



May 2024

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 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 2024

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

- Cooperation with the Professional Community Meeting 5-6-24
- WebTech 5-8-24
- Chester County Zone Meeting 5-13-24
- Archives Meeting 5-14-24
- Finance Meeting 5-16-24
- Treatment Meeting 5-20-24
- Unity Meeting 5-21-24

Nominations have started. AA needs your help! If you are rotating out of a position, what's next? All that are currently serving, now is the time to share how service has helped you. Spread the word!

With gratitude,
Jay F.
Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of May 2024

Vice Chair Report
May 2024

Attended: Chester County Zone Meeting and the Unity Committee

Chaired the Special Events Meeting.

Round Up 2025 (March 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2025)

- The Grand raised the prices for the rooms and the banquet by 7%. When questioned about this, they reduced the rate increase to 5%. Attempts for a further reduction were denied. The rate for the banquet was not reduced to 5% like the room rate; waiting for The Grand to address this before signing the contract.
- Per The Grand, townhouses always had a required minimum of 4 occupants but now there will be a \$35.00 surcharge plus tax for the 3rd and 4th person per night.
- The number of banquet tickets needing to be sold has been reduced from 258 to 230.

Gratitude Breakfast: Brookside Manor, 50 Bustleton Pike (corner of Bustleton & County Line Rd), Feasterville-Treose (Bucks Co); October 13, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Tickets will be sold on-line, price is \$25.00 each.

- So far SE committee members have volunteered to come early to help set-up; sell 50-50's; donate gift baskets; and make a flier but we will still need volunteers more volunteers (set up, greeters, buffet line monitors, etc.) and basket donations.
- Gift baskets will be sold online and in person like last year.

BINGO: There was much discussion on possible dates; with all the upcoming AA events in September, October, and November and the likelihood of low participation in the Summer, and around the winter holidays, it was decided that 2024 is not going to work well and that any consideration for 2025 should be left up to the incoming Vice Chair. Therefore, the Committee will forgo any further discussion or planning for this event until the next panel.

Special Events SEPIA website page: Committee members suggested giving more information on the planning aspects for each of the fundraisers and using pictures and links for each event to make the page interactive; and using fancy graphics to give the page some excitement and appeal; also, the page should be updated periodically to announce each SE event and service opportunities.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2024, on Zoom ID #834 2923 8954 / PC 797795

For more details, please see the Special Events' meeting minutes which are included in the Steering Committee Reports.

Submitted by: Tiara T. ~ May 28, 2024 (Gratefully YIS)

SEPIA Office Report from the month of May 2024

Manager's Report for May 2024

We have a new employee! Denise L. is our newest assistant at the office and has taken the place of Kris. She is a great addition to the office and we are happy to have her. Her home group is New Beginnings. Please introduce yourself if you're coming down to the office!

If you know of a meeting that is no longer there, **please let us know**. These meetings are listed on our website and the Meeting Guide app and if they aren't there we need to know. Even if it is not your meeting, please let us know...Responsibility Pledge...I (WE) am/are responsible...**each and every one of us!!**

The new web site is moving along. The committees have been asked to think about how they want their pages designed and what information they would like to see when the page is opened up. If you're a liaison on one of the committees, make sure you get to the monthly meeting so you have input! If you as a member have a suggestion that you would like to see on the website, please send your ideas to manager@aasepia.org!

We are conferencing with Kerri once a week for updates. She is working on getting our Gratitude Breakfast (in October) information on the website. Tickets will be sold online only. If you can't order online, please call the office and we will do it for you. A Save the Date flyer is available.

For the month of June, we are celebrating AA's anniversary month. Randomly we will be giving out the facsimile of the Big Book each day of the month. It might be to a volunteer, or a walk in, or just thrown into a random literature order. It will be a surprise! So much gratitude for our Founders!

Thank you to all of the groups that send contributions to support SEPIA, and to our volunteers that make our beginners packs and do other office work for us. It really helps!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone at the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900 or email us at: manager@aasepia.org.

Phone calls for May were 595. The office handled 260 of these calls. Next month, there will be a breakdown of what the calls were about and all the Interphones shifts and their counts.

Website info: www.aasepia.org

Thank you all for your service!
Fran, Kevin, Candy, & Denise

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from May 16, 2024

SEPIA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2024

Attendance: Stephanie W. (Treasurer), Greg B (Assistant Treasurer), Jeff F (Montco), Jay (Chair), Fran (Office Manager), Christina D (Bucks Co)

Meeting opened at 7 pm with the Serenity Prayer and Introductions.

- Read and discussed Tradition 7 and Concept 7

- Reviewed Financial Reports: Monthly Income Statement (P&L), Year-to-Date P & L, Balance Sheet
 - **April -- MONTHLY P&L**
 - Expectations for both revenue and expenses appear not substantially at variance with the budget.
 - Monthly figures in general meet expectations.
 - **April -- YTD – YEAR TO DATE P & L**
 - Round Up revenue less than budgeted but revenue may have been optimistic.
 - Contributions and literature revenue look good overall.
 - The committees' expenditures are lagging budgeted amounts for committees (except for the treatment committee). Costs for Public Information advertising will close the gap, to be coming in near future.
 - Office expenses appear fine, and salary and benefits expenditures are in line.
 - **April BALANCE SHEET**
 - Prudent reserve is Franklin Mint Money plus Money Market.
 - The balance sheet looks fine. There were questions on accounts receivable and undeposited funds. A question on accounts payable amount needs to be resolved. Looks like it is related to round-up bill.
 - **OFFICE MANAGER REPORT (Fran)**
 - Office position filled for departing Kris.

- Other Business
 - Stephanie discussed quarterly prudent reserve review. We currently stand at 11.7 months.
 - Updated us on status of prior year financial statements—on target to be completed soon.
 - Discussed the banner that the group is producing.
 - Updated coverage of Unity Pitches.

Next Meeting will be June 20, 2024

Archives Committee Report from May 14, 2024

Archives Committee Report from May 14, 2024

Zoom meeting started at 7PM.

Introductions: name, position, home group. 11 members in attendance.

The meeting opened with Serenity Prayer. Read Tradition 7 and Concept 7.

Encourage your Zones and Home Groups to:

(1) update their Home Group History.

(2) if members have over 20 years, volunteer to have their experience recorded and shared with other members.

Zone Reports

- Montgomery County: Chris (liaison) gave report.
 - He introduced the new Group History form at his Zone Meeting.
 - 7 interviews do this month.

- Bucks: Alison and John on Vacation.

- Philadelphia: Devon (liaison) gave report.
 - No new interviews.
 - 1 Group History collected.

- Chester: Jon (liaison) not present. Howard (District) reported.
 - Couple interviews from District 55
 - 5 interviews to schedule
- Delaware: Jack (liaison)
 - 2 interviews to schedule.
 - Received 2 Group Histories.
- Archivist Report: Rich M.
 - Couple group histories and interviews dropped off.
 - Jack will handle the movie showing on June 29 at 8pm for the Lifeline group at the Church of the Resurrection, 667 Mount Road, Aston, PA 19014.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Revised Group History form approved and will be made available on the AASEPIA.ORG website.
- Saturday May 18, Archives met at SEPIA office from 9-11 am. members attended. Productive time spent reviewing group history binders and downloading interviews.

