts and pins - 3 bids, Dave highly recommended East Coast Designs and Lorraine showed example of sweatshirt. Jay suggested we keep in mind cost and ability to supply considering it’ll be a quick turn-around time. It was suggested to minimize colors to keep cost down. Rich mentioned to Tiara that suppliers may charge differently for colors/logo intricacy and that it might be beneficial for a few trusted servants to make the decision as opposed to opening it back up to the entire committee. Jimmy disagreed and Dave said the lowest bid should win.

- Bingo - tabled until after the Round Up

### **New Business**

- Share-a-Day - Tiara working with the Alternate Area Delegate, Curt. St. John Neumann's has had a change of personnel but penciled us in for Saturday February 3rd from 11-3pm. We will recommend that people carpool because parking is tight.
- Next Special Events Committee Meeting was decided to be rescheduled due to Christmas so will be held on Thursday December 28th at 7pm
- Glen brought up the Round Up Planning Meeting being open to suggestions on venues. St. John Neumann's and the Kroc Center were brought up. The group thought the Kroc center may be too small. Email vicechair@aasepia.org with location suggestions. January 6th and January 20th are the proposed dates. Tiara will check with (Shannon?) at St. John Neumann's for venue prices.
- Glen motioned to close.

### **Treatment Facilities Committee Report from November 8, 2023**

#### **Treatment Committee Report**

11.8.23

Zoom ID : 881 4239 6509, Passcode : 805478

Attendees :

Jay Sepia Chair

David K. Committee Director

Jerry S. Asst Director

Jim L. Delco liaison

Courtney B. Delco asst liaison

Sean Q. Philadelphia liaison

Amanda Q. Phila. Asst liaison

James C. Bucks liaison

Shelby Montco liaison

Tim M Montco asst liaison

Bobette Chester liaison

Pierre BTG Chester

Tom C. BTG

Glenn S. BTG phila.

Rob. Visitor

Meeting Open with Serenity Prayer followed by Introductions and the welcome of all new committee members for this rotation

Jerry – Reads Tradition 1

James – Reads Concept 1

Zone Reports

Bucks County – 46 Commitments all filled – Lit is being distributed as requested – New meeting at Lower Bucks Hospital

Chester County – No exact count of commitments- 9 centers most filled- likely to fill all

Delaware County – 57 commitments all filled- Miramont meetings request

Montgomery County – 66 Commitments 63 filled – hopeful to fill the rest- Novembers unfilled were



filled

Philadelphia – 132 Commitments all filled- vote to start Treatment commitments earlier during zone (passed)

#### BTG Reports

Tom working to expand accessibility to volunteer lists. Working on more volunteers. Attended Committee meeting- Report of 4 out of 5 zones active. Challenges working with Area

Pierre – Group Conscience meeting set. Report of numbers being down for presentations at facilities. Some request from Gaudenzia

Glenn – Pursuing more volunteers for certain districts. Reaching out to Belmont and Malvern. Report of lacking actual lists of volunteers already signed up.

#### Old Business :

(Passed) Vote of Mandatory Quarterly in person committee meeting discussed with some pushback. Chester county very opposed and adamant no one can make it in person.

#### New Business :

Discussed the visions of the Treatment Committee this year, the best ways to implement and ascend as close as possible to these goals with the interest of all of AA in mind.

Reevaluation of Horsham Clinic by the Treatment committee.

### **Unity Committee Report from November 21, 2023**

SEPIA Unity Committee Meeting –November 21, 2023

#### **Opening 7:00PM – Serenity Prayer**

In attendance:

Mike Q – Unity Director

Joseph -Philly zone liaison

Shane -Montco zone liaison

Josh - Delco zone liaison

Bobette – representing Chester County for Jake

Steve M from Chester County – supporting the committee

Luke S - Asst Unity director

Mike read Tradition 1

Joseph read Concept 1

#### **Old Business:**

Completed Unity pitches –

East Falls Sunday night 10/29

Mike ,Luke ,Paul,Steve S.,Stephanie ,Shane from Montco

Spring City Sisters Wed 11/15

Mike ,Luke ,Paul ,Steve S., Stephanie

Upcoming pitches :

Manayunk Big Book Monday 1/22 7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Church  
119 Rector Street  
Phila, PA

Women of Grace Tuesday 1/30 6:00 PM  
Newtown Presbyterian Church  
25 N. Chancellor Street  
Newtown, PA

Paoli Group of Devon :pending their selection of a date

**New Business:**

Mike noted that the QR code is working, leading interested parties to a google sign-up sheet for various service committees.

