



SOUTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 5, 2021

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

Officers present: Joyce F., Chair; Rachel S., Vice-Chair, Rick G., Treasurer; Allison R., Secretary. Representatives present: Millsboro Monday Night; Tuesday Morning Women's Ocean View; Women's Big Book Friday Night Bethany; Oak Orchard; Lewes Monday Big Book Meeting; Shore Serenity; Wednesday 3-7-11; Drop the Rock; Gay Joyous, and Free; Open Arms; Lewes Round Robin Group; Sunlight of the Spirit Big Book; Young People's Alternative Group; Saint Martha's Early Birds Members present: 26. Groups Represented: 14

2. New Intergroup Reps: Douglas B., Sunlight of the Spirit Big Book

3. Announcements: None.

4. Intergroup Officer Reports

4.1. Secretary: DRAFT minutes are posted in advance of subsequent meeting, to facilitate review and comments/corrections. Minutes from July 1 session distributed, reviewed, and accepted.

4.2. Treasurer: Rick G., gave report for July. Met with 6 committee chairs to collect info about proposed budgets. 8 groups gave \$1070. Seeing increase in monthly intake as groups open. Net gain \$346 after expenses, with cash balance of \$15,000. Estimating a 6-month prudent reserve of \$6200, gives overage of approximately \$7314. This is the ballpark of "excess" the group will decide on whether and how to distribute. Also note, SDI changed banks, now at PNC. Copies of report or questions? Please email: treasurer@sussexaa.org

5. Intergroup Committee Reports

5.1. Accessibility:

- Dan notes that as the number of online meetings drop, some who rely on these may be disadvantaged, from accessibility perspective. He urges those present to reach out to groups to make sure no one is left behind, who cannot make in person meetings.
- Accessibility Tool Kit in development, which will focus on information for districts and groups, to ensure those with special needs are accommodated. Will include a survey or self-assessment for groups, to help them evaluate

- how they are accommodating those with disabilities. This will be a living document. One group – Gay, Joyous, and Free – has set up a Zoom only meeting for these reasons. Discussion of what information is included in meeting lists, to address accessibility issues.
- Questions? accessibility@sussexaa.org
- 5.2. **Answering Service:** Chair not present. Joyce gives summary report, noting calls were up 37% with 352 operator minutes and 109 calls, for total expense of \$253.
 - 5.3. **Archives:** New chair not present.
 - 5.4. **BTG/Treatment:** Dede notes a slow month for requests from Banyan. She has been reaching out to other rehabs and has Zoom presentations scheduled with several. For more information and volunteer forms, contact btg@sussexaa.org.
 - 5.5. **Corrections:** No chair. SDI received an email from Central Delaware Intergroup, indicating they were able to schedule meeting in Smyrna prison and inviting participants to it. Meeting Friday, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Text 302-747-6079 if interested.
 - 5.6. **Crest:** No report.
 - 5.7. **CPC**
 - Paul, CPC chair, notes committee is looking for participation to help carry the message to professionals in the area. Young People’s Alternative group will take meetings to Banyan for month of August. Looking for other home groups for October and beyond. Surrender to Win volunteered for November.
 - Banyan has become a great partnership, and we may want to take a second meeting in on Monday nights, if there is sufficient interest from groups willing to take this on. Please take call to home groups for commitment to bring meetings Wednesday evenings and to evaluate interest in Monday possibility.
 - Volunteers or questions? Email cpc@sussexaa.org or call Paul at 302-339-5379
 - 5.8. **Liaison Area 12:** Need new Liaison.
 - 5.9. **Literature:** No chair present. For literature needs, contact literature@sussexaa.org.
 - 5.10. **PI:** Stacey reports we have a stock of Big Books and 12/12 that we’re providing to groups at cost. We are prepared to share with not-for-profits, rehab centers, and other outlets without reimbursement as appropriate. Pamphlets are also in stock, and Stacey has a spreadsheet with locations. Looking for folks to deliver these to the community. For supply or magnets, contact PI chair at pi@sussexaa.org.
 - 5.11. **Special Events (reported at top of meeting, out of order):** Eamon reports Bash at the Beach is set for Saturday, September 18 and tickets are available by emailing irish4fish@gmail.com, events@sussexaa.org or by calling Eamon: 571.242.2238.

