



The High & Dry

July 2020



JULY IN OUR HISTORY

July 1-3

1960 – 8,700 attend 25th Anniversary of AA in Long Beach, CA

July 2

1965 – Best of Bill and pocket-sized 12 & 12 first sold.

1993 – 50 years of AA celebrated in Canada.

July 2-4

1965 – 10,000 attend 30th Anniversary of AA in Toronto.

July 3-5

1970 – 10,900 attend 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami; Bill W. gives his last talk to AA.

July 4-6

1975 – 19,800 attend 40th Anniversary of AA in Denver.

July 5

1990 – AA gives 10,000,000th Big Book during 55th AA Anniversary in Seattle, WA

July 3-6

1980 – Gay AA's have own program at 40th AA Anniversary in New Orleans.

July 7

1940 – Bill attends first summer session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University

July 5-8

1990 – 48,000 attend 55th Anniversary of AA in Seattle, 75 countries are represented.

July 8

1940 – First AA group formed in Dayton, Ohio.

July 20

1941 – First AA group forms in Seattle, Washington.

July 22

1877 – Willian Duncan Silkworth born in Brooklyn, NY.

July 23

1943 – Esther C.'s sobriety date; she died sober Jan 15, 2005.

July 24

1943 – L.A. press reports formation of all-Mexican AA Group.

July 28-30

1950 – First AA Convention celebrates 15th anniversary of AA in Cleveland.

FUTURE TRIPPING

JULY

2 2020 Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention (Virtual Event) 8 a.m.

2 Area Delegate Report (Online) 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

5 2020 Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention (Virtual Event) 5 p.m.

5 Area Delegate Report (Online) 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

10 2020 Area Business Quarterly Friday Night (Zoom) 5 p.m.

11 July 2020 Area Business Quarterly-Saturday (Zoom) 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

16 Special Events Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

18 Accessibility Committee Quarterly (Zoom) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

18 Area 72 Treatment Quarterly (Zoom) 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

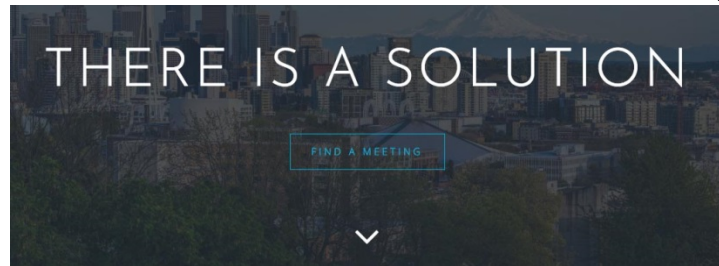
18 Outreach to Minors (Zoom) 9:30 a.m.

18 A Sudden and Revolutionary Change (Zoom) 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST

1 Post Inventory Discussion 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Thanks to Our Awesome Daytime Office Volunteers

MONDAY	Thomas and Bill S
TUESDAY	Susan and Jenny B
WEDNESDAY	Stephan M and Joe M
THURSDAY	Bird and John
Friday	John and Dillon

Main office hours

Until further notice, the GSIG main office will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM – 2PM.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE JULY CELEBRANTS IN THE HOW DRY I AM CLUB!!

Judy B.	Tuesday Night Special	8 years (4/2012)
Harriett T.	Mt. St. Vincent's	58 years
Sandy	The Lodge	34 years
Anonymous		30 years

Name	
Address	
City, Zip	
AA Anniversary and/or # of years	
Home Group	
Contribution enclosed	\$
Return this form to:	Greater Seattle Intergroup 5507 6 th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98108

IN MEMORIAM:

In memory of **Marian S.**, who celebrated 50 years of recovery on March 1st and passed on to the “big meeting” on June 14th. Love and miss you, **Astri T.**

MEETING CHANGES

Many meetings are longer being held at physical locations and have moved to online formats. Please visit the Seattle Intergroup of AA website to get updated information about finding your favorite meeting online.

High and Dry: News and Notes — JULY 2020

We would love contributions from you. Please share your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and comments with us by emailing us at high_and_dry@SeattleAA.org. We aren't promising that everything sent to us will be published, but we will be reading everything sent our way.

Greater Seattle Intergroup is seeking fill its open Office Manager role as soon as possible.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervision of employees and volunteers
- Managing the literature sales
- Facilitating financial processes and functions. (cash, budgeting, purchasing etc)
- Interfaces with the public
- Oversees website environment
- Supports/facilitates special events

Requirements:

- Able to work in the GSIG office 24 -32 hours per week
- Sober greater than 5 years
- Active in AA Service at the group level
- Knows how to use a computer including the Microsoft Office