Luke asked if we could modify the text of the current Unity pitch format with an eye toward making it more lively/entertaining. Broad discussion followed, with all agreeing that it could be improved. Luke agreed to suggest modifications and bounce same off of various committees and include Unity committee members in the discussion of said proposals.

Next Unity meeting: Tuesday December 19 7:00 PM on zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTItaGZNUT09>

Closing – 8:00 PM With a Unity Pledge with which I am completely unfamiliar (L.S.)

**Website/Technology Committee Report from November 8, 2023**

Report not received in time for publication.

**Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, November 13, 2023**

**Bucks County Zone Meeting**

November 13th 2023

Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Read Tradition 1.

Read Concept 1.

Jim read last month's minutes.

**Attendance:**

- Intergroup Reps: 45
- Alternates without rep present: 6
- Alternates with rep present: 6
- Guests: 5
- Total: 62
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**New Representatives:**

- Meg B- Sunday Serenity

- Steph- Step Angels
- Shauna- Heard it through the Grapevine
- Christina- Steps to Serenity
- Drew- Newtown Gratitude
- Doug- Chalfont group
- Jim O'Brien- Time on our Side
- Andy- Doylestown group

### **Anniversaries:**

#### **Personal:**

- Liz- 1 Year
- Art- 1 Year
- Morgan- 18 Months
- Greg- 2 Years
- Mike- 22 Years
- Bobby K- 28 Years

#### **Home Group:**

- Living Room Group- 12/10/2023 @6pm, 9 Years
- Steelworkers- 3rd or 4th Monday in December, 49 Years

### **Guest reports:**

#### **Fran- Office Manager**

- Updating the mail chain. Planning to send one email per week.
- Please send in meeting changes or change on AAsepia.org.

#### **Stephanie- Treasurer**

- Need Finance liaison.
- New fiscal year began 11/01/2023.
- Treasurer delegates money between the committees and reviews financial reports.
- Hired new CPA firm.

#### **Tiara T- Vice Chair, Special Events**

- Round Up March 8th through March 10th in Cape May.
- Voting on a theme for Round Up on November 27th on zoom.
- Share-a-Day in February.
- Planning a Bingo night for next year.

#### **Deborah- Assistant Director of Public Information**

- Currently running a senior outreach campaign, contact for large print pamphlets.
- Also running a faith leaders campaign, contact for pamphlets.
- 5 Billboards currently up in Southeastern Pennsylvania.
- Attempting to connect with Senators for events.

#### **Oz- Officer at Large**

- First 164 pages of the Big Book will remain unchanged (Thank God).
- Plain language Big Book will also be published.
- Get with your groups GSR to bring the changes to the group, full changes found on AA.org.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Lindsey Zone Coordinator:**

- I was not aware I had to write this part down.

**Allison- Archives:**

- Meets the 2 nd Tuesday of every month.
- Need group histories – you can find the form on the S.E.P.I.A. website.
- One copy goes to S.E.P.I.A.; other copies go into zone committee meeting binders.
- Also need long timer's testimonies - over 20 years of continuous sobriety.
- HG's can request a member of the Archives Committee to come to their HG and play a DVD about how AA came to Philly – about 22 minutes long.
- Preservation Work meets the third Saturday of every month at the S.E.P.I.A. office.

**Roger- CPC:**

- Meets the 1st Monday of the month on Zoom.
- The committee helps police, medical, and other professionals understand what A.A. is and how it can help their clients.
- Volunteers needed to escort health care professionals to open meetings – all currently on Zoom.
- To become a CPC representative, you must attend a meeting and then shadow an experienced member.
- 1 year of continuous sobriety is recommended, but not required.
- 45 Drexel students escorted this month, 36 more next month.
- Looking into new opportunities to escort HR workers, Pharmaceutical workers, legal professionals etc.

**No Report- Finance:**

- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom.
- Finance is responsible for overseeing 7th tradition contributions.

**No Report- Interphones:**

- Meets the last Wednesday of every other month – the next meeting is 12/27/23.
- Volunteers answer phones when the S.E.P.I.A. office is closed.
- HUSSHH meets on Zoom the third Tuesday of every month.