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 7:55pm.

CPC Committee Report from May 6, 2024

CPC Minutes May 6, 2024

Drexel Students

- Meeting is the 1st Monday of the month on Zoom.
- 25 people attended the meeting.
- Liaison's reports - three present.
- Introductions of three newcomers to CPC.
- Explained what the CPC is/ what volunteers do, eligibility and what newcomers can expect to do next. For more information go to this link: <https://www.aasepia.org/service-committees/cooperation-with-the-professional-community-overview/cooperation-with-the-professional-community-volunteers/>.
- There were no students to be escorted in the month of May. Drexel will start new year in August.
- There is a CPC kit with a lot of useful information for CPC committees. Most of the information is available online. <https://www.aa.org/contents-cpc-kit-list>.

Unfinished Business

- We are always looking for contacts within the professional community that we can talk to about AA. Please send any ideas to the CPC Director or Assistant.
- We discussed the in-person CPC workshop with the PI committee. We voted to have it on Sept 7 or 14. We will check with the Steering Committee to make sure those dates are OK. We need to choose a venue.
- We will purchase a CPC display to take to events. We will get a price quote from Ampro.
- There is a virtual EMS conference September 3 to 6, 2024. Mike H sent a submittal for us to make a presentation.
- There is a Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention June 12 to 15 in Lancaster, PA. Jim B and Mary Ann C will attend. There will be no cost.
- Mike H and Steve S met with Jefferson Health to talk about possible CPC opportunities.

New Business

- Jim B and Steve S had a meeting with people from Chestnut Hill College.
- We have requested that a representative from our General Service Office explain what happened with CPC at the General Service Conference in April. It would probably be a one-hour Zoom meeting.
- Consider making a business card for CPC.
- We got this message from Lorie Cannon (Drexel):

Please share a BIG THANK YOU! To all the volunteer escorts that assisted the DUCOM students this past year!

Interphones Committee

Interphone/HUSSHH meets every other month. The last meeting was held on April 24, 2024; the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Prison Committee Minutes from May 2, 2024

Prison Committee Meeting May 2, 2024

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made around the room.

- Read Tradition 7 and Concept 7.
- Prison Committee Guidelines were read.

Prison Reports:

- Chester County Prison – Meetings are going well. There was a time change for the women's meeting.
- Bucks County Prison – Men's meeting is still closed. Women are still meeting.
- Montco County Prison – Men's and women's meetings are being filled.
- Delco County Prison – Meetings are being covered.
- Philadelphia County Prison – Meetings are being covered.
- SCI Chester – Meetings are going good. Sent literature and books.
- SCI Phoenix – All good at Phoenix. Prison meetings are covered.
- FDC Prison – Couple of meetings were cancelled for lack of staff.

Temporary Contact:

- Temporary program is going well. One letter was sent to an inmate who's getting out.

Pen Pal:

- Going well. Letters are being sent every week. Still looking for help.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Sponsorship subcommittee is set to meet the 2nd Thursday or each month starting in June.

Love and Service – Charlie K.

Public Information Committee Minutes from May 15, 2024

Wednesday, May 15th / 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFAwUT09>

I. Open with Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Sam H – PI Director, Deborah D – PI Asst Director, Jeff F – PI Member, Sarah K – MontCo Liaison, Debi – Philly Liaison, Nick M – Chester Liaison, Rocky – DelCo Liaison, Sam H – PI Member, Sue R – Chester Alt Liaison

II. Read Tradition 7

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Senior Outreach Campaign

- Will continue to hand out packets.

2. Faith Leaders Campaign

- Will continue to hand out packets.

3. Advertising

- Committee voted to move forward with new quote for SEPTA ads, Sam H will finish creating ads with graphic designer.

4. Library Outreach

- Will put this on hold until SEPTA ad campaign is up and running.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 /Password: SEPIA

Sam H., Director of Public Information - publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

Deborah D., Assistant Director of Public Information - publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

PI Zone Liaisons & Alternate Liaisons:

- Bucks: Open - publicinfobcz@aasepia.org
- Bucks Alternate: Open - publicinfobczal@aasepia.org
- Chester: Nick M - publicinfocczl@aasepia.org
- Chester: Sue R - publicinfocczal@aasepia.org
- Delaware: Rocky R - publicinfodczl@aasepia.org
- Delaware Alternate: Meg O'B - publicinfodczal@aasepia.org
- Montgomery: Sarah K - publicinfomcz@aasepia.org
- Montgomery Alternate: Denny - publicinfomczaltliaison@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia: Debi - publicinfopcz@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia Alternate: Open - publicinfopczaltliaison@aasepia.org

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, May 28, 2024

Special Events Meeting Minutes 5/27/24

Opened at 7pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendees – 18 – Fred, Rich, Tiara, Bebe, Carmen, Chris, Jay, Jimmy, Lorraine, Lynn, Mark, Nick, Peggy, Kyle, Sean, Steve, Michelle, and Fran.

Anniversaries- Fred celebrated 36 years on 5/19.

Motion passed to accept Special Events minutes from April.

Old Business

- Gratitude Breakfast – October 13, 2024 at Brookside Manor, 50 Bustleton Pike, Trevoise, PA.
- Service positions needed: Setup (Nick and Fred), Greeters, Buffet, Coffee, Flyer (Michelle), Baskets (Lorraine, Carmen, Bebe) – separate baskets to raffle online.
- Food being served – eggs, french toast, home fries, bacon, assorted pastries.

- Bingo –
- License is \$15 but we can't get it until we have specifics.
- Discussed dates – took into account Unity Picnic, Gratitude Breakfast, CPC/PI Workshop, EPYSA, holidays, Round Up and decided it'll have to happen in 2025, likely in May – date selection was tabled.

- Special Events Webpage Redesign –
- Suggestions – Pictures of past events, raffles, links, upcoming events. Please email Tiara ASAP with more suggestions.

New Business

- Traditions and Concepts being read during Special Events Meetings.
- Rich was against it because we already have so much business to deal with during the meetings that it'd make the meetings too long.
- Jimmy – it was his suggestion and it helps with voting, everything we do deals with Traditions & Concepts, we shouldn't just decide things or exclude.
- Lorraine & Bebe agree with Rich.
- Tiara – more people seemed against it so it was shot down.

- Round Up 2025 - March 6-9th at the Cape May Grand Hotel.
- The banquet cost went up 7%, rooms increased 5%.
- Mark said we need to do our due diligence to find a new venue because we are doing a disservice to AA with price increases and getting stuck with bad dates/unfavorable weather.

Rich motioned to close and Kyle seconded the motion.

June 14 is the next Special Events Meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:50 with the Responsibility Pledge.