5.12. **Website/Tech Committee:** Chair Susie reports 3095 unique visitors, up substantially, and requests representatives check the meeting list and provide updates with any changes to support@sussexaa.org.

6. **Old Business:** Discussion of overage in coffers now and how that should be used/dispersed. Among ideas shared: (1) send ½ to GSO and other ½ to regional and area; (2) look at whether we are doing enough to carry the message locally in Sussex County, before dispersing to GSO, e.g., public information spots, posters, PSA etc.; (3) use funds to cover cost of climate-controlled storage for literature; (4) may want to rent and office for Intergroup. Other ideas? Email Treasurer@sussexaa.org.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Close:** Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with recital of *Responsibility Declaration*.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 6 p.m.**

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Southern Delaware Intergroup (SDI) of Alcoholics Anonymous Website/Tech Committee Report for the Month of July 2021

1. Statistics.

Month	Unique Visitors	# of Visits	Pageviews
July 2021	3,095	7,440	18,529
June 2021	2,828	6,780	17,641
May 2021	2,294	6,506	17,467
April 2021	2,118	6,254	17,033

2. **Meetings.** There are a total of **120¹ active meetings**. Breakdown is as follows:

1. **IN-PERSON:** Total of **89** in-person meetings.

- **85 indoor meetings**
- **4 outdoor meetings**

2. **ONLINE.** Total of **33** online meetings.

Lots of reshuffling during the month of July with meetings added, moving from online to in-person, and changes to formats.

• **Added seven new meetings:**

1. The Ripple Effect 6 & 7 Tuesdays at 7
2. Experience Strength and Hope Group (Saturday)
3. Gay Joyous and Free as Bill Sees it on Wednesday at 730
4. Lewes Round Robin Monday at 7
5. Sisters of Sobriety for Sunday at Dry Dock
6. Lewes Beach on Friday at 6 (replaces Shore Serenity)
7. Open Arms Saturday evening.

• **Reinstated nine meetings:** Reinstated Frankford Thursday night, Laurel Chapter Group (at new location), and seven Seaside Angola at Dry Dock meetings.

• **Five meetings changed from online to in-person:** Gay, Joyous, Free, Roxanna Step Group (Tuesday), As Bill Sees It (Epworth), Wednesday Beginners, and Shore Serenity.

• **Discontinued Meeting:** Shore Serenity Beach meeting.

• **Other Changes:** Many meetings have removed restrictions.

3. **Email.** support@sussexaa.org fielded 230 emails in July. The bulk of emails were divided between changes to meetings and newcomers seeking help.

4. **Website.**

- August News: In draft format, ready to be posted pending approval.
- Lots of major rework on the meeting listing user interface.

¹ There are two hybrid meetings. Note these numbers are reflected in the in-person total and the online total.

A.A. Meetings in Sussex County

Is the information for **YOUR** home group correct? Does the Zoom link work? Have you moved your location? Have you re-opened your suspended meeting? Please help us keep the fellowship informed of your meeting's status. If you have changes, please contact us by [email](#) and we will update our website.

For a printable (PDF) in-person meeting schedule, [download here](#).

Time ▲	Meeting	Location / Group	Address	Active ▼
7:00 am	Wake Up Call Living Sober	Wake Up Call Group	Online Meeting	Active
7:30 am	Bethany Serenity by the Beach / Seasonal Outside	Bethany Beach near Clock Tower	95B Campbe	In-person
9:00 am	Spiritual Awakening	Spiritual Awakening	Online Meeting	12 Steps & 12 Traditions

- Created blue box for meeting top message to make it stand out better. There still are several meetings marked as inactive that actually are meeting, but need to hear from the people running the meeting before listing their meetings as active.
- PHP update to 7.4.20
- Theme update

5. Events.

- Central Delaware Blue Hen Roundup 2021 (October 2).
- NAATW 2021 Virtual Workshop (September 17 to 19). Will register for the National AA Technology Workshop when it is open. See <https://naatw.org/>.
- ICOAA Seminar – The Intergroup/Central Office/A.A.W.S./AAGV Seminar will be held on Wednesday, September 29th through Saturday, October 2nd.

6. Intergroup Minutes.

- Posted approved June minutes with website committee report attached.
- Posted draft July minutes with website committee report attached.

Please help Intergroup maintain an updated meeting schedule in order to keep our fellowship informed so that anyone who needs to find a meeting can do so.