

SOUTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Joyce via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. with the *Serenity Prayer.*

Representatives present: Angola Seaside, Bethany Early Birds, Big Book Study Group, Gay, Joyous & Free, Georgetown Saturday Night, Love & Service, Millsboro Monday Night, Milton BYOBB, Morning Wake-up Group, New Beginnings, Rehoboth Beach Group, New Beginnings, New Freedom, Open Arms, Shore Serenity Group, Sisters of Sobriety, Straight from 12 & 12, Terra Firma Big Book, Tuesday Morning Step 6 & 7, Wake-up Call Group, WE Group

Other Guests present: DCM 1, DCM 3, DCM 4, Delegate Terry H., Area 12 Bob L, DCM 13

30 Members present; 25 Groups Represented.

2. New Intergroup Reps: None

3. Announcements: None

4. Intergroup Officer Reports

4.1. Secretary: Minutes distributed, reviewed and accepted, with corrections.

4.2. Treasurer: Copies of current income and expense report were distributed, reviewed and accepted.

5. Intergroup Committee Reports

5.1. **Accessibility:** Dan still seeking committee members, please take the request back to homegroups and if interested or experienced, email Dan at accessibility@sussexaa.org or call 302.540.8959.

5.2. **Answering Service:** Numbers for June; total minutes up +30%, total number of calls +40%, total cost +14%. Lela working with answering service to investigate complaints on frequent calls.

5.3. **Archives:** Not present.

5.4. **BTG/Treatment:** Sam stepped up as new chair, working to contact treatment centers sending people to Sussex to supply a list of matching volunteers. Compiling list of centers and finding best ways to recruit volunteers. To be involved contact Sam or Dede. Email btg@sussexaa.org.

5.5. **Corrections:** Not present, currently no meetings.

5.6. **Crest:** Still in lockdown. Phyllis working to discover how and what is currently being done to carry the message.

5.7. **CPC:** Paul met with Dede, Sam, & Viv to develop how to best to coordinate efforts. Difficult to reach out face-to-face so seeking more creative ways to connect, especially with the medical community. Using virtual outreach to promote sussexaa.org. Open to suggestions – email cpc@sussexaa.org or call Paul 302.339.5379.

- 5.8. **Liaison Area 12:** Bob L Area 12 chair provided updates on work with re-openings, committees and GSO. Planning a weekend convention next year, details to come. Sally T (Alt. Delegate), Buck, Joyce F, Shelly C planning – considering hybrid meetings and zoom updates. Area 12 committee meets in August, but summer traditionally slow. Great opportunity for all to be advocates for service to ensure the hand of AA is always there.
- 5.9. **Literature:** Funding from GSO is not coming in, literature is a big part. Through the end of September, there is 10% off Big Books...email with all requests at literature@sussexaa.org. Leslie would like to place an order by 9/3.
- 5.10. **PI:** Not present.
- 5.11. **Special Events:** Not present.
- 5.12. **Website/Where & When:** Website report attached. 140 meetings are listed, many meetings status is unknown, some meetings are now in person, please send email to support@sussexaa.org with any updates.

6. District / Delegate Reports

- 6.1. **District 1:** Zoom meetings 3rd Monday 6pm...meetings have had good attendance and will continue through the summer. Still reviewing how to handle 7th tradition.
- 6.2. **District 2:** Zoom meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month with good attendance.
- 6.3. **District 3:** No district meeting this month. Awaiting information on in person meetings.
- 6.4. **District 13:** Not present
- 6.5. **Delegate:** Terry H looking forward to 7/11 meeting and will report. Discussion about how in some states groups are lobbying for AA and NA to become essential (currently non-essential).

7. Old Business: None.

8. **New Business:** Paul made a motion to post financials on the website, after discussion it was agreed to table the motion and revisit next month.

9. **Close:** Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with recital of *Responsibility Declaration*

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. SDI Secretary

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**Southern Delaware Intergroup (SDI) of Alcoholics Anonymous
Website/Tech/Where & When Committee Report (07-02-20)**

1. **Statistics.** Though number of pages and hits decreased, the number of unique visitors and visits increased.

| Month (2020) | Unique Visitors | # of Visits | Pages | Hits |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| June | 2,761 | 7,250 | 70,647 | 153,149 |
| May | 2,730 | 7,676 | 59,291 | 155,391 |
| April | 2,260 | 7,337 | 72,395 | 177,551 |
| March | 2,586 | 6,507 | 72,669 | 149,034 |

By comparison, June 2019 had 1,548 hits, 3,572 visits, 47,840 pages, 82,251 hits.