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from May 20, 2024

Treatment Committee Report 05/20/2024

Zoom ID: 881 4239 6509; Passcode: 805478

Attendees:

- Jay F. Chair
- David K. Committee Director

- Jerry S. Asst Director
- Sean Q. Philadelphia liaison
- James G. Bucks liaison
- Shelby Montco liaison
- Tim M. Montco asst Liaison
- Bobette Chester Liaison
- Glenn S. Phila BTG liaison
- Tom BTG Director
- Courtney B Asst Liaison Delco
- Jim Liaison Delco

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

- David – Reads Tradition 6
- Jerry – Reads Concept 6

Zone Reports:

- Bucks County –41 commitments all filled.
- 2 new facilities Danyon and Steps to recovery.
- Chester County – 52 commitments all filled/ Added a Va ... just men for now.
- Delaware County – 60 commitments all filled.
- Multiple Reports from facilities of no shows, should be taken care of.
- Montgomery County –76 Commitments 72 filled.
- Pickle people time confusion, taken care of.
- Reports of no staff at Horsham, in talks with facility.
- Norristown state hospital lost funding.
- Philadelphia – 148 commitments 147 filled.
- New facility voted in/ 8th and Girard.

BTG Reports:

- Bucks- Active in Livingrin.
- Chester- Active in RCA and Gaudenzia.
- Delco- Active in Miramount and Keystone men's and women's.
- Montco- no report/no liaison.
- Phila.- Active in Belmont and Va in May/ Beacon and Malvern attempts, volunteers needed in North Philadelphia.
- Tom- 18 new request through SEPIA.
- 3 outside SEPIA.

Old Business:

Sign up Genius continues with some Zones.

New Business:

Discussion on some unity and structure with BTG. Tabled for in-person meeting next month.

Meeting closed with "I am Responsible."

Unity Committee Report from May 21, 2024

Unity Committee Meeting -Tuesday May 21, 2024

Opening 7:00 PM Serenity Prayer

Mike Q. / Unity Director, Shane / Montco, Jay / SEPIA Chair, Paul / Interphones Chair, Josh / Delco Liaison, Diana / Bucks Liaison, Hank / Delco BTG, Carolyn and Joe R, Tiara / SEPIA Co-Chair, Luke / Asst Unity Director

In the interest of time, we did not read tradition 7 + concept 7.

Old Business:

- Recent pitches have been well supported and well received.

New Business

- Hank, Joe, and Tony will cook at the picnic.
- Hank has ordered the food for the picnic and it will be ready the day of the event. Luke will pick it up.
- Mike noted that we need men for set up and tear down. He encouraged us to recruit volunteers.
- Tiara will arrive early with the permit.
- Mike reviewed the list of items that are necessary for the picnic and the responsibilities were taken by present members.
- Both speakers for the 2:00 pm meeting are confirmed.
- The Kensington Choir will not be enlisted to play at the venue as it would violate our permit.

Upcoming Unity Pitches –

- Saturday 6/1, “Change or Die,” 8AM The Malvern Center 225 Lancaster Ave, Malvern.
- Sunday June 2, Media Men’s 800PM, Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rosetree Road, Media.
- Saturday June 15 7:30PM, “Saturday Night Alive,” Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rosetree Road, Media PA.

The Unity Picnic is Sunday 6/23 at Neshaminy State Park. The flyer is on the website.

- There will be a Unity workshop in the fall.
- The next Unity meeting will be on Tuesday 6/18 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89646192235?pwd=VTRHdXRnNjNKZmxHZXJPeTItaGZNUOT9>

We closed at 7:30 PM with The Unity Pledge.

“This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.”

Website/Technology Committee Report from May 8, 2024

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 / 5:30 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 840 2179 3007 / Password: 580960

I. Introductions

Sam H – PI Director, Hugh H – WT Member, Fran G – Office Manager, Jay F – Chair, Deborah D – PI Asst Director, Sam H – WT Member, Steve – WT Member

II. Old Business

- Website Migration to WordPress

Development is going well, Kerri is creating pages with content from old pages, also creating new pages and new images. She will ask for beta testers once site is ready for that, she will have directions for testers. She is on track with revised timeline sent to Kevin B. Sam H recommends creating a list of stuff to be done. Send info to Fran.

- Google Ads

GSO will continue with Google Ads grant. Sam H thinks we need some help from 3rd party, will cost money.

III. New Business/General Discussion

Hardware – Sam H reminds us our hardware at the office will need to be updated for new software, desktops will be unable to use new Windows OS. Fran will call Fred and get more info.

info@aasepia.org – Fran needs help getting into this email, Sam H will help with

Close with “I am Responsible.”

Next Meeting & Contacts

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

Sam H., Public Information Director, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Deborah D. Public Information Assistant Director publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, May 13, 2024

Bucks County Zone Meeting

May 13th 2024

Lindsey called meeting to order at 7 pm.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Read Tradition 7.

Read Concept 7.

Jim read last month’s minutes.

Attendance:

Intergroup Reps: 38

Alternates without rep present: 4

Alternates with rep present: 3

Steering Committee: 3

Guests: 1

New Representatives:

- Keith- Steelworkers
- Josh- Fallsington Saturday night
- Laura- Time on our side
- Carlos- Just for today

Anniversaries:

Personal:

- Sean- 2 years 4/26
- Sara- 3 years 4/24
- Heather- 11 years 4/20

Home Group:

- Just for today- 13 years

Guest reports:

TBD: Greg- Finance AD

- Where money and spirituality mix.
- 6-month Financials will be reviewed.
- Profit of \$27,400 from Round Up this year.
- Annual budget is over \$350k.
- 503 groups donated over \$200k.

TBD: Jay- Chair

- Does not just sit around and drink coffee!!
- Come visit office, there's coffee...
- Office helps support 12th step work.
- Keep meeting guide up to date.
- AD Nominations coming up, apply on website.
- Gratitude breakfast 10/13 9am-12pm \$25.

TBD: Charlie- Prison director

- Bucks' men's not running due to block switch.
- Other counties and 2 state prisons running well.
- Federal detention center needs help but are not accepting clearances.
- Sponsorship Subcommittee 2nd Thursday's on Zoom.

TBD: B- GSR Rep

- Mini assembly highlights- lots of workshops see flyers.
- Bring up safety cards to your home group.
- 2025 international convention complete guide online.
- Visitation committee identifies dark groups.
- Plain language big book. Stories changed, old fashioned language changed, 4th grade reading level.
- GSO staying in New York, renovating 11th floor of current building.

Liaison Reports:

Justin Alt Zone Coordinator:

- Interphones sent someone to a closed meeting.
- Special Events wants new location for 2026 Round Up.
- 462 calls to SEPIA In April. 318 to office, 144 to Interphones.
- CPC and PI have a tentative workshop 6/7 or 6/14.

Allison Archives:

- Meets the 2nd 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 old 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.
- Has her recorder everywhere she goes.

Chris 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.
- Last month of escorting Drexel students. School's out for summer.
- Still looking for leads.

Christina Finance:

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

Terry Interphones:

- Meets the last Wednesday of every other month – the next meeting is Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00.
- Volunteers answer phones when the S.E.P.I.A. office is closed.
- Hush meets on Zoom the third Tuesday of every month.
- 12-9 slots still open.

No report 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 publicinfordirector@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 Special Events:

- Meets the last Monday of every month on Zoom.
- Gratitude breakfast set.
- Searching for location for bingo 300 people.

