

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING August 13, 2022

Minutes

Take Back to Your Groups

- **We are looking for groups to host the Holiday Alcahons**
- **NAPYPAA has stepped up to host the Anniversary party on Saturday, October 29 at Crosswalk Church**
- If you are an Intergroup rep, it is encouraged that you attend the monthly meetings, send a replacement, or notify the Intergroup secretary or chair
- The webmaster ad hoc committee is working on increasing security. We have had two attacks on our website
- The alternate District Committee Member (DCM) position is open
- If you are interested in submitting a story for the BB 5th edition, deadline is October 31. Instructions on how/where to submit can be found on www.aanapa.org
- The monthly Birthday meeting needs a coffee person. Contact Meghan or Heather if interested
- Updated printed schedules are available

Call To Order

A Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

New Rep Introduction:

New Intergroup Reps and Officers Rep packet can be found on www.aanapa.org
Please provide updated contact information to the Secretary.

Meeting Participant Introductions:

See attendance list

Guest: Jenave from NAPYPAA

Sobriety Birthdays:

- Jo Moore – 35 years
- Roger – 24 years

Congrats Jo and Roger!

Review and approval of minutes

Minutes approved

Monthly Tradition Reading from 12 Traditions Illustrated & Discussion

Reader: John B. Tradition 8

Tradition 8: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our services centers may employ special workers."

Discussion:

- No AA member should charge for 12-step work
- We hire staff to operate our Central Offices as that is not considered step work
- It is still controversial when members work in recovery centers
- It is important for members to separate their own recovery from their professional work in recover centers

Tradition 9: Meghan will review Tradition 9 at the September meeting

7th Tradition

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

New Venmo link for IG contributions: <https://www.venmo.com/u/NapaIG-AA>

Housekeeping Motions

These are procedural motions and pass if there are no objections. If the motion does not pass it will move to new business

- No housekeeping motions

Reports

Chair: Frank F.

chair@aanapa.org

Time certainly passes quickly, as such, it might behoove us to begin to plan for our annual NV AA Alcathons. I am hoping we could start mentioning our required need for groups to consider chairing these events at upcoming meetings.

I am pleased to report that NAPYPAA has expressed interest in hosting the Anniversary Party this year. A NAPYPAA representative is likely to be in attendance at our business meeting, so, we can officially say this is a legitimate agenda item and or new business to vote on.

Alternate Chair: *Open Position*

altchair@aanapa.org

Secretary: Ann E.

secretary@aanapa.org

- Remind members that if you are an Intergroup rep for your group, attendance is highly encouraged at the monthly business meetings (2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 12:00 via zoom)
 - If you cannot attend, as a courtesy to your group, consider sending a replacement notify the Intergroup secretary or chair

Please update contact info

Literature Chair: Shaela A.

literature@aanapa.org

July 2022		
John H.	5 - BB, 2- 12x12, 2- Living Sober // check #367	\$74.00
	Total	\$74.00

On July 29, 2022, I placed an order for more Big Books, Living Sober, Daily Reflections, as well as the Spanish version of each. The total was \$1109.39.
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.

Hotline Chair: Erik H.

hotline@aanapa.org

- 10 calls seeking to speak to a man
- 5 calls seeking to speak to a woman
- 16 calls to the general extension.
- Most calls lasted less than a minute; 2 calls lasted longer than 10 minutes.

More volunteers are needed to answer the phones for the AA hotline

- It is a one day per week commitment
- You are not the only one answering the phone at any given time
- Remember the Responsibility Statement – people who call in are struggling and need to talk to someone

Web Editor/Ad Hoc Website Committee: Patty B. - Jeff D. webeditor@aanapa.org

Napa Valley Ad Hoc Web Committee
Aug 2nd, 2022

- 1) We have had two attacks on our website. One that caused the site to lose it's format due an error in the data file and another from outside the US that prevented any admin work from being accomplished. Both were dealt with and the web has returned to normal.
- 2) To mitigate such attacks again and to reduce the possibility of spam and annoying emails:
 - a. Add an additional reCAPTCHA to the "Contact us page" in the form of math (ie: 7+3=10)
 - b. Add a plugin, "Akismet", to the website as a spam blocker. This plugin has a yearly fee, depending on the level (\$36 - \$100)/year. This plugin was attached to the website a few years ago but, as we discovered, had been suspended.
- 3) In the process of writing Ops Specs for website to be used as Pass It On.
- 4) Working on "Meeting Guide" app: updates to schedule only at this point. Should work on mobile device app but still working on display for website itself.

