



SOUTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 2, 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, Alternate Chair; Rick G., Treasurer; Allison R., Secretary. Representatives present: Surrender to Win; Bethany Beach Step Group; Sunlight of the Spirit; Straight From the 12 x 12; Early Birds St. Martha's; Millsboro Monday Night; Women's Tuesday Morning Meeting Ocean View; Women's Big Book Friday Study Group; Gay, Joyous, & Free; Lewes Monday Big Book; Oak Orchard Thursday Night; Sisters of Sobriety; Young People's Alternate Group; Straight from the Big Book; Shore Serenity, Love and Service; Steps to Freedom; Women's 3-7-11 Group; Women's 6 and 7 Step Meeting
Members present: 28. Groups Represented: 19

2. New Intergroup Reps: Ginny F., Bethany Beach Step Group; Bill, Straight from the 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 August 5 session distributed, reviewed, and accepted.

4.2. Treasurer: Rick G. gave report for August. Seven groups gave \$949 (less than 10% of all active groups contributing). Average of 6 months = approx. \$850/month. Expenses for August = \$1239. Estimating a 6-month prudent reserve, after expenses, committee budgets, and several "special projects" – e.g., conditioned storage unit for literature and archives, and new system to let groups pay directly, vs. snail mail -- gives overage of \$3876.12. This is the ballpark of "excess" the group will decide on whether and how to distribute. Brief discussion of how best to use these funds. (1) Feasibility study for bricks and mortar office for Intergroup; SDI purchase literature for groups; contribute to GSO. Discussion will continue, with appeal to members to solicit home group sentiment, and decision by year end. Copies of report or questions? Please email: treasurer@sussexaa.org

5. Intergroup Committee Reports

5.1. **Accessibility:** Dan notes that Accessibility Tool Kit is under review, which focuses on information for districts and groups, to ensure those with special needs are accommodated. Questions? accessibility@sussexaa.org

- 5.2. **Answering Service:** Calls were down 30% for July, with answered minutes down 35%. Total cost for August = \$170.
- 5.3. **Archives:** Chair supports idea of including archives with literature in climate-controlled storage.
- 5.4. **BTG/Treatment:** In August, Zoom meetings were held with Warwick and Bowling Green Brandywine to give information about our services. Also had phone discussion with Sun Behavioral. Overall slow month, with only one volunteer request from Banyan. For more information and volunteer forms, contact btg@sussexaa.org.
- 5.5. **Corrections:** No chair. Central Delaware Intergroup has been able to schedule meeting in Smyrna prison and invites participants to it. Meeting Friday, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Text 302-747-6079 if interested.
- 5.6. **Crest:** Cannot get in.
- 5.7. **CPC:** Paul, CPC chair, has a contact at Sussex Parole Services, and he is going to contact them to discuss the services we can provide. Banyan partnership is going strong. New group from Milford will take lead at Banyan for month of September. Sisters of Sobriety will do October. November is booked also, but all future months are open. Home of the Brave meetings are on hold now, due to lack of participation. Paul will be taking over Literature chair, so we will be looking for CPC chair. Volunteers or questions? Email cpc@sussexaa.org or call Paul at 302-339-5379
- 5.8. **Liaison Area 12:** Need new Liaison. Meantime, check DelawareAA.org for information. Events are listed there.
- 5.9. **Literature:** Literature is super active, as meetings are re-opening. For literature needs, contact literature@sussexaa.org.
- 5.10. **PI:** Stacey reports literature drops are planned over next 2 weeks. For supply or magnets, contact PI chair at pi@sussexaa.org.
- 5.11. **Special Events:** Eamon reports Bash at the Beach is set for Saturday, September 18 and tickets are nearly sold out. There is a team of volunteers in place, and there will be some tickets available day of event. Suggests SDI have a table at the event, to distribute information, Q cards, etc.
- 5.12. **Website/Tech Committee:** Chair Susie reports website had 7000 visits in August, and 2800 unique visitors, down from prior month, and requests representatives check the meeting list and provide updates with any changes to support@sussexaa.org. Plea for service: need volunteers and new chair.
6. **Old Business:** Discussed surplus beyond prudent reserve during budget presentation. Other ideas, questions, or comments? Email Treasurer@sussexaa.org.
7. **New Business:** Rachel, co-chair, reviews turnover of committee, highlighting need for new chairs of CPC and Website committees.
8. **Close:** Meeting Adjourned at 6:51 p.m. with recital of *Responsibility Declaration*.

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Allison R., SDI Secretary
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