

**Napa Valley
Intergroup July 8,
2017**

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Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ New Comer Packets: Yanna Women's mtg Sat morning, Dan G. Tues Wheel of Sobriety
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month:
- Last month's minutes (Yellow Copy) & Agenda on the Table (White Copy)
- Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.
- Pass the sign-in sheet *Service Sponsor

Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

• **Tradition 7 *Duncan***- The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Next Month's Reader:

David H.

7th Tradition

- We have no dues or fees in A.A. We are entirely self-supporting, declining outside contributions. This self-support includes our rent for this room, the coffee and refreshments, and contributions to our Intergroup, District, Area and GSO in New York.

Housekeeping Motions- These are procedural motions and pass with no objections. If the motion does not pass it will move to new business.

- *Cheryl would like to make a housekeeping motion that would change the month that the newsletter is printed in. Would like to move it back to December instead of November. Please vote next month when better wording will be available.*
- *We would like to continue to print the IG pamphlets but want to wait a month to see how useful they are.*

Officer Reports

Chair – Brian T. chair@aanapa.org Thanks to the Officers and Reps for their service! Thank you David for filling in! We are making steady progress and the IG Inventory is just about wrapped up! I want to thank the group for their participation and perseverance in completing the five IG Questions.

The Anniversary Party needs a Chair Person/ Group, please spread the word.

Alternate Chair – David H. altchair@aanapa.org

Treasurer – Donna R. treasurer@aanapa.org This is the Treasurers Report for July 2017. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Donna R.

JULY TREASURERS REPORT				STARTING BALANCE	\$ 12,560.33
DATE	CHECK #	PAY TO THE ORDER OF	PURPOSE	DEBIT	CREDIT
6/7/17			deposit		\$ 1,804.15
6/10/17	2087	Roy B.	Chips for birthday me	\$ 104.70	
6/10/17	2088	Brian T.	IG Printing	\$ 104.55	
6/10/17	2089	David H.	Donuts, etc.	\$ 36.46	
6/19/17	debit	Napa Valley Register	6 months hotline ad	\$ 1,308.72	
6/26/17	debit	Freedom Voice	hotline	\$ 66.82	
7/3/17			deposit		\$ 1,318.26
				\$ 1,621.25	\$ 15,682.74
			Ending Balance		\$ 14,061.49
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2017		Jun			
Deer Park Discovery		\$	432.50		
Intergroup		\$	40.00		
Joe's Group		\$	44.15		
Open Book Meeting		\$	174.11		
Serenity Group		\$	300.00		
Sober Today		\$	120.00		
Sunset 2-Section C		\$	15.00		
Total		\$	1,125.76		

Secretary - Jenna B. secretary@aanapa.org

Literature Chair - Robin H. literature@aanapa.org

Now hooked up to email on the website so that you can place orders online for literature. Has not been bringing literature to IG meetings. Please set up appt. time with Robin and she will get you the books. Getting low on a couple of books but has a huge stock of pamphlets

Hotline Chair – Brian C. hotline@aanapa.org

Hotline is working beautifully. Since May 1 we have had around 98 calls. 20 to women, 30 to men, and 35 voicemails. Everything is working well.

Web Editor – Duncan L. webeditor@aanapa.org

Adhoc committee has met a couple of times to review content from old site and how the transfer will happen. About 50% done with that process. Meeting this week on how to edit new website. Hoping to have an example test website by August to show the group.

Meeting Schedule Chair –Dawn R. meetings@aanapa.org

Greetings, the following changes to the schedule were reported to me via email, some of which have either already been updated in previous editions or were not different than what was in the latest (Spring 2017) printed schedule. I think when Cheryl is making updates that I'm notified as they are made. This was a bit confusing at first as I was expecting that there was new info: ***Please get any changes emailed to Dawn by the first Saturday of the month***

- 1) Friday Night at the Queen - removed the conference room location ***moved to 3rd floor room A***
- 2) Experience, Strength, & Hope, Wed 3:30pm - Didn't see any new info (still same location including the room it has been in)
- 3) Sunday Night Big Book Study - Day shows Appointment (not sure what this means) did not update schedule assuming that this is still meeting on Sunday
- 4) A Safe Place - added Heritage Room to the location
- 5) Deer Park Discovery Group - New location: St. Helena Catholic School, 1255 Oak Ave (parking towards back by basketball courts)

Newsletter Chair – Cheryl G. newsletter@aanapa.org

each of the 84 meetings can have 3 copies for each day it meets in one week.