**Laura- Public Information:**

- The committee is meant to provide information about AA to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.
- Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month on Zoom.
- We have a Google Business Profile page – we need photos of home group's meeting spaces to add to the website - keep in mind that it is important to avoid photos of people (it's an anonymous program) and anything that may lend affiliation to an outside enterprise (e.g. crosses, bibles, business names, etc.). You can email photos directly to [publicinfodirector@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfodirector@aasepia.org).
- Want to help spread awareness for AA? Go to <https://aasepia.org/docs/199/aa-rack-card.pdf> to obtain Rack Cards, which provide immediate access to the S.E.P.I.A. website as well as a number to call to speak with another alcoholic directly. These cards are great to place in literature racks, on bulletin boards (with permission), and to give to newcomers.
- We Can Help flyers are also available on the website. Anyone can print them out and distribute them to local businesses. Always ask permission from the business owners/managers first.

**Jim G- Special Events:**

- Meets the last Monday of every month on Zoom.
- Join our zoom meeting on the 27th to give your input on how to make the Round up as good as possible.
- Locations for Gratitude Breakfast needed, must seat at least 300.
- Bingo night in the works for the middle of next year.

**No Report- Unity:**

- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom
- Committee members go around to home groups and discuss 12th step service positions with the intent of getting members excited and more involved in-service work.

**Courtney (male liaison)- Prisons:**

- There are 3 prisons in Bucks County: 3 male and 1 female.
- Committee members ensure all guidelines are followed, according to each facility's specifications.
- Each facility has different clearance requirements. However, there are no conditions to join the prison committee!
- Meets the 1st Thursday of every month.
- Bucks is looking to start a daytime zoom meeting.
- Prisons are desperate for pen pals, remains completely anonymous.

**Marie- Treatment:**

- Problem with Gaudenzia commitments not showing up, please make sure we are showing up.
- Trying to get back Friday night 7pm commitment at Gaudenzia.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Time on our Side group is holding their 2nd annual Alcathon on New Years. Starts 6pm on 12/31/23 and ends at 12 noon on 1/1/24.
- Jamie G steps up as Treatment liaison.
- Greg steps up as Interphones liaison.
- Christina steps up as Finance liaison.
- Liz steps up as Alternate Interphones liaison.

Motion to close at 8pm.

Closed with I Am Responsible.

**Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday November 13, 2023**

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes Nov. 13, 2023

\*Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting Chairperson – Eileen

- New IGRs were welcomed.
- There was a quick orientation for new IGRs immediately following the meeting.

**Welcome New IGRs:**

- Tori (Twisted Sisters)
- Kathy P. (Coatesville Message of Hope)
- Jill (Mid-day Miracles) \*info not shared in chat so unable to add to email list.
- Maureen (Oxford Conscious Alternate)
- Bob S. (Kimberton Alternate)
- Dave C. (Saturday Big Book Study)
- Anthony H (211 Group)
- LeeAnn (Friday Night Fortunate's Alternate)

**Anniversaries this month:**

- Mike M shared that the West Chester Group just celebrated its 77th Anniversary.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- October 2023 meeting minutes were sent to all via email and were unanimously approved.
- There was 1 Correction to voting number.

**Attendance:**

- 55 total people in attendance
- 35 IGRs \*polling was unable to be done so voting was taken manually.
- 6 Alternate IGRs \*polling was unable to be done so voting was taken manually.

**Concepts & Traditions:**

- Tradition 1: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."
- Concept 1: "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

**SEPIA Steering Committee Updates****Assistant Director Unity > Luke S. [unityasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unityasstdirector@aasepia.org)**

- Unity comes to your homegroup and shares what service opportunities are available (a "Unity Pitch."). If your home group would like to schedule a Unity Pitch, let your Chester Co. Zone Coordinator know or reach out to Luke.

**Assistant Director of Interphones > Sharon**

- Looking for volunteers to answer calls. Anyone interested in taking an open slot should contact the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900. Here are the time slots that need volunteers:
  - o Monday 5PM - 9PM - 1 slot
  - o Monday 12AM - 9AM - 2 slots
  - o Tuesday 9PM - 12AM - 1 slot
  - o Tuesday 12AM - 9AM - 2 slots
  - o Wednesday 12AM - 9AM - 2 slots
  - o Thursday 9PM - 12AM - 2 slots
  - o Thursday 12AM - 9AM - 2 slots
  - o Friday 9PM - 12AM - 2 slots
  - o Friday 12AM - 9AM - 1 slot
  - o Saturday 9PM - 12AM - 3 slots
  - o Saturday 12AM - 9AM - 2 slots
  - o Sunday 9AM - 1 PM - 1 slot
  - o Sunday 5PM - 9PM - 1 slot
  - o Saturday 9PM - 12AM - 2 slots
  - o Saturday 12AM - 9AM - 1 slots
- If you have at least 1 year of continuous sobriety, you can help carry the A.A. message at a certain time each week. Callers will not be given your phone number.

