

Napa Valley Intergroup Minutes

June 13, 2020

Opening

- Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer
- New Intergroup Reps/ New Comer Packets: Introductions and your position: Officers, Reps
- Sobriety Birthdays This Month: **None**
- Last month's minutes - Minutes are approved unless there are any objections.
Passed without objections.

Monthly Tradition Reading & Discussion

This month's Reader: John K **Tradition 6** The A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Next Month's Reader:

7th Tradition

We have no dues or fees in A.A. We are entirely self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Visit aanapa.org and use the Venmo link or mail your contribution to NVIG P.O Box 10948, Napa, CA 94581-2948

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

Officer Reports

Chair – Alston C – chair@aanapa.org:

SF/Marin Fellowship will be hosting a workshop on June 18th to discuss how meetings can transition from zoom to in person. I will bring information to next month's meeting.

Alternate Chair – Mark B – alternatchair@aanapa.org

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Hotline Chair: Janet S
Co-Chair: Anthony S

52 Total Incoming Calls:

15 Women

08 Men

24 General Voicemail

14 Voicemail

04 Hang ups

05 Women

03 Men

02 Notices (PrivacyPolicies/ MonthlyInvoice)

10 Total Missed Calls:

7 Women

3 Men

01 Monday Mtg Inquiry

01 Tuesday Mtg Inquiry

01 Saturday Mtg Inquiry

02 Misc/Unknown(ext 101&111)

Hotline Chair returned phone calls for 7 of the 8 actual voicemails
-1 voicemail was drunk angry man, so I did not return call
-1 was from veterans home inquiring about zoom meetings. I left msg for Carrie Brown
3 were from same woman: 1 tech support and 2 check ins
2 were men needing tech support into zoom mtgs

So, all calls (except hang ups) to Hotline were accommodated.

Male volunteers for hotline still needed.

Secretary - Elaina S. secretary@aanapa.org:

From the Grapevine:

Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

As the U.S. and Canada begin the cautious reopening of communities and businesses, our January, February, March, April and May Grapevine and Jan/Feb-May/June La Viña issues will remain available and free for all to access until July 1, 2020.

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For those who wish to take advantage of our new downloadable, digital ePub version of Grapevine (including audio), we are making it available at a rate of only \$1.99 per issue (even less with a year or more subscription and the ability to cancel at any time).

For more information, visit store.aagrapevine.org

Literature Chair – John K. literature@aanapa.org

Literature-Napa Intergroup June 13, 2020

May

John T	1-12x12 h/c cash	\$10.00
Saturday Night @ Queen	1-12x12 s/c ck. 1961	\$8.25

Inventory for June 2020 attached. My commitment as Literature Chair ends 1/1/2021. I am happy to answer any questions about the position, and offer training and support before, during and after the transition.

The literature order form is available as shown below on our website...

<http://www.aanapa.org/service/resources/group-resources/literature>

Please use it to check prices and submit with any order.

In service,

John K
literature@aanapa.org
 707-738-8738

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Sales/Income

John T, cash	\$10.00
Sunday Night @ Queen, ck. 1962	\$8.25
Total	\$18.25

Orders/Expenses

Total	\$0.00

Current Inventory – see attached

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Meeting Schedule Chair Doug M. meetings@aanapa.org Schedules are not currently being printed

Newsletter Chair – Katherine Y newsletter@aanapa.org

Delegate at Large – Kelsey delegate@aanapa.org

Still gathering information about the matter of insurance.

I will be sending what I have over to Terry by the end of this month.

Birthday Meeting Chair – Michelle P. & Donna R. birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org

Change in co-chair. Michelle P. has stepped down as co-chair. Patty G. has stepped up as new co-chair. We thank Michelle for her service. Welcome Patty!

Announcement will be made at next Birthday Meeting asking for contributions to finance PO Box and Zoom account.

Web Editor – Brian D. webeditor@aanapa.org:

The local Napa AA meeting schedule spreadsheet is uploaded to the National AA meeting list. Brian is working on kinks to make this work more fluidly.

Treasurer – Seth T. treasurer@aanapa.org

20/21 Budget see attached

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JUNE 2020 TREASURER REPORT						STARTING BALANCE	\$ 7,301.17
DATE	CK#	PAY TO	PURPOSE	DEBIT	CREDIT		
5/10/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 4.55		
5/11/2020		deposit			\$ 847.64		
5/12/2020	debit	Umpqua Bank	Check deposit correction	\$ 3.00			
5/20/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 48.25		
5/21/2020	debit	Zoom Meeting	May Monthly fee - IG & Birthday mtg	\$ 79.98			
5/27/2020	debit	Freedom Voice	Hotline - May '20	\$ 66.82			
5/28/2020		deposit	Venmo Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 100.00		
5/30/2020		deposit	PayPal Transfer - Intergroup 7th Tradition		\$ 23.97		
5/30/2020		deposit			\$ 218.32		
				TOTAL	\$ 149.80	\$ 1,242.73	
						Ending Balance	\$ 8,394.10

GRP CONTRIBUTIONS - FY20	MAY
Day at a Time	\$218.32
Hut Group	\$100.00
Intergroup	\$4.55
Joe's Group	\$ 44.49
Thurs Night Women's New Life	\$ 632.00
Individual's Contributions	\$ 72.22
Total	\$ 1,071.58

GRP CONTRIBUTIONS TO IG EVENTS - FY20	MAY
Total	\$ -

Discussion Items

1. FY21 Budget Review & Approval
2. Should IG continue pay rent at Crosswalk for (birthday & IG monthly) even though we won't be using?
i.e Supporting Crosswalk during this time as they support Napa AA
3. Disbursements slated for July 2020. To be Discussed in at next IG meeting. Mark you calendar!!!