Discussion: Motion was passed to provide expenditures pay for increased security

Meeting Schedule Chair: Jo M.

meetings@aanapa.org

Printed Schedules:

- The new schedules have been printed and we thank you Jo.
- We've already sent allotments out up-valley and to several key Napa meeting locations.
- Please see PDF in the *Appendix* at the end of the report.

Newsletter Chair: Catherine F.

newsletter@aanapa.org

- Newsletter Submitted - Printed, distribution underway.
- Please see the copy below.

Delegates at Large: Katie Z. and John B.

delegateatlarge@aanapa.org

Attended 8 meetings in the past month:

1. Sunday 7:30 PM Cottage Group
2. Sunday 7:30 PM Big Book Study
3. Tuesday 8:00 PM Crosstalk at Crosswalk
4. Wednesday 10:30 AM Living Sober Meeting
5. Wednesday 12:00 PM Keeping It Simple Meeting
6. Friday 12:00 PM In the Park Meeting
7. Friday 8:00 PM Candlelight Meeting
8. Saturday 7:30 PM St. Helena Sharing Meeting

Katie and John will complete a total of two rotations to all of the groups, if possible, before rotating out of the commitment

General Service Liaison: Jo M.

District Liaison:

For all details, please check our website <https://www.aanapa.org>

- Open positions at District are Alternate Chair, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC), Grapevine/Literature, and Archives.
- Beginners meeting on Fridays is hybrid at Crosswalk Church on Fridays at 5:45. Newcomers do attend! We need members with time to help. Secretaries (only a 6week “term”) sign up to get speakers. The Chair for this meeting will be rotating out.
- Pacific Regional Forum is September 16-18 in Salt Lake City. This is a chance to meet and hear from General Service Office staff in New York, Trustees, Regional Trustee, Delegates and more. It will be virtual, too.
- Summer Assembly for OUR California Northern Coastal Area will be in Salinas August 20th and virtual, too. All are welcome!
- Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly will be in So. Cal 2023 and in SF in 2024. There are opportunities to volunteer. Check CNCA06.org

These are chances for us to learn what’s going on, how things work in AA, communicate, serve, and help our groups have a voice in what decisions AA makes. This includes things like literature, policies, outreach, anonymity, and changes.

Our Unity Day went very well. A fun time and fellowship for all! We were well attended and missed those of you who couldn’t make it!

District has approved moving forward to investigate and purchase the equipment necessary to have virtual meetings. This equipment will be used by the Beginners meetings and District meetings when we go from zoom to hybrid.

Hospitals and Institutions Liaison: John C. john@curnutt.org

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.

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 John Curnutt 707-477-0422 john@curnutt.org

Our return into the facilities has been herky-jerky. We are hoping to gather some more momentum in Q3. Currently Jails and State Hospital are offline. The good news is we have started back at CenterPoint in Spanish, and English is coming soon. If you have six months of sobriety and want to share the message your service is needed.

Napa Area 51 Contributions: July YTD \$1,427.41 \$7,966.85

Open Positions: We are seeking a candidate for Chair of Area 51. All, please reach out to your contacts. Do they have five years of sobriety? Can they organize information? Can they work with others? Have they done H&I or had contact with institutions dealing with alcohol? If being a coordinator of coordinators is in your skill set, the Chair of Area 51 H&I might be the perfect service commitment.

- Intergroup Liaison
- CenterPoint Coordinator
- Napa South Shelter Coordinator

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.

H&I business meeting is back to in person meetings at the Sea Scouts. Next meeting on September 2nd in person Sea Scouts 6:45pm.

Financial Oversight Committee: Erik S. financial@aanapa.org

No report submitted

Birthday Meeting Chair: Meghan T. & Heather B. birthdaymeeting@aanapa.org

NAPA VALLEY INTERGROUP INCOME/EXPENSE SHEET

EVENT: Napa Valley Birthday Meeting
 DATE: July 29, 2022
 GROUP NAME: Birthday Meeting
 CONTACT NAME: Heather B.
 CONTACT EMAIL OR PHONE: 1991heather@gmail.com

INCOME

NV INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTION	
7 TH TRADITION	122.00
H & I	26.15
TOTAL INCOME	148.15

EXPENSES

Description with receipts attached

Birthday Cake	25.00
Creamer	15.38
Coffee & Tea	43.04
Cups	34.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	117.43

FOR TREASURER'S USE ONLY	
NET INCOME/EXPENSE:	30.72

Treasurer: Christina (Tena)

treasurer@aanapa.org

H&I contributions go directly to Norcal H&I (www.handinorcal.org).
 Please don't send them to NVIG.