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 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.
- We need men

Jamie Treatment:

- 2 new commitments for July STR and Livengrin.
- New educated group conscious, carry only the AA message into facilities.

Old Business:

- WILL ALWAYS BE THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S NEW BUSINESS.

New Business:

- Helayne- HUSSHH meetings every day on Zoom at 7pm need support.
- Laura- June 9th 4-7pm at Morrisville United Methodist Church, Time on our Side picnic, meeting starts at 7.
- Holly Steps up as special events alternate Liaison!

Motion to close at **7:56.**

Closed with "I Am Responsible."

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday May 13, 2024

Chester County Zone Intergroup Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting Chairperson & Host - Eileen H.; **Secretary & Co-Host** - Becky F.

- Meeting opened at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps (IGRs):
 - Russ (IGR) One Paragraph at a Time/Thursday Big Book meeting 8:30PM, 307 Club in West Chester
- Visitors/Guests:
 - Susan M - Area 59 Chairperson/Panel 73; 570-916-8449 (cell); chairperson@area59aa.org; <https://area59aa.org>
 - Sarah B - Never Give Up (subbing for Kathy P.)
 - Gordon R - Men of New Garden (subbing for regular IGR)

*There was a quick orientation for new IGRs/AIGRs immediately following the meeting.

Anniversaries this month:

- Quaker Meeting House is celebrating 24th Anniversary this Sunday, May 19; Food & Fellowship@ 5:30/Mtg@7pm
- Patti - 25 years on 5/28/24

- Malvern Men's group (Frazer Mennonite Church) is celebrating 59th Anniversary on 5/29/24. Dinner and Friendship starts at 6:30pm; meeting follows at 8:00pm. *This is an open meeting, so all family & friends are welcome.
- Oxford Conscience Contact celebrating 12th Anniversary on Sunday May 19th @ 5:30
- Rebecca - 9 months

Meeting Minutes:

- April 2024 meeting minutes were sent to all via email.
- 1 Correction: Date of May Mtg. is 5/13/24, NOT 5/6/24
- Minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendance:

- 50 total people in attendance
- 33 Voting IGRs
- 9 Voting Alternate IGR
- 8 Non-Voting IGRs/AIGRs/Guests/Other Members

Tradition and Concept:

- Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- Concept 7: 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. purse for its final effectiveness.

SEPIA Steering Committee Updates

SEPIA Vice Chair > Tiara T.

- Special Events coming up: Gratitude Breakfast will be 10/13/24 from 9am-12pm @ The Brookside Manor in Bucks County (50 Bustleton Pike in Trevoze); \$25 tickets. Would love to have a Gratitude Breakfast and/or BINGO in Chester County - looking for a venue that can hold 200-300 people so if you have any suggestions, please reach out to Tiara by going to the SEPIA website and going to the Special Events — SEPIA: Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 2025 Round Up will be March 6 - 9th at The Grand Hotel in Cape May. Trying to move the date to April but that is yet to be determined.
- Special Events meets the last Monday of the month @ 7pm (except May...mtg. will be Tuesday 5/28/24)

Public Information Assistant Director > Deborah D.

- PI committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 882 5844 9206; Passcode: SEPIA.
- Get involved & join a committee to see how you can serve in some way. All ideas are welcome.

Treasurer > Stephanie W.

- Finance committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 842 4075 5543; Passcode: SEPIA
- Wanted to correct a statement made about Round Up costs & revenue not being available yet > finances from Round Up were shared and are included in the March SEPIA Steering Committee Mtg. Minutes.
- Annual Financial Statements are being finalized - working with a new accounting firm.
- Starting to look at trends with contributions.

Archives Director > Rachel archivesdirector@aasepia.org

- Archives committee meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 832 4414 8913; Passcode: SEPIA
- The committee discusses ways to preserve the history of AA. All interviews are kept at the SEPIA OFFICE in Phila.
- Do you know someone with 20+ years of sobriety, please encourage them to schedule a time to be interviewed.
- Trying to update all Home Group histories - please help us! Download/print the form on the SEPIA website > Archives — SEPIA: Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous
- Philadelphia AA History DVD available to show to groups.

SEPIA Office Manager > Fran 215-923-7900

- Hired a new office assistant, Denise. Currently being trained.
- Approx. \$27K made on Round-Up.
- If you know of a meeting that is no longer operating, please let Fran know.
- AA World Service Pamphlets are up.
- NEW SEPIA website in progress...almost done! YAY!
- March 462 phone calls (approx 300 handled by SEPIA office - during normal business hours & 100+ handled by Interphones off-hours).

District Announcements:

- **District 29 – Sue R.:** new to role; has no report.
- **District 30 – Katherine** - GSR Workshop on 5/14/24 @ 6:30-8pm at The Malvern Center in Frazier.
- **District 38 – Kathleen G.** not in attendance.
- **District 44 – Taylor S.** nothing new to report.
- **District 56 – Nick:** D56 “I am Responsible” Workshop, May 18th 11:00am - 2:30pm

Chester County Zone Updates/Announcements

Archives: Jon - not in attendance

Bridging the Gap: Jennie T.

- Attended the BTG Zoom meeting, which is the last Sunday of the month via zoom.
- BTG helps connect patients in treatment facilities (currently Gaudenzia & RCA) with an AA member so they have someone to take them to their 1st 3-5 meetings.
- What can IGRs do? Volunteer by being a presenter (you sign up to go to a treatment center and share how they can find AA mtgs. once they are released) and/or by being an “escort” where you take newly released patients to 3-5 mtgs.

Chester Co. PENNSCYPAA Bid Committee: Flee

- May 31st - June 2nd, 2024 - PENNSCYPAA XXXV @ Eastern University, St. David’s PA.; Pre Register here >
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeU-p8azZ26-sfaluzIKxACLsYY-pRb1vDjM5mcOHR5K_LY0Q/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1dYEKCR5D0wbe2s-8pDnqpHTBogZogxxB59Kip0FEuttc6Be6yshYHic; Book your room here >
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScthK6ZoYVhq2hkkGXs781oPWt5Kj-9hGYn4jvS3eig82WMsg/viewform>
- Downingtown Young People's Conference 2024: Registration is open and the vintage store is still up! Go to >
- <https://dypc.square.site/>; Flier >
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ViOGy5KWCBvNtIrs6CvB0emaSf59X6g5/view?usp=sharing>

CPC: Jeanne

- CPC meets the first Monday at 7pm HYBRID - Zoom Meeting ID:869 6733 4672; Passcode: SEPIA1903.
- Missed last mtg. so refer back to minutes from April as things are the same.

- Stepping down from the CPC Liaison position.

Finance: Paul

- Finance committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 842 4075 5543; Passcode: SEPIA.
- Missed the last SEPIA Finance meeting so refer back to Stephanie's report for details.