**Assistant Director of CPC > Steve S. [cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org)**

- Purpose is to carry the message to the professional community so they know what AA is all about and how to reach AA.
- Currently taking medical students to AA meetings.
- Volunteers need 1 year of sobriety and shadow someone 1st.
- We all can do this simply by sharing with our doctors that we are in AA and how a patient can reach AA.

- CPC Meetings are on the first Monday at 7pm – hybrid (zoom 869 6733 4672; Passcode SEPIA1903; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967334672?pwd=ZkwvOHYvZ3M3a2NoaHMrSGNGK1duZz09>)

#### **SEPIA Secretary > Jon R.**

- SEPIA office updates: upgraded professional Zoom equipment was installed; AASEPIA.org website is being updated to provide a better experience for visitors to site.
- SEPIA is always looking for volunteers.
- If you become aware of a meeting that needs to be updated on the SEPIA website, please let SEPIA know ASAP by emailing [manager@aasepia.org](mailto:manager@aasepia.org)

#### **District Announcements:**

- District 29 - Amy M. - nothing reported.
- District 30 – Peg H. - not in attendance.
- District 38 – Kathleen G. - not in attendance.
- District 44 –Taylor S. - DCM (Tim) invited all those in the district to join their next meeting which is Thursday 11/17/23.
- District 56 – Nick: shared info & flyers for upcoming holiday Alcathons:
  - Thanksgiving Alcathon flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uclSyyWAalQzLPnEML2J1ORDhP0udzNU/view?usp=sharing>
  - Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve Alcathons flyer: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WNApQQAFV7A\\_sfEkfD7GfxhPGej1CHsp/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WNApQQAFV7A_sfEkfD7GfxhPGej1CHsp/view?usp=drive_link)

#### **Chester County Zone Updates/Announcements**

##### **Archives: Jon - [jhatelemgt@aol.com](mailto:jhatelemgt@aol.com)**

- Still looking for members who have 20+ years of sobriety to be recorded for Archives. Email Jon if interested.

##### **CPC: Jeanne**

- Continuing to escort Drexel med students to open AA zoom mtgs. Volunteer escorts are always needed.
- Monthly meetings are open to all AA members. To be an escort, you need to have 6 months of continuous sobriety, attend at least 2 CPC committee meetings, and shadow at least 1 other escort during their interaction with students.
- Looking at the possibility of working with Human Resource Summits to participate in meetings that they hold. The focus of these meetings is to share best practices in the leadership and management of Human Resources departments and staff with key decision makers. We would have the opportunity to make presentations about AA at their events. We would be given a registration list of the participants for possible follow-up on our part. People in the meeting would also have the option to contact us. SEPIA would have to pay for this. There are various levels of participation that we could choose. Paying for carrying the message is nothing new to Alcoholics Anonymous or to SEPIA. Examples for SEPIA are billboards and signs on SEPTA buses.
- The Public Information Committee of the General Service Conference is considering the feasibility of paid placement of Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on streaming platforms.
- If anyone has contacts in an organization that is interested in learning more about AA, please send contact information to Michael H. - [cpcdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcdirector@aasepia.org) - or Steve S. - [cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org)
- The CPC committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7PM either by Zoom or in-person at SEPIA’s offices.
- Upcoming CPC & PI Conference: Dec 2-3, 2023; 1-6pm ET ONLINE via Zoom; This conference is FREE; Advance Registration required to Receive Zoom link before event. Registration Form - <https://bit.ly/CPCPI2023>

##### **Finance: OPEN**

- In need of a Finance Liaison which meets the 3rd Thursday of each month via zoom.

**Men's Prison: George**

- Still looking/trying to get meetings up & running. New counselor at prison required that all volunteers be re-cleared so just finished doing that.

**Public Information: Nick - [publicinfocczl@aasepia.org](mailto:publicinfocczl@aasepia.org)**

- Informs the public who we are, what we do and how to find us.
- Currently distributing info to senior centers & to Clergy, and attending expo's.
- Want Packets to distribute to Clergy or Senior Centers? Want to assist at outreach tables at health expos? Want to submit pictures of your meeting space without people in the photo? Email Nick

**Special Events: Steve**

- This is a super fun committee...they plan events like the Round-Up (3/8-3/10 in Cape May, NJ), Share-A-Day (Feb), and various breakfasts (Gratitude Breakfast).
- Need an Alternate.
- Meet via zoom last Monday of the month @ 7pm

**Treatment: Jake/Bobette**

- December Treatment sign-up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19kyusAMNncZaiz6Dg8d0QVjfevD9qcPr1-iVDQLwPYo/edit#gid=1738679187>

**Bridging the Gap: Pierre A. - 484-363-0337**

- Helps connect patients in treatment facilities with an AA member so they have a person to take them to their 1st 3-5 meetings. If you'd like to volunteer, let Pierre know.