Delegate at Large – Paul N. delegate@aanapa.org

Birthday Meeting Chair – Roy B & Paul M. birthday@aanapa.org

Liaison/Committee Reports

Liaison to General Service - *Michael talked about Unity Day which is happening 7/15 from 9:30 to 2:30. There is a 2017 summer assembly. Starts at 8:30 and ends at 5 at the Petaluma Community Center. August 5th. No district meeting until September*

Liaison to H & I -

Liaison to NAPYPAA -

Financial Oversight Committee – Eliseo R. and Erik S.

Event Report

2017 Anniversary Party – *OPEN POSITION*- Katherine secured a location for anniversary party: Crosswalk Church Oct. 21st (Saturday)

Alcathons – Chair Position Open – *(2 year sobriety requirement)*

Review ByLaws

- **2016 Christmas Alcathon**- Report *needed*
- **2016 New Year's Alcathon**- Report *needed*
- **2017 Thanksgiving Alcathon**- Jenna B.
- **2017 Christmas Alcathon**- *OPEN*
- **2017 New Year's Alcathon**- Robin H.

Workshops - Chair Position Open – *(2 year sobriety requirement)*

- **2017 Workshop #1** – Eliseo - LGBTQ in sobriety April 10 (Monday Night) 7pm @ Crosswalk in Heritage Room (Report needed)
- **2017 Workshop #2** – Katherine C doing a 4th step workshop
- **2017 Workshop #3** – Elaina S. - Psychotropic medications in sobriety
- **2017 Workshop #4** – Duncan L. - *(In Discussion) Recovering Mentally and Physically: Yoga and the 12 Steps*

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports and Discussions

Ad Hoc IG Inventory Committee: Working together to submit a condensed version of the IG Inventory and a Intergroup Flier. Reached out to the Officers and asked their input on what their commitment is and how the Fellowship benefits from the different positions in Intergroup.

Action Items for Questions 1&2: Regarding Group Purpose and Communication
Do we want to continue making some pamphlets?

- Pamphlet folding party
- Pick a “Meeting Out of the Hat”
- *Suggested that whenever we go to meetings that don't have intergroup reps we take this pamphlet to those meetings. This pamphlet should continue to be printed.*

Suggested Action Items for Questions 5: Regarding IG Reps and their job description.

Thank you Paul C. for stepping up and helping the New IG Rep!

- Intergroup Representative New Comer Packet Including:
 - A. Phone List
 - B. By-Laws
 - C. Schedule
 - D. IG Flier

Ad Hoc Website Committee: Facilitated by Brouck H.

This Committee's goal is the following:

1. *Evaluate the status of the current and possible new Website. **COMPLETE***

Current:

We can post items and can be updated. The current web page has more content than needed. We need to discuss evaluating the content. Uploading items, modifying and the mobil site is difficult to manage people. Currently there are two site within the larger site because of the mobil site. Cumbersome and design issues. Action? None at this time.

New Site:

Basically a frame work or a back bone is in place. Formatting is complete. Meet- ings are in place. We are at 25% complete approximately 20-25 hours before a switch over.

2. *Discuss the steps to switch over the Website. Action Items?*
 1. Print out all pages by topic so we have all the text in front of us.
 - A. How will this happen? Duncan will accumulate Website pages and PDF. Then we as a group can review and discuss. **COMPLETE**
 2. Evaluate the Text, Revise Language (**IP**)
 3. Evaluate the Content (**IP**)
 4. Evaluate Links
 5. Plan out Menu Items or “Buttons”

 6. Load test Website with revised content
 7. Switch Web Hosting Company from Network Solutions to In Motion Hosting. Email will happen at this time too.
 8. Go live with New Site

3. *Discuss what IG should be putting on the Website before we switchover.*
 1. What is the purpose of the site?
 2. Evaluate the Home Page, what’s most important?
 3. Flier, Newsletter, Announcements. Where will these go?

4. Officer Email and how will this be affected? See step 8

5. Define Webeditor responsibilities. Action Items?

6. IG Data Storage
 1. Where can we store the Pass it On, By Laws, Bank Info, Fliers, Alchathon and Anniversary Party Info?

7. Agenda and date for next meeting?
Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 7/11 6:00 to 7:00pm

Next Meeting Agenda: Wording for the new site.