Interphones: Fred

- Interphones meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 822 1987 3872; Passcode: SEPIA.
- Interphone volunteers answer phones after-hours for those looking for meetings.
- What can IGRs do?
 - Volunteer - pick a time slot. If you have at least 1 year of continuous sobriety, you can volunteer. Callers are not given your phone number. Anyone interested in taking an open slot should contact the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900.
 - Double check your meeting info in SEPIA and report if a meeting is no longer operating or if changes need to be made.

Prison-Men: Andy

- • The Prison Committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month @ 7pm HYBRID. Zoom Meeting ID: 89745456774; Passcode: SEPIA
- • Commitments getting filled. Working on getting literature for Women's prison. Trying to get meeting times adjusted.

Prison-Women: OPEN

- Chester County Zone is in need of a Women's Prison Liaison/Coordinator.

Public Information: Nick - publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

- PI Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm on zoom. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09>
- Informs the public who we are, what we do, and how to find us. Currently distributing info to senior centers & to clergy, and attending community outreach events.
- What can IGRs do?
 - If you are interested in taking packets & pamphlets to these places, please let Fran know at the SEPIA office: 215-923-7900. She will mail them to you.
 - Print out the "WE CAN HELP" flyer and hang in public places *once you have permission to do so > https://www.aasepia.org/docs/485/We_can_help_aa.pdf
 - Make sure your meeting info is up-to-date on the SEPIA website & Meeting App.
 - Take a picture of your meeting space *without people* and send to Fran at the SEPIA office to help boost the AA Google Business Page.

Special Events: Steve - not in attendance

Treatment: Bobette - [REDACTED]

- MAY 2024 Treatment Schedule <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HrPvh8N8I5JqbWAnG9iLiHX2ctZK57G9grbgeVi6k8s/edit#gid=1738679187>
- JUNE 2024 <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zf2oWTHMl4ZV3nd6Y7D5tVXEVduZeMRaNK-X33kU0aQ/edit#gid=1738679187>

- If you want to sign up your homegroup for a treatment commitment, signups are through the Google Form (above and emailed) that Bobette shares. If you arrive at a commitment and other members are there to share, please stay and share, too. The more the merrier! If you need help signing up...please reach out to Bobette.
- Meeting commitments with the VA (Coatesville) - if you are interested in bringing meetings to the VA, please get in touch with Bobette. You cannot just show up. There are several requirements that you must complete before going (an orientation, security, etc.).
- Lisa (Wake-Up) shared a big thanks to Bobette for all she does & asked: When we go into Treatment Centers and there is a person there from Bridging the Gap, is there a schedule (who speaks/shares first)? Bobette responded: BTG usually goes at the end of the meeting (a quick pitch) but Bobette will confirm with BTG coordinator.
- Kate asked: Is there a VA in Spring City? Bobette responded: Not to her knowledge. A new VA is opening in June and she will share info once it's opened.

Unity: OPEN

- Chester County Zone is in need of a Unity Liaison/Coordinator. Unity committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 896 4619 2235; Passcode: SEPIA

Old Business:

- New/other ways to sign up for Treatment Commitments?? Bobette shared that we are currently using Google Spreadsheet but moving towards using Signup Genius but it's not up & running yet. Want to discuss further...contact Bobette.

New Business:

- Deneen F volunteered to be new CPC Liaison. All in attendance unanimously approved.

Committee Roles Chester County	New Person Serving November 2023 - October 2024	Alternate Position (11/2023-10/2024)
Archives	Jon	OPEN
Bridging the Gap	Jennie T. (added April 2024)	OPEN
Chester County Committee Young People (including Chester County PENNSYPA Bid Committee)	Flee (added May 2024)	OPEN
Chester County Zone Coordinator	Eileen H.	OPEN
CPC	Deneen F.	OPEN
Finance Committee	Paul D.	OPEN
Interphones	Fred	Mel
Men's Prison Coordinator	George	Andy
Public Information	Nick	Sue R. (as of May 2024)
Secretary	Becky	OPEN
Special Events	Steve M.	OPEN
Treatment	Bobette	OPEN
Unity	OPEN	OPEN
Women's Prison Coordinator	OPEN	OPEN

- Meeting closed at 8:42pm with the Responsibility Statement.
- Our next meeting is Monday June 10th at 7pm (2nd Monday of each Month) via Zoom.

- Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81604495799?pwd=eGJyOUNrZjMxdDZZQWhBdUd3T3FJdz09>
Zoom Meeting ID: 816 0449 5799 Passcode: 266565.

Delaware County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, May 13, 2024

Delaware County Zone Meeting
Minutes - May 2024

Opening:

Open the meeting at 7:00 PM
Serenity Prayer
Previous minutes presented for review and approval.
Read Tradition 5 and Concept 5

Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 40
- Alt w/o rep: 3

Other Attendees:

- Alt. w/rep: 2
- SC Members: 3
- Guests: 0

Zone Coordinator's Report

- Zone Coordinator shared information from the steering committee meeting.
- Steering Committee nominations (vote in October)
 - Openings for Assistant Directors.
 - aasepia.org has all the information that you need.
- Gratitude Breakfast, Archives, Unity Picnic, and Interphones mentioned.
 - Information listed under each Liaison Report.

Liaison & Steering Committee Reports:

Steering Committee - SEPIA Secretary - Jon

- The Round Up raised \$27,000 this year.
- Next year, the Round Up will again take place at The Grand.
 - Tentatively, this will take place in early March.
- Special Events Committee meeting is the last Tuesday this month, due to Memorial Day on Monday.

ARCHIVES (Jack; Joe, Alternate)

- Contact phone number for Archives liaison Jack: 445-236-3613
- Please contact Jack if you need to update your group's history and/or if you have 20+ years of sobriety and would like to record your story (the 75 years of AA in Philly video will be using some of these recorded stories).
- Ensure meeting accuracy and report errors please.
- Committee meetings are the second Tuesday each month on Zoom at 7 PM.

BRIDGING THE GAP (Hank A.)

- Jim L. (Area Rep)
- More volunteers to do Bridging the Gap are needed!
 - Collaboration between intergroups and districts in multiple counties.
 - Simple commitment to welcome the newcomer.

- We do not pick up the newcomer - if you choose to pick up a newcomer, please bring another member of AA, because this now becomes a 12-step call.
- Sign up on the Area 59 (not SEPIA) BTG Site: <https://area59aa.org/bridging-the-gap/>
- Link for BTG Volunteer Sign Up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfrphkZS4dCMok60iPHGzUoYRINTzRCgQ23m2XNZpeqJxcMeQ/view/form>
- Woman in AA still needed to bring the Bridging the Gap info into Keystone Women meetings (twice/month - you choose the day).
- Sample Guide on Info to provide when visiting treatment facilities to discuss BTG: <https://area59aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BTG-White-Card.pdf>
- New Pamphlets are available now!
- Women volunteer contacts desperately needed!
- Questions... Ask Hank A. [REDACTED]

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

- Steering Committee - Steve - Assistant Director for CPC
- CPC informs anyone who might come into contact with an alcoholic throughout the work day.
- Let CPC know if anyone, anywhere needs information about AA - direct contact is great!
- Report by Pez:
- An in-person panel at Drexel took place.
- Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month on Zoom.
- Important Information: AA volunteer escorts...
 - Must have 1 year of continuous sobriety.
 - College student picks the day/time.
 - AA member meets the student 15 minutes before the meeting to talk about AA and 15 minutes after the meeting to discuss comments/questions from the student.