**Unity: Bobette**

- 1 Unity Pitch coming up

**Chester Co Pennscypaa Bid Committee: Sydney A./Nick**

- Dec. 9th - "Festivus for the Mess of Us"

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QBr2W4T4fGEEUhpQ8GgfHKaKKMx3JCQA/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QBr2W4T4fGEEUhpQ8GgfHKaKKMx3JCQA/view?usp=drive_link)

- Jan 20th - "8th Annual Spaghetti and Speaker"

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-0Jzm2r8156qyBsacSdukvySpWk4oQj/view?usp=sharing>

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Bob S. shared: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Phoenixville clubhouse (Gay and Walnut Streets) @ 1pm following the 12pm meeting....free eats!!!

Meeting Closed at 8:08pm with the Responsibility Statement.

Our next meeting is Monday December 11th at 7pm (2nd Monday of each Month) via Zoom.

**Delaware County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday November 13, 2023**

Delaware County Zone Meeting

Minutes - November 2023

DRAFT

**Opening:**

Open the meeting at 7:00 PM



## Serenity Prayer

Present previous minutes for review and approval

### Attendance:

#### Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 41
- Alt w/o rep: 3

#### Other Attendees:

- Alt. w/rep: 3
- SC Members: 4
- District Reps: 0
- Guests: 0

### Zone Coordinator's Report:

- Zone Coordinator shared information from the steering committee meeting, including brief statements regarding the 2023 Gratitude Breakfast
- The 2024 RoundUp will be March 8 – 10 at The Grand Hotel, Cape May.
- Logo contest will have a quick turnaround time due to the early date of the event (est. Jan submissions)

### Alt Zone Coordinator's Report:

- No Report

### Old Business:

- Positions still needing to be filled:
  - Finance Jack B. / OPEN
  - Interphones Maryanne / OPEN

### New Business:

### Steering & Liaison Reports:

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

#### **Jerry S - Assistant Treatment**

- Brief statements regarding safety in treatment / psychiatric centers
- Please report any safety issues with facilities

#### **Lynn - Assistant Prison Director**

- Brief statements regarding prisons, open status, and meeting times.
- Temporary Contact - take released inmate to their first meeting.
- Pen Pal - email letters to inmates to Eryn ([etjele@gmail.com](mailto:etjele@gmail.com)).

#### **Mike - Director of CPC**

- Volunteers are needed to take med and nursing students to meetings. Check the SEPIA website for sign up information or email [cpcdirector@aasepia.org](mailto:cpcdirector@aasepia.org).
- You must attend two (2) CPC meetings before you can take a student to a meeting.
- Drexel University
  - Zoom or in-person meeting.
  - Meet with students before and after the meeting.

#### **Paul - Director of Interphones**

- Interphones [meeting are the last Wed of every EVEN month (meet 6x/year) at 7 PM]
  - Volunteers needed!
  - 25 OPEN time slots.

- Brief statements shared on each time slot and role of volunteer.
- HUSSHH
  - Volunteers needed!
  - Take a meeting to homebound AA members.

\*Zone Coordinator introduced each member serving as a representative this year

**ARCHIVES (Jack; Alternate - Joe)**

- No NEW report
- Standard Overview Report:
- 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.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (Todd; Alternate - Pez)**

- No report this month, outside of the comments by the steering committee

**FINANCE (Jack B.; Alternate OPEN)**

- No rep present.

**INTERPHONES (Maryanne; Alternate OPEN)**

- No rep present, comments presented by the steering committee.

**PRISONS (Blaine; Alternate - Brooke)**

- 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.
- If you take a commitment, please make sure that the clearance paperwork has been filed.
- December Commitments @ GW Hill:

Women – Mondays @ 7:30  
 12/4 Rosetree Women - Renee  
 12/11 Fresh Hope – Brooke S.  
 12/18 New Life Group - Pam  
 12/25 Lakeside Women - Denise  
Men – Fridays @ 7:30  
 12/1 Springfield Monday - Jack  
 12/8 Hardcore - Dave  
 12/15 Brookhaven - Mike  
 12/22 Aston Looking Good - Chris  
 12/29 707 Literature - Glenn

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/WEB TECH (Rocky; Alternate - Meg B.)**

- PI helps to inform the general public about AA and where to find meetings.
- 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](mailto:pi@aasepia.org).
- Live Events – If you have one or know of one, please contact PI (Health Fairs, Community Events, etc.)
- Church outreach - if you would like to distribute information about AA with any church, please ask for an information packet to give to the pastor.

- Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month on Zoom. The meeting is on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Dave T.; Alternate - Shannon)

- 2024 Gratitude Breakfast needs suggestions for locations that can hold about 300 people.

UNITY (Josh G.; Alternate - ?)

- Traveling Road Show wants to come to your homegroup to share with other members how they can get involved and what each committee does.
- Monthly events/meetings are available for members to attend.
- Questions or comments - just ask Josh G.

TREATMENT (Jim L.; Courtney, Alternate)

- December Host Commitments:
  - Mirmont Tuesday: Media Beginners
  - Mirmont Friday: Bill's Wisdom
  - Mirmont Saturday: First Things First
  - Harwood House: Aston Tuesday Night
  - Keystone Monday: New Beginnings / Chester-Woodlyn
  - Keystone Wednesday: Media Men's / SWAN
  - Keystone Friday: Aston Tuesday Night / Media Young People
- 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 8:15 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting:

Monday, December 11th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm  
 HMB Ukrainian Church  
 900 Fairview Rd.  
 Swarthmore, PA 19081

Respectfully submitted by  
 Renee C., Zone Secretary

**Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, November 13, 2023**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ZONE MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023

Held at Sanctuary United Methodist Church

**ATTENDANCE:**

- Total = 31
- Visitors = 2

Joe opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer

- 5 new IGR's
  - No
  - New IGR's present:
    - 5 new IGR's

Reading of Tradition 1

Reading of Concept 1

**Anniversaries:**

- None

Moment for sharing if anyone needs to share any pressing needs or feels like they need a drink.

Secretary's Report of previous month's meeting minutes; Minutes Accepted.

**VISITOR'S REPORTS:**

Treatments Dave

- Doing fantastic job with keeping commitments.
- Need alternate for Treatments.
- Goals
  - Review commitments, making sure they are safe for AA's to be there.
  - Looking to expand commitments that are available to us.
- Meets 3rd Monday of every month.
- Mandatory to meet 4 times a year in person to get literature for your areas.

Mike Unity

- Traveling road show
  - Come to your home group to tell your home group what service opportunities are available to you.
  - Sponsor an annual Unity Picnic.
  - Sponsor a fun shop during the year.
  - Meet 3rd Tuesday on Zoom at 7pm.

**LIAISONS REPORTS:**

**Finance/Treasury – Liaison: Jeff F. (Meets 3rd Thursday, Zoom,7:00**

- Need alternate for the new year.
- Looking for people to get involved and spend more money to carry the message.
- Contributions.
- Literature spending is 18% above budget.
- Salaries are below budget.
- Revenues for last quarter we are spending what we are bringing in.
- Plans in process for the next round up.
- Budgets are moving along well re: revenues and expenses.
- Developing budgets for next year – putting emphasis on committees needs and the availability of funds.

**Public Information – Sarah K.**

- Putting billboards on SEPTA buses.
- Getting Literature to college campuses.
- Looking to get QR codes with meeting list on literature.
- Clergy and senior center packets available.
- If you have connections with colleges or tech school with people that are in the position to help students that may have a problem with drinking, please contact the committee.
- PSA on radio stations.
- Electronic billboards – one near the bridge in Philadelphia.

- Please check to be sure that your meeting is listed correctly – let SEPIA know if there is something incorrect.
- Anyone who knows of a library that would put a big book in it let us know we'll get them one.

**Archives – Chris C. (Alternate needed/meets 2nd Tues of the month/Zoom)**

- Looking for long timers of 20 years plus to interview.
- 5 interviews for the month of November and December.
- SEPIA's website, ICON for NOV interviews to see the interviews for the last month.
- One group wants a DVD showing, may be in November. Let them know if you want to view the video in your group and they will bring it: History of AA.
- Archives for SEPIA – they are starting the process of revising the History of AA video and will add information about the zones. The archives team is working on this. The video will not be done any time soon. They have many logistical things to put together before this can be done. Let Archives know if you have any suggestions.

**Cooperating with Professionals Committee – Christy M. (meet 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m., Hybrid)**

- Escorting PCOM students to in person meetings.
- They escort medical students to meetings – taking Drexel students on Zoom now. They do in-person meetings at other times during the year.
- To escort you need one year sobriety, attend two CPC meetings, shadow one time, then you can escort to the meeting, answer questions, talk after the meeting.
- Looking for other opportunities to get the message to other professional environments.