1. Evaluate the Text, Revise Language
2. Evaluate the Content
3. Evaluate Links
4. Plan out Menu Items or “Buttons”

Old Business- motions made and discussed in new business become old business and voting occurs.

Byron withdrawals motion

- I. Byron- I motion to have a 5th workshop this year. This item was tabled until further discussion about the Workshop guidelines.
(IG has budgeted for 4 workshops) a 5th workshop would potentially cost \$125.00 Byron is asking to increase the budget or if there are left over funds from the other workshop to use.
- I. IG Inventory motions to add the following to the By-Laws under “Liaisons”. This commitment is an Intergroup Liaison to PI/CPC. An Amendment to the By-Laws requires a 2/3rd vote.

Liaison to PI/CPC

- Provides a monthly written and oral report to PI/CPC in regards to the most recent Intergroup Meeting.

Position denied, first vote: 8 yes, 2 for, 1 abstention. After minority opinion which was that PICPC is a subsection of General Service. No other subsection has its own liaison and this would set a precedent.

second vote 3 yes, 10 against.

New Business- action item, a motion is made, clarification and discussion follows. Please email new business items to chair@aanapa.org by the Wednesday prior to the Intergroup Meeting. New Business items need to be written down prior to making a motion.

Create an ad hoc committee that would develop suggestions for the topic of workshops and will then take them back to the groups. Exploring what the groups would like to see as far as guidelines for workshops are concerned.

Discussion Items- *general discussion about your group or simply what’s on your mind.*

- I. Workshop Yoga and 12 Step. Group of AAs who practice yoga as a function of sobriety. Utilize yoga as a way of spiritual recovery. Wanted to put together a workshop to educate people about the benefits of yoga and how we utilize yoga as a part

of their recovery. Does this fall in line with our traditions? SEE Discussion Item 3

II. Is Psychotropic drugs in sobriety an outside issue? SEE Discussion Item 3

III. Where do we start with a workshop? What are the steps for a workshop? What qualifies as a workshop.... what is the purpose of a workshop? Maybe we need to define these things for the by-laws.

Intergroup creates list of workshop topics? All workshop items need to be discussed. Some Action items we discussed were:

what is a workshop for? A workshop should be something that helps you navigate AA. Workshop on steps, workshop on sponsorship, workshop on traditions, etc. Others think that workshops are there to expand what is already there in the Big Book. Some thoughts are that workshops are not a good fit for AA. Psychotropic medications are talked about in the Big Book and are talked about throughout

- IG come up with approved workshop topics
- Workshop topics come from Literature
- IG to review workshops before the workshop
- Stick to Tradition 6
- *Should we continue to produce workshops. We need to create a list of topics, an approval process, we need to a better structure as to what a workshop.*
- *Create AdHoc group to work on workshops. We need to come up with a bulleted list of questions.*

- Create an Ad Hoc to come up with suggestions

IV. Bringing Back the Communications Committee: Committee designed to communicate more effectively with the valley. Some kind of oversight committee is not a bad idea. Maybe create an Emergency Communications Committee who would already be in place if there was another emergency like a fire or earthquake. We need to come up with a purpose statement for the committee.

V. *Discussion regarding the 4th Step Workshop*

Take Back To Your Groups

- Change to Queen of the Valley (7:30 Big Book Study Meeting) Conference room A 3rd Floor.
- What should IG do with our Workshops? Please give us feedback in regards to Topics and what is AA approved and how our Workshops should be presented.
- Hotline positions and 12-step call positions are needed, especially women. Call the hotline and leave message if you are interested in volunteering 707-500-7001 (Hotline number)
- Xmas Alcahthon is open
- Anniversary Party is open and we have a date of Oct. 21st @ Crosswalk Church, we just need a chair.
- Setup/clean up is needed at the Birthday meeting. Set up begins at 5:30 and clean lasts between 30 - 45 minutes after the meeting ends.
- NAPYPAA meets at NRRC on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at **5:30**
- Contact Dawn at 707-815-5524 for meeting changes.
- Please let treasurers of groups know that their H&I distributions need to be sent to H&I and not to IG. Only IG disbursements go to IG
- New meeting at Crosswalk 7-8 Monday night LGBTQ meeting
- Unity Day is happening July 15. Feel free to help with that.

Closing Statement

The Responsibility Statement:

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.