FINANCE (Jack B.; Alternate OPEN)

- No report

INTERPHONES (Maryanne; Alternate OPEN)

- Steering Committee - Sharon - Assistant Interphones for SEPIA
- There are 9 time slot openings
- Only time slot available: Midnight - 9 AM
- Contact Fran, SEPIA Office Manager, to volunteer.

PRISONS (Blaine; Alternate OPEN)

- Contact Chaplain Dunn 5 business days before.
 - (610) 361-3200 x546 dunnc.delaware@pa.us
 - If you take a commitment, please make sure that the clearance paperwork has been filed and approved.
- Make sure that the officers make the announcement that AA is holding a meeting.
- Please remember to wear appropriate dress code - including no jewelry / phones.
- Ask for the AA Binder - be sure to return the number of attendees.
 - Attendance forms need to be completed and returned for each meeting.
- Please report back to Blaine after the commitment with any comments or concerns.

March GWH Prison Commitments @ GW Hill:

Women – Mondays @ 7:30

6/3 - Pam - New Life

6/10 - Kidanay - Chester Prospect

6/17 - Albert - First Things First

6/24 - Andrew - Wawa

Men – Fridays @ 7:30

6/7 - Jim L - New Beginnings

6/14 - Albert - First Things First

6/21 - Parke - God as I Understand Him

6/28 - Mike - Brookhaven

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

- No report

SEPIA Public Information Director, Sam H. reported:

- No report

SPECIAL EVENTS (Shannon W. - Alternate OPEN)

- Gratitude Breakfast
 - Brookside Manor - on Oct 13 from 9 AM - Noon - \$25/ticket.
 - 50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

UNITY (Josh G.; Austin, Alternate)

- Report by Austin - Unity is AA's cheerleading squad!
- Unity has the following pitches this month:
 - June 1st –
 - June 2nd - Media Men
 - June 15th - Saturday Night Alive
 - June 23rd - Unity Picnic - Neshaminy State Park
- Questions or comments - just ask Josh G. 484-845-8652

TREATMENT (Jim L.; Courtney, Alternate)

- Sign-up Genius is being implemented on the Sepia website.
- SEPIA will input all commitments in this manner, but we will still send the commitments out in the same format, using the template.

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

- If you cannot keep a meeting or host commitment, contact Jim L. ([REDACTED]) or Courtney B. ([REDACTED]) as soon as possible.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before the meeting begins.
- We are guests at treatment facilities - be respectful, responsible, and ready!
- Commitments are 12-step calls and need to be filled with 2 people.
- Filled commitments for April (including HOST commitments) are attached to this email.

Anniversaries:

- May 17th - I am Responsible - Trinity Lutheran Church - Anniversary and Pitch 6:30-8:30.
 - Meeting at 7:30 PM

ZC closed the meeting at 8:08 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 10, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

HMB Ukrainian Church
900 Fairview Rd.
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Respectfully submitted by
Renee C., Zone Secretary
484-832-9091

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, May 13, 2024

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ZONE MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 2024

Held at Sanctuary United Methodist Church

- **ATTENDANCE:**
 - Total =
 - IGR's – Waiting on a final count.
 - AIGR's – Waiting on a final count.
 - Visitors = 2
- **Opening:** Bryan opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.
- New IGR's present:
 - New IGR's
 - Names (group) – Mike (Flourtown weekenders)
 - Alternate IGR's
 - Names (group) - None
- Anniversaries: Donna 16 years, Christina 10 months, Saul 7 years, Jerry 5 years, John 38 years, Shelby 2 years, Chrissy 3 years, John 15 years, Karl 8 months.
- Reading of Tradition 7
- Reading of Concept 7
- 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.

SEPIA STEERING COMMITTEE VISITOR'S REPORTS:

- **SEPIA Asst. Prisons Lynn McG**
 - Meet on first Thursday of the month at 6:30
 - New program - Sponsoring AA Member in the prison
 - 5 years sobriety.
 - Knowledge of 12 steps
 - Be willing to visit your sponsee in the prison once a month.
 - Cannot take a commitment to a prison if you are already sponsoring in that same prison.
 - Pen Pal program
 - Send letter to inmates to give them something to read besides the Grapevines.
- **SEPIA Asst Director Jerry S**
 - Bridging the Gap – A Liaison will go into a facility and make a pitch that when one of their clients is ready to leave, they can facilitate contact through 'Bridging the Gap' and be assigned to meet someone already in AA at a meeting.
 - There really is no structure and Jerry's goal is to revamp this program during this term. As a possible improvement to help circulate the program, the idea of using treatment commitment speaking time to share Bridging the Gap with the people in the units is being discussed.
 - This idea of sharing Bridging the Gap will be proposed formally at another time.

- **SEPIA CPC Director (Mike H)** – Not Present
- **SEPIA Interphones Dir (Paul H)** – Not Present

LIAISONS REPORTS:

- **Finance/Treasury – Liaison: Jeff (Meets 3rd Thursday, Zoom, 7:00 pm)**
 - Low turn out at Finance committee meetings.
 - Still counting loss from Round Up.
 - Prudent reserve \$28,800.
 - Net income was negative last month.
 - Planning for additional fund raisers.
 - Final Reports are going to be put up on 4/16/2024 for review.
- **Public Information – Sarah K. (Meets 3rd Wednesday. Zoom, 7pm) – Not Present**
 - Bryan Shared from Steering Committee Updates.
 - Quote from SEPTA with a \$20,000 budget.
 - 20 full side Bus ads, 50 ads on regional rails, 60 interior ads in subway transit for 4 months (this is up from 2 months). Final Quote – Decision go/no-go to be decided at PI meeting this month.
- **Archives – Chris C. (Alternate needed/meets 2nd Tues of the month/Zoom)**
 - Archives is the history of AA in the Philadelphia Area. The purpose of the Archives Liaison and Alt Liaison is to ensure group histories are obtained, updated, and accurately reflect the changes to AA groups over time.
 - Audio Recording of Long-Timers
 - In addition, the archive collects important milestones at Meeting Groups in the county area applicable or what should be relevant to the history of AA, including member interviews with over 20+ years of sobriety to anyone who wishes to have their sobriety history “audio only” recorded for SEPIA Archives. Not shared with AA General Services.
 - DVD showing of “History of AA in Philadelphia” – 22min can be brought to your group.
 - There is no update on the DVD modernization to include how the zones were created.
 - 92 meetings established in Montgomery County.
 - Looking for long timers of 20 years plus to interview.
 - 7 interviews lined up of 20 year or more members.
 - A brief history of AA for viewing at your home group if you want a DVD showing.
 - Group history form for new meetings is available for groups that aren’t represented in Binder.
- **Cooperation with Professionals Committee (CPC) – Christy M. (meet 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m., Hybrid)**
 - This committee group was established to primarily provide a basic understanding of an AA meeting and escort medical students and/or other professional organizations (HR orgs, etc.) to an In-person or Virtual AA meeting.
 - Service Opportunity - 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.
 - Escorting students from Drexel Medical students participated last month.
 - This month we are off due to schools being off.
 - Going to be present at the PA Psychological Convention June 12-14.
 - A workshop is in the works for people to learn more and being in more ideas for the organization.
 - Saturday September 14th – No format has been decided other than a bring some ideas and get involved event!
 - Need 1 year of continuous sobriety to escort students but you can come to meetings and shadow before hand.
- **Interphones – Warren (meets 4th Wednesday, every other month via Zoom).**