**Interphones – Warren (Alternate needed/meets 4th Wednesday, every other month via Zoom)**

- 18 shifts still available, five people per shift – to get on committee – go to SEPIA.org and apply or attend the next meeting. Shifts Open: Holidays: 9-1 and 1 -5 Monday – Friday different shifts available – 5 – 9 p.m. If you don't answer the phone someone else will pick up.
- 9-12 pm time slot available 9-9 on Sunday.
- New liaison for district and new assistant liaison Paul.
- HUSSHH program looking for volunteers.
- The person calling will not have your name or phone number.
- Updated manual available – 17 pages.
- Download handbook from SEPIA website under Interphones icon.

**Unity – Shane need Alternate (meets 3rd Tuesday Zoom)**

- Go out to different meeting and give out information about all the service opportunities available.
- They will come to your homegroup and give a presentation re: service opportunities.

**Prison – Rick – Need Alternate (meets 1st Thursday Zoom 6:00p Zoom)**

- Montgomery County Correctional Facility – must be cleared to go, one clearance held - two commitments presently: one man, one women. Denny has the clearance list – please let him know if you are available to take a commitment.

**Special Events: Eileen (meets 4th Monday of the month ZOOM, 7:00 p.m.)**

- Made a little over \$5,000 at the gratitude breakfast in October.
- Roundup 3/8 – 3/10 at the Grand in Cape May.
  - Accepting nominations for this year's slogan/theme.
  - Once the slogan/theme is decided then there will be a competition for the flyer design.
- Bingo has been put on hold until after the round up and if they decide to have it will be in May or June
- New Chair voted in last month; her name is Tiara.

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#### **District – Liz District 24**

- Meet first Wednesday of every month at St. Mary’s Church.
- EPGSA occurred over the weekend.
  - Different literature and wording changes in the current literature
- Grapevines is available on an app now.
- They have an application available or a QR code that can be filled out electronically for Bridging the Gap program.
  - Help people when they get out from incarceration to find a meeting.
  - Merging with Temporary contact program.

#### **Chairperson’s Report, Joe M. (need alternate)**

- Bryan to get updated email list next week.
- Budget was approved from finance.
- Interphones needs help.

#### **Treatment Facilities – Shelby**

- 2 open commitments for November:
  - Norristown building 1 (one) 11-15-23 at 7pm
    - No ID required
  - Horsham Clinic 11-24-23 at 7pm
  - Hatfield Women’s Recovery – Shelby has heard from the coordinator.
    - Every Wednesday at 7pm – 8pm,
    - Women only

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Hatfield Recovery House Voted in
  - Every Wednesday 7pm – 8pm

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jacquelyn R Voted in as Secretary - unanimous
- Sue F for Assistant Special Events - unanimous
- Diana F Unity assistant liaison – unanimous
- Tim M Assistant treatment liaison– unanimous

Closed meeting at 7:40 p.m. with “I am Responsible” – I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

Next Montgomery County Zone Meeting will be held in-person at the Sanctuary United Methodist 1346 East Prospect Avenue, North Wales on Monday, December 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jacquelyn R – Secretary

#### **Philadelphia Zone Meeting Report from Monday, November 13, 2023**

#### **Philadelphia Zone IGR 11/13**

OPENED at 7pm with Serenity Prayer, reading of Tradition 1 and Concept 1 by Daryl

Zone Coordinator’s Report (Spencer):

- Congratulations and thank you to all our new steering committee members.
- Maggie will be back next month from her honeymoon, congrats!

Visitors from Steering Committee:

- Jay (Chair): thank you for attending gratitude breakfast- raised 5k for SEPIA. Round Up is going to be March 8-10th at the Grand in Cape May. There will be lots of coffee, among other activities. We need a theme for this year before November 27th- contribute ideas at [vicechair@aasepia.org](mailto:vicechair@aasepia.org) (Tiara).
- Let SEPIA know about any meeting changes: [officemanager@aasepia.org](mailto:officemanager@aasepia.org) (Fran) or [chair@aasepia.org](mailto:chair@aasepia.org) (Jay).
- SEPIA office could always use volunteers to make beginners packets, etc. no time requirement! SEPIA website is under construction, stay tuned for changes.
- Greg (Finance): last Wednesday the budget was passed for 23-24. This Thursday 11/16 at 7pm the finance committee meets on zoom (link on SEPIA calendar). Next year's budget has a deficit, encourage your home groups to support! They will be reviewing the prudent reserve (between 8-12mos operating expenses).

