

SOUTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2021

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

Representatives present: New Beginnings; Early Birds; Millsboro Monday; New Freedom; Gay, Joyous, and Free; Young People's Alternative Group; Open Arms; We Group; Steps to Freedom; Milton BYOBB; Drop the Rock Women's; Shore Serenity; 3-7-11 Women's; St. Martha's Early Birds
Other Guests present: Area 12 Liaison
26 Members present; 14 Groups Represented.

2. New Intergroup Reps Maureen from Wednesday 3-7-11 Group & Andrew K. from Bethany Early Birds

3. Announcements: Joyce calls for info from chairs of committees to create budget.

4. Intergroup Officer Reports

- 4.1. Secretary: Minutes distributed, reviewed, and accepted.
- 4.2. Treasurer: Not present. Copies of report available by sending email to treasurer@sussexaa.org

5. Intergroup Committee Reports

- 5.1. **Accessibility:** Dan monitoring meeting status of groups under COVID restrictions. Still looking for folks who want to help the committee. To become a committee member, please email at accessibility@sussexaa.org or call 302.540.8959
- 5.2. **Answering Service:** November total calls - 70 and answered minutes – 211 for a total of \$201.85. Total cost for year: \$2941.34. Trying to get volunteer list onto website. Alternative: Lela can send updated list monthly. For the time being, seems this is the agreed upon, best approach.
- 5.3. **Archives:** Kristin not present.
- 5.4. **BTG/Treatment:** Sam met with reps of Banyan Rehab, a new center in Milton, and they are extremely interested in BTG. Need to ensure there are enough volunteers. Suggested sobriety length is 6 months; suggested to O that volunteers have a sponsor and read "Working with Others" in Big Book. For more information, contact BTG@sussexaa.org.
- 5.5. **Corrections:** No report.
- 5.6. **Crest:** Still in lockdown.
- 5.7. **CPC:** Taking meetings into Banyan since Dec. 9. Meetings are Wednesdays, 7-8p in person, with about 20 patients. Present format focuses on Steps 1-3. Currently, all meetings are in person - residents wear masks at our request – but Paul will check to see if they are open to Zoom. No home groups have signed up for a month commitment other than Surrender to Win, which will

cover April. Meetings through Jan. are covered by individual volunteers. Bayan is a growing enterprise that spans 6 states, and their intention is to triple in size in 2021. To cover commitment, BTG and CPC have been working together to bring meetings. More information: CPC@sussexaa.org.

- 5.8. **Liaison Area 12:** Area 12 assembly convened Dec. 5, at which Jenna M. became Secretary. Alternate delegate for Area 12 and convention committee chair, Sally T., reported on tentative plans for convention. October 30, 2021, will be a virtual, one day gathering entitled "AA in a Time of Change," with a theme of diversity. May be a service fair the following day, COVID restrictions permitting. Discussion of a spring, '22 meeting is definite. More information about events is on the calendar tab at Delawareaa.org, including January and February workshops on service and Nerassa Virtual meeting at the end of February.
- 5.9. **Literature:** Leslie is stepping down to take the District 1 DCM role. Need new chair. Leslie emphasized current inventory and desire to get that distributed as soon as possible. For all requests contact literature@sussexaa.org. Pamphlets are also available online in members section and can be printed.
- 5.10. **PI:** Chair now has all racks and brochures set up at Banyan and putting together a spread sheet of all locations to get everyone stocked. Does not have an email address yet but will ask folks to make suggestions of locations for drop off as soon as that is possible. working on a location list to share with the group.
- 5.11. **Special Events:** Premature to plan Gratitude breakfast given quarantine. Need a new date for Bash at the Beach – dates become available in January.
- 5.12. **Website/Where & When:** Website report to be attached to meeting minutes when available. No stats currently available, but use is steady. 137 meetings on database; need everyone to be vigilant of changes. Level of effort to maintain website is more than a volunteer is expected to do and a budget request may include funding for this position..