2. **Meetings.** There are **140 meetings** in the database.
- We have five types of meetings that are becoming unwieldy to differentiate.
 - **Online Meetings.** There are **49 published online meetings**. These meetings are all marked with a **green online meeting** tag with clickable meeting links and phone numbers.
 - **Outdoor Meetings.** There are six (**6**) **published outdoor meetings**. These meetings all have the tag /outside after the name.
 - **Indoor Meetings.** There are **two (2) published indoor meeting**. This meeting has tag /indoor after the name.
 - **Suspended Meetings.** There are a total of **54 meetings that have been marked temporarily suspended**. These meetings all have SUSPENDED as the prefix in the name and are marked with a **red temporary closure** tag with the color is faded out.
 - **Unknown Status.** The status of 29 meetings that meet at the following locations is unknown.
 - 12 and 12 Community Center (Seaford)
 - ACE Peer Resource Center (Seaford)
 - All Saints Episcopal Church (Delmar)
 - Bayview Estates Clubhouse (Selbyville)
 - Blackwater Fellowship Church (Frankford)
 - Christ Episcopal Church (Milford)
 - Community Church of Oak Orchard
 - Community Lutheran Church (Frankford)
 - Fenwick Island Baptist Church (Selbyville)
 - Grace United Methodist Church (Georgetown)
 - Salem Methodist Church (Selbyville)
 - St George's Methodist Church (Frankford)
 - St. John's Methodist Church (Bridgeville)
 - Thresholds (Georgetown)
 - The top of meeting page has the following text posted to the top: **It is the policy of Southern Delaware Intergroup to not publish meetings that we know of that are not in compliance with CDC, State of Delaware, and facility-stated**

guidelines for COVID-19. The meetings posted on this website are provided for informational purposes only, and Southern Delaware Intergroup takes no position and makes no representations, or guarantees that these meetings comply with current federal and state laws as they apply to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, Southern Delaware Intergroup takes no position and makes no representations, or guarantees that attendance at these meetings is safe and that the meetings do, or will comply with currently suggested social distancing, or other health care protocols.

- All our meetings are synced with the GSO A.A. Meeting Guide app, though the group and locations notes are not visible.
3. **Email.** Support@sussexaa.org **fielded 249 emails in June.** This is far above our normal amount of 20 emails per month. The bulk of emails were from newcomers needing advice on A.A., new meetings and changes to meetings.
 4. **Website.** The website had a few changes.
 - **Home Page.** There was a cosmetic overhaul.
 - **Post: Reopening our Meetings.** This provides information for groups to consider about safely reopening in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - **Post: Summer 2020.** Provided summaries of various activities such as the types of meetings we have (online, outdoor, etc.), synopsis of Box 459 issue, status of the now virtual International Convention, slight discussion on Seventh Tradition and how to make contributions, and the AAWS Big Book summer special.
 - **Notification Bar.** Changed notification bar (located above the header) to point to post on Reopening Meetings.
 - **Upcoming Meetings Widget.** Removed the upcoming meetings sidebar widget since it displays so many suspended meetings. Will work with the Twelve Step Meeting List (TSML) plugin developers to allow us to filter these out.
 - **Subscribe Link.** Folks can sign up to receive news through email
 - **Email Accounts.** Changed forwarding for btg@sussexaa.org to the new committee chairs.
 - **Meetings page.** Information with clickable links on top of meeting page header for quickly finding online meetings and how to manage Zoom. Links to quickly jump to online meeting list and outdoor meeting list.
 - **Meeting Materials.** For quick reference added a page which has the text for A.A. Daily Reflections, A.A. Preamble, How It Works, A Vision for You, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Eleventh Step Prayer, Ninth Step Promises, Seventh Step Prayer, and Third Step Prayer.
 5. **Intergroup Minutes.** Posted May minutes.
 6. **Treasurer's Report.** This is not posted, but many folks wanted it emailed. It would be much easier for everyone if we could simply post these reports.