NEW IGRS:

John, University Group  
 Jeff, Pennypack  
 David, We Are Not Saints  
 Evan, HOW Group  
 Mark, Hope Group  
 Holly, Serenity Now

ANNIVERSARIES:

Shawn, 3 years  
 Amanda, 3 years  
 Devon, 29 years  
 Dwayne, 1 year  
 Spencer, 5 years  
 East Falls Big Book, 10 years 11/19 7pm  
 Serenity Group 3 years this Saturday 11/18 9:30  
 New Beginnings 42 years this Saturday 11/18 7pm  
 Day by Day 50 years in October  
 Fishtown Group 52 years in October

In Attendance: 47

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treatment Facilities and Bridging the Gap Committee Report (Sean and Glen)
  - Sean: 42 Commitments this month. The monthly commitments have been working. Feel free to share individual commitments with groups who aren't able to get a block.
  - There have been a few issues at Fairmount behavioral concerning timing (they think all meetings are at 7:30, our schedule says 7 some days and 8pm others- Sean will check in with them)
  - There have been some other timing issues at various treatment facilities
  - Email [pztl@aasepia.org](mailto:pztl@aasepia.org) if there are any issues with h+i commitments during the month.
  - Glen from Bridging the Gap: folks in treatment sign up, folks in aa sign up. You call the folks coming from treatment and meet them at a meeting in your area and introduce them to others. We need more volunteers in north and west Philly.
- Archives Committee Report (Devan)
  - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

- History of AA in Philly dvd was shown at the underground on Halloween.
- Recording stories of folks with 25+ years, let them know if you are interested.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Report (Jesse)
  - In October, 34 Drexel medical students were escorted to open AA meetings.
  - Melody is the new CPC liaison.
- Finance Committee Report
  - None present.
- Interphones/ HUSSHH Committee Report (Joe)
  - BOTH NEED VOLUNTEERS
  - Helping unite sick shut-in homebound alcoholics- takes meetings to those folks.
  - Interphones run the SEPIA phone lines after office hours. Calls forward directly to your phone; ideally there are 5 volunteers per shift.
  - Contact Joe or Fran at SEPIA [officemanager@aasepia.org](mailto:officemanager@aasepia.org)
  - Meets the final Wednesday on even months via Zoom.
- Prison and Temporary Contact Committee Report (Shane)
  - Most areas are filling their commitments well. SCI Phoenix in Montgomery has had some issues with badges (only 12 are available) but they are going to deactivate old ones to allow for more new volunteers.
  - Pen Pal: send an email to [etjele@gmail.com](mailto:etjele@gmail.com) and it will be anonymously sent to an incarcerated individual.
- Public Information (PI) Committee Report
  - None present, but Jay steps in to help!
  - Campaign for putting literature into nursing homes (and related facilities).
  - Trying to connect with larger colleges through healthcare, counseling, etc.
  - Trying to connect with other faith-based organizations.
  - Billboards .
  - We are looking for a liaison!
- Special Events Committee Report (David)
  - Met on oct 29th, 14 people in attendance.
  - Gratitude breakfast was profitable despite issues w/ venue.
  - Looking for new venues for next year, ideally in Bucks/ Delaware county but all counties open. Must seat 300+ people. Contact Tierra [vicechair@aasepia.org](mailto:vicechair@aasepia.org) with any leads on locations.
- Unity Committee Report (Joseph)
  - Meets 3rd Tuesday 7pm on Zoom.
  - They come to home group with cookies and explain service opportunities.
  - [unitydirector@aasepia.org](mailto:unitydirector@aasepia.org) if you want to bring them to your home group.
- Young People Committee Report (Dwayne)
  - Liberty bid for ECPAA, 3rd largest conference in country.
  - See Dwayne or email [libertybidforec@gmail.com](mailto:libertybidforec@gmail.com) to get involved- QR code.
  - PhillyPAA meets at hope on Girard second Sunday 3pm.
  - New Years Eve party- looking for a location.
  - PennsYPAA May 31st- June 2nd at Eastern University.
  - New all recovery meeting (aa focused) at Temple student center Mondays 8pm.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS



- Devan introduces a motion to start announcing numbers earlier, which is seconded. Glen brings in Sean from Treatment Centers to clarify- Sean says that would be fine. 29 votes in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
- It will be up to Maggie's discretion when to start announcing numbers.
- Motion to open commitments to everyone not yet called on since it is 8:36, seconded and passes.
- Motion to close, seconded, passes.

NEXT MEETING: Monday December 11th, 2023

CLOSE with "I Am Responsible" 8:37