6. **Old Business:** Consideration to contribute to GSO will shift to next month, to work with Treasurer.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Close:** Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with recital of *Responsibility Declaration*.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allison R., SDI Secretary

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Southern Delaware Intergroup (SDI) of Alcoholics Anonymous Website/Tech/Where & When Committee Report (January 2021)

1. **The website committee met on January 4, 2021.** Viv's (excellent, as always) report was reviewed and discussed.
2. **Statistics.** Need to investigate a new tool for monthly statistics.
3. **Meetings.** There are **137 published meetings** in the database. This is the same number as last month, but there were many changes. These include splitting an indoor meeting (Sunlight of the Spirit) into two meetings (one online and the other indoor), updating hybrid meeting to online only (Saturday Love & Service), removing an online meeting that has been cancelled (Wed Any Lengths), updating one meeting from outside to indoors (As Bill Sees It Wed 8 AM), updating two meetings from outside to online (Monday Sea Aire & Saturday Wake Up Call), suspending one outdoor meeting (Friday Night Step), suspending one online meeting (Saturday 5PM Mariners), adding a new online meeting (Tuesday, Find a Sponsor), and updating two temp suspended meetings to indoors (Open Arms Group). **Groups should remember to send the Zoom invitation to sussexaa.org when scheduling or changing a meeting.**

There are four (4) status categories of meetings.

1. **Online.** There are **50 published online meetings**. These meetings are all marked with a **green online meeting** tag with clickable meeting links and phone numbers. These meetings can be easily found with a link provided on the meeting page, as well as in the menu bar.
2. **Suspended.** There are a total of **43 meetings that have been marked temporarily suspended**. These meetings all have SUSPENDED with the prefix in the name and are marked with a **red temporary closure** tag with the color is faded out.
3. **Reopened or indoor that we know of.** We have been notified of a total of **27** meetings that are meeting inside.
4. **Unknown.** The **remaining 17 meetings** may be meeting indoors, online or suspended, but we have not been notified.

All our meetings are synced with the GSO A.A. Meeting Guide app, which has made significant updates to accommodate online meetings which fall into three categories:

- ✓ Meetings with physical location temporarily closed now meeting online (suspended)
 - ✓ Meetings happening both online and in-person at a physical location (hybrid)
 - ✓ Meetings without a street address but an approximate location (online-only)
4. **Email.** support@sussexaa.org fielded 137 emails in December. The bulk of emails were divided between changes to meetings (new online info, meetings going indoors or online, updating passwords, etc.) and newcomers seeking help.

5. Website.

- **SiteGround.** Major changes were made by SiteGround when they changed servers for email and hosting. Needed to reconfigure incoming and outgoing email.
- **WordPress Core Update.** Major updates to the WordPress core (5.5. to 5.6) included extensive testing and backup.

6. **January News.** Yay! New Year. Would like to mention new Zoom features, and of course step, tradition and concept 1 should be written. Can repeat upcoming conferences: NERAASA and IWC.

7. **Intergroup Minutes.** Posted November minutes with website committee report attached.

8. **Update on Annual Budget.** Below is an estimate of the fixed annual costs for 2021.

Theme License ¹	39.95
Backup, Recovery & Off-Site Storage License ²	42.00
Cyber Security License ³	99.00
Website Hosting ⁴	0.00
Online Form software (Gravity Forms) ⁵	59.95
Domain Renewal ⁶	16.00
	Total: 256.90

9. **Annual budget request for 2021.** The committee has continued to review the hours that our volunteer webmaster has been devoting to the maintenance and content of the website. Based on our communication with other Intergroups and a review of time spent, we will propose an annual budget for these activities at the next Intergroup meeting.

¹ This would be an 18-month license. Did not charge this in 2019-2020.

² Billed monthly - about \$3.50/month

³ Renews May 28, 2021

⁴ Hosting through SiteGround is paid through May 2022

⁵ Recommend using this for forms.

⁶ Expires Jul 28, 2021