Napa Valley Intergroup Annual Disbursement Breakdown (2019-2016)					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
District 11	45%	45%	45%	45%	45%
Area 06 CNCA	45%	45%	45%	45%	45%
GSO NYC	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

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Discussion around if IG should continue paying rent for IG meeting and Monthly Birthday meeting (\$110).

Multiple factors discussed including: what is Crosswalk's position, what are their expectations, risk of losing our days/times for IG meeting and bday meeting, concern about upholding 7th Tradition and concern about breaking 6th tradition, discussion about bringing this back to

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groups and then taking a vote.

Seth will reach out to Dar and email her response to Elaina who will include it in the IG Minutes.

Follow up from Crosswalk:

Information regarding IG meetings at Crosswalk

- Rent paid for March thru June will be applied to future months when meetings restart.
- No money is needed to reserved IG's space during this time.
- Regarding reopening, they aren't sure when that is going to happen. They are following the guidelines closely and monitoring Napa Covid cases.

Budget FY 2021

Brian makes a motion to approve proposed fiscal year 2021 budget.

Mary seconds the motion

Motion passes unanimously.

Liaison/Committee Reports

Financial Oversight Committee – Donna

Hospitals and Institutions - John C

See attached Report

General Service Liaison - Edward

Post conference assembly took place past Sunday. Delegates spoke. It was very well received. Agenda topics were postponed. A full report will be given at Unity Day 07/18/2020 9:30am – 2:00pm

Old Business:

Per Terry, no input received from groups regarding interest in purchasing insurance through IG.

Kelsey: I've heard back from some of the groups. Most groups waiting to discuss at their business meetings.

John K. requesting to make insurance and 501c3 agenda items be addressed separately.

Janet requesting that form be re-emailed with this month's minutes.

Insurance for Groups and IG Incorporation into 501c3 – (See December 2019, January 2020, February 2020, April 2020, minutes for discussion details.)

Notes from April 11, 2020 minutes:

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“As soon as Seth updates out EIN information we can get quotes as an unincorporated not for profit organization. To do this our committee would need:

- A list of all meetings and locations that want insurance • Frequency of the meeting and the approximate number of attendees.
- Information for any special events to be covered.
- Seth is now the EIN contact person with the IRS.

The next step is to get quotes but need to know how many meetings and how many people per meeting are interested in purchasing insurance (what locations require it and what groups want it).”

IG inventory - Anthony/Ad Hoc committee Chair

See attached report

Next action item moving forward for IG Inventory: Please go to your groups and come back next month with an opinion about 1) who groups want to participate; 2) what questions should be included in the inventory.

New Business

Discussion about how groups feel about

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Take Back to Your Groups

- Questions for groups about IG Inventory: Please ask your groups the following questions: **1) who should participate in IG inventory; 2) what questions should be included in the inventory; 3) what format (i.e. Zoom, in-person, etc.) to use to complete the inventory.**
- Is your group interested in purchasing insurance from Intergroup? Please complete the Insurance questionnaire form and bring back to IG next month.
- If you have any contributions for the Napa AA Fellowship newsletter, please submit to: newsletter@aanapa.org
- Please send meeting changes to: reportmeetingchange@aanapa.org
- AA Hotline Positions Needed: Men needed - 5 total positions (Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday (2))

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.

H and I June 2020 Report – John C

H&I welcomes anyone to join us at our monthly business meeting 6:45 pm on the first Friday of the month at the Sea Scout Building. Learn about the workings of H&I and how to get involved. Did you know that there are facilities that you can attend without filling out clearance paperwork, make a commitment or even share? Currently Area 51 brings 26 meetings a week and literature to the Women's Jail, Men's Jail, Men's Jail Spanish, California Medical Facility, Crestwood Behavior Center Vallejo, Crestwood Behavior Center Angwin, National Vallejo, CenterPoint, Napa South Shelter, Napa State Hospital Spanish, Napa State Hospital English, Queen of the Valley Hospital, SHAMIA house and Vallejo Detox. You can learn more about H&I by going to <http://www.handinorcal.org> or by contacting Grady at gradysibert@gmail.com 707-319-9094.