- Interphones committee is responsible for managing the SEPIA AA call line for anyone that is calling for help with their drinking. The phones are manned by service volunteers who sign up for a specific time slot in which a caller may ultimately reach your number for some initial step on how to get help from AA. Note – The call system is set-up so that no personal name or number is ever transmitted to the caller. Anonymity is assured. Training is provided during attendance at the committee meeting (4th Wednesday). Also, training material provided on Interphones service link (ICON) on AASEPIA.org
- **Recurring Item – Open Time Slots:**
 - Nothing shared this month as far as details for open slots.
- **Unity – Diana F (meets 3rd Tuesday Zoom)**
 - Unity Committee is responsible for advocating within SEPIA all the service opportunities that are available. Upon request, the Unity committee will go out to individual meetings to give a presentation/information about all the service opportunities available as an AA member.
 - Unity Pitches set up this month in Montgomery County:

Tuesday 5/14 @7pm (men are invited for the pitch, have requested at least one woman to a presentation)
Women in Sobriety Doylestown, Salem United Church, 186 E Court St, Doylestown, PA

Friday 5/17 @7:30 PM Anniversary meeting (FFF @6:30)
I Am Responsible, Temple Lutheran Church, 501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083

Saturday 6/1@8am
Change or Die, Malvern Center, 225 Lancaster Ave, Frazer, PA 19355

Sunday 6/2 @ 8 pm
Media Men, Reformer Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA

Saturday 6/15 @7:00 pm (we have 30-minute reg meeting starts at 7:30)
Saturday Night Alive, Reformer Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA

- Pitches Pending Scheduling
 - Morton Group
 - Next frontier
 - Newtown Square
- Save the Date
 - Unity Picnic Sunday 6/23 12-5pm (Rain or Shine)

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Unity picnic at Neshaminy State Park – Food, Fun, and Fellowship at Neshaminy State Park
Maybe bingo in the fall

- **Prison – Rick (meets 1st Thursday Zoom 6:00p Zoom) – Not Present. Refer to Lynn from Steering Committee Visitor Reports.**
- **Special Events – Elien (meets 4th Monday of the month ZOOM, 7:00 p.m.)**
 - Gratitude Breakfast at October 13th at Brookside Manner in Feasterville-Trevoese.
 - 2026 Round Up location hasn't been picked yet.
 - 2025 will be at the Grand again March 6, 7, 8 & 9.

- **AA General Service Updates for our Districts**
 - **District 24 – Liz**
 - District 24 meets first Wednesday of the month, 7pm at St. Miriam’s Church – Flourtown
 - Bus trip to GSO in NYC leaves at 6:15am
 - **District 23** multi sponsored event to come in June – From Jeff who attends the meeting.

- **Chairperson’s Report - Bryan M.**
 - The new website is almost ready to go.
 - Each committee will have the opportunity to design their own website.
 - Philly zone to connect with the Spanish Intergroup.

- **Treatment Facilities – Shelby H.**
 - Building 50 is still pending.
 - Malvern has separated their meetings into men and women only preferring that they be hosted by only the designated sex accordingly.
 - The pickle people meeting is at 11am
 - If asked for phone numbers at Eagleville hospital by a guard you can use Shelby’s or the ones on the sheet under your photo
 - A staff member at the facility needs to be in the room at all times you are there.
 - If you are uncomfortable being there without a staff member you can notify staff politely and leave.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Need Alt. Secretary for Montco.**
 - **Substantial Unanimity (2/3 vote) vs. Simple Majority for use in Montco Zone Voting.**
 - Topic Open for continuation of discussion and determination of a motion.
 - Prev. Meeting - Bryan will bring back Steering Committee Opinion and a tally of each county Zone for which majority definition is used for voting, or if both are used depending on vote topic.
 - Today - All Zones but Philly utilize Simple Majority. Steering Committee has no negative feedback with the Zone choosing either. Agreement that Zones were created autonomous in the same way our homegroups have autonomy.
 - See Appendix 1 for a general reference of applicability in different settings.
 - 10-minute discussion period.
 - Final Decision: Table Substantial Unanimity vs Simple Majority discussion, no vote needed.
 - The Zone will continue as Simple Majority, but a call for substantial unanimity can be made at any time for a vote should the level of importance on the matter rise to such a degree. The group intention of doing the right thing should always be maintained.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Kenny W will be the Coordinator for the next meeting, as Bryan is away – Everyone cheers!**

****Note to Bryan to get Mike (Flourtown Weekenders) – New IGR Packet so he can be added to distribution.***

Closed meeting at 8:22 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, June 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jacquelyn R – Secretary

Appendix 1: Previous Meeting Minutes (April) for Voting Discussion:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jim B - The topic of Substantial Majority (2/3 vote) vs Simple Majority for voting - believes this group should adhere to Substantial Majority as is done in General Service, instead of Simple Majority rule.
 - Opinions:
 - Jim – majority rule is sufficient, sub. Ani. Seems extreme for ordinary business, but for policy def. stick to substantial unanimity.
 - Bryan - zones were created in the image of SEPIA and the by-laws for steering committee. Previous advisors from Steering committee all stipulated simple majority for votes. However, he would bring this back to the steering committee and discuss with – other Zones on how they have evolved their majority voting process.
 - Eric – do we use Roberts rules; two type of votes that req. 2/3 majority (quoting Roberts rules).
 - Jim – no, does not believe we follow Roberts rules.
 - Noted - 2 most recent votes have been by simple majority but as it turns out they were 2/3 majority by count and most are substantial majority by count.
 - Jeff - Pamphlet called the Roberts Rules: Resentments and the AA Group – talks about issues that are run of the mill vs. ‘more important.’
 - Edith – benefit from being more informed on how the other zones do things.
 - Bryan – ex. Lottery from other zones, simple majority is how they did it.
 - Noted by another AAer (name not mentioned) - Goal of the program, help still sick and suffering, why are we still talking about this.
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- Final - For this meeting, initial opinions were heard.
 - Next Business Meeting Topic -
 - Substantial Majority or Substantial Unanimity (2/3 vote) vs. Simple Majority for use in Montco Zone Voting
 - Topic Open for continuation of discussion and determination of a motion.
 - Bryan will bring back Steering Committee Opinion and a tally of each county zone for which majority definition is used for voting, or if both are used depending on vote topic – This is for background information.
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- **Included for Reference as part of the minutes:**
 - **Robert’s Rules of Order States:**
 - Majority - The basic requirement for adoption of a motion by it's members, with a quorum, is a Majority Vote. A majority is more than half of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote, after taking blank votes and abstentions into account.