Open Positions

Crestwood Behavior Center Angwin Facility Coordinator

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Intergroup Liaison
CenterPoint Coordinator

Financial

Below is the May Performance Analysis – the Financial Report is att'd. Due to Covid-19, our financial picture continues to be uncertain for the foreseeable future. As predicted, this month we experienced a substantial drop in contributions, with a resulting negative net income of around \$875 for the month. Bear in mind that the numbers below reflect our year-to-date performance, not just our performance in May – May's contributions were down almost 78% from the prior year.

Please thank your groups and members for their generous contributions, especially during this time, to carry the message of A.A. to the alcoholic who is confined.

May, 2020	contributions	Lit expense	Total expense
YTD comparison to LY	-13.4%	-26.0%	-23.4%
YTD comparison to Budget	-15.0%	-33.0%	-32.2%
overall financial condition: UNCERTAIN			

1. Northern CA H&I Committee Financial Report (May):

- a. Napa County: Contributions = \$ 111
 - i. YTD = \$ 4,569
- b. Northern CA: Contributions = \$ 13,205
 - i. YTD = \$ 288,637

Online Contributions

Notice: New sticker on pink cans - Make credit card contributions online and get an immediate receipt: www.handinorcal.org/contribute

Please make sure to write on contribution checks AREA 51. This allows H&I to track donations by the Napa area.

Please ask your group to create an H&I Liaison service position and have them come to the H&I Business Meeting. Every night there is an opportunity to shadow and observe an H&I meeting in action.

Next meeting Friday, July 3rd, 2020

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NVIG Inventory Ad hoc Committee Meeting Inventory Purpose, Format and Question Suggestions (revision 2.0)

During the 5/30/2020 and 6/6/2020 Ad hoc committee meetings the participating Officers and IG representatives purposed finding focal points for the Ad hoc meetings with the following stated purpose:

The mission of this sub-committee is to bring back to Napa Valley Intergroup questions and suggestions for a summer Group Inventory.

This will entail suggestions which will help Intergroup and the Napa Valley Fellowship discover:

- Possible questions based of the “AA Group” pamphlet and the questions used during the 2016 IG inventory. With a focus on these ideas.
 - A. If it is fulfilling its purpose to helping the AA groups and meetings in the Napa Valley fellowship?
 - B. Does IG support the primary purpose of AA as a whole?
 - C. Help find what IG is doing well, what we could be doing better, and are we meeting the needs of as many groups and meetings as possible.
 - D. Are we functioning within the suggestions of the 12 steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 concepts?
- Make suggestions about format and facilitators.
- Discuss locations and possible time frame.
- Budgetary concerns

After two Ad hoc committee meetings the members feel the following suggestions are appropriate:

1. The Inventory should be postponed until late August.
2. Zoom or a similar platform would be the best option for a location. This would entail an entirely virtual inventory. Cost for Zoom would be either 15.00 or 65.00 USD. If IG continues its zoom account this cost would already be accounted for in the budget.
3. Participation should be determined by meetings represented in Intergroup. In terms of who can participate the Ad hoc committee was unable to determine a set of guidelines. We thought that one these options would be best:
 - a. Invite any member of Napa Valley AA to participate.
 - b. Ask the IG reps to conduct their own inventory within their groups asking the same questions as every other group, so that IG could then gather that information during the formal IG inventory.
 - c. Schedule a time for the inventory and the IG reps and the groups they represent could participate in whichever way they deem appropriate.
4. Final questioned be determined by group conscious during the July 2020 IG meeting.

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NVIG Inventory Ad Hoc Committee (continued)

Introduction to discussion on possible questions

Since all IG representatives and officers have access to the 2016 inventory and the [13 question](#) provided in AA pamphlet 16 “The AA Group”, the Ad hoc committee used them as a starting point in its discussion of possible questions.

The Ad hoc committee wants it clear that the following questions are *only suggestions* and represent the Ad hoc committee’s effort to highlight questions which could be reviewed by IG representatives and their groups for possible inclusion in the IG inventory.

The Ad hoc committee decided that because of the nature of IG being both a service entity and a direct link to newcomers that two classes of questions should be included.

Those two classes of questions are:

[Internal](#) Questions which focus on how NVIG functions as a service entity and

[External](#) Questions which focus on how NVIG serves its AA community and members.

Suggestions for IG Inventory Questions

1. What is the basic purpose of intergroup? ([External](#))
2. How effective are we in communicating the purpose of intergroup within the NAPA FELLOWSHIP? Do they know what we do? ([External](#))
3. Do our incoming IG reps get a good understanding of what their “job” entails? ([Internal](#))
4. Are we supporting the IG officers in performing their function? Does each feel supported? ([Internal](#))
5. Do we run the meeting effectively and according to the AA traditions? ([Internal](#))
6. Do new Intergroup reps and committee members stick with us, or does the turn over seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do to retain members? ([Internal](#))
7. Does NVIG represent the fellowship of the Napa Valley? ([External](#))
8. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care? ([Internal](#))
9. Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive and accessible meeting place? ([External](#))
10. How well does IG make efforts to provide support to all who may suffer from alcoholism, keeping in mind that diverse backgrounds may be afflicted? ([External](#))