 - 2/3 Vote - To calculate a 2/3 vote: divide the number of votes by 3 and then multiply by 2. Suspends or modifies a rule of order already adopted. Prevents the introduction of a question to consideration. Closes, limits, or extends the limits of debate. Closes nominations or the polls. Takes away membership or office.
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- **AA General Service Manual –**
 - Substantial Unanimity
All matters of policy (Conference Advisory Actions) require substantial unanimity, that is, a two-thirds majority. Before a vote is taken, plenty of time is allotted for full discussion, including questions about the background of a recommendation and the committee’s reasons for coming to its conclusions.
 - Minority Opinion
After each vote on a matter of policy, the side that did not prevail will always be given an opportunity to speak to their position. Occasionally, a well-reasoned minority opinion can result in another vote, reversing the first decision. Ideally, of course, that is the rare exception; any matter should be so thoroughly considered before a vote is taken that the Conference’s original conclusion will stand. As noted in Concept V regarding the minority opinion, “On many occasions the Conference has insisted on a continuing discussion even in certain cases when

a two-thirds majority easily could have been obtained. Such a traditional voluntary practice is evidence of real prudence and courteous deference to minority views. Unless it has been absolutely unavoidable, the Conference has usually refused to take important decisions on anything less than a two-thirds vote.”

General Warranties of the Conference:

In all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to serious public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Philadelphia Zone Meeting Report from Monday, May 13, 2024

Philadelphia Zone Intergroup Meeting Agenda [May 13th, 2024]

- OPEN meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Read Tradition 7 and we discussed how our tiny contributions run AA. Read Concept 7.

ZONE COORDINATORS REPORT:

- If you are interested in serving on the steering committee next year, you can begin to apply in June.
- If you're not getting monthly emails, see Maggie afterwards to add yourself to the email list!
- Tickets for Gratitude Breakfast on October 13th will be \$25. It will be held at Brookside Manor.
- A newcomer to AA called the office and was provided a meeting to go to, she went and there was no meeting. PLEASE check the local meetings in your area to ensure they are still active and if not, alert the office.
- Let's check in on the number of people who really need a hard copy of the Steering Committee Reports and Interviews and see if we can save some trees. More in new business.
- Our Alternate Zone Coordinator, Patrick, had to step down, but no fear! We had a volunteer replacement. The group votes in favor of accepting Will as our new alternate zone coordinator!

Visitors from Steering Committee

Sam from Public Information

- Some things PI are up to lately: Tabling at events, giving Big Books/ 12 and 12s to libraries, packets at Senior Centers, ads on SEPTA!
- Also runs the web service committee, which meets 2nd Wednesday on zoom at 5:30. New sepia website drops this summer!
- There are always service opportunities in PI with no time requirements- taking packets to senior centers, etc.
- Looking for faith leaders; have not had as much success doing outreach in religious spaces.
- We're using QR codes on the AA ads so we can tell how effective they are, which bus routes are most useful, etc.
- Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month on Zoom, 7pm.

Dave from Treatment Facilities

- If you feel unsafe in a facility, report it asap to Sean or Dave. These places have all been vetted but safety of our AAs is paramount.
- Take literature to the facilities! Packets were available tonight to take.

New IGRs

- Lisa, IGR
- Cooper, IGR Rittenhouse BB
- Pat, Serenity Group

Treatment Facilities Report: Sean

- 148 commitments for June.
- Long term treatment facility at 8th and Girard is up for vote. Tuesdays at 6:30 for a July start. Unanimously passes!
- North Philly group wants to sponsor the VA commitment for Tuesdays for 6 months. Unanimously passes!
- A discussion about the staff getting rude at Gaudenzia on Henry Avenue. Became unproductive. Discussion passed until new business.
- All commitment info is on www.aasepia.org > SEPIA and Zone info > Philadelphia Info

Anniversaries

- David, 15 years
- North Philly Group, 64 years May 31st 7pm, East Bethel Baptist Church 1336 Henry Ave
- Hope Group 45 years Thursday May 23rd at 4th and Pine 12pm
- Lawndale Group 75 years, Thursday June 20th St Paul's Lutheran Church 5918 N 5th Street 6pm

Attendance was 46

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bridging the Gap Committee Report (Glen)

- Connects people in treatment w people already in AA, meet them at their first meeting in your zip code and introduce them to people.
- Needs volunteers! There is a QR code on the flyer.

Archives Committee Report (Devan)

- Nothing very new to report, always looking for people w 25+ years to record their story.
- Reach out if you'd like to update your group's history.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Report (Maura)

- In April 35 medical students attended AA meetings as observers. This was facilitated by the CPC, we meet with the students (1-2) before and after the meeting to brief them on it and answer questions.
- CPC also makes presentations at Drexel Physicians Assistants programs, will at an EMS conference, Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention, and Jefferson Health.
- As always we are eager for more contacts, especially police officers, correctional officers, etc.
- Keep your eyes peeled for news of a CPC workshop this summer!

Finance Committee Report (Angie)

- Next meeting is this Thursday, will have a report next month!

Interphones/HUSSHH Committee Report (Hank)

- Did a rundown of the interphone manual at the last meeting.
- Still need volunteers for weekends and holidays.
- Pro tip: if you're recommending a meeting to a newcomer, make sure it's one you know is active!

Prison and Temporary Contact Committee Report (Shane)

- The monthly meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 on zoom (not 7pm).

- If taking a meeting to a prison, call the prison first to make sure the meeting is still happening – AA has no control over this, sometimes the meeting is canceled for various reasons.
- Sponsor an Inmate program is starting! Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm on Zoom. Same link as the rest!
- Pen Pal program- send a letter to prisondirector@aasepia.org to be sent along to an inmate. Please anonymize your experience, strength and hope. If you'd like to take over as liaison of the Pen Pal program, they are looking for a replacement!

Public Information (PI) Committee Report

- See Sam's report, above.

Special Events Committee Report (Kyle)

- March 7th-9th 2025 Roundup at The Grand.
- Looking for groups to donate baskets for the Gratitude Breakfast.

Unity Committee Report

- They come to your home group (with treats!) and give a pitch about service opportunities.
- Unity picnic Sunday June 23rd 12-5pm Neshaminy State Park Pavilion 1. Open meeting at 2pm.
- Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday 7pm on Zoom.
- Unity workshop will be in the fall, details TBD.

Young People Committee Report

- None present.

OLD BUSINESS

- If, as a Zone, we want to have a liaison for The Grape Vine Committee or Spanish Language Intergroup we can! Tabled for the month, not much interest in the room.

NEW BUSINESS

- Printing of the reports- are we able to print less?
 - Motion to only print 40 copies rather than 60; does not pass.
 - Motion to print 45 copies; does not pass.
 - Dissenting opinions go back and forth.
 - Motion to table until next month; passes.
- We need an alternate liaison for Finance, Unity, Interphones, and YPAA. Motion to table this until next month and ask for volunteers at the beginning of the meeting, passes.

Motion to close at 8:15; passes.

NEXT MEETING: Monday June 10th, 2024.

CLOSE with "I Am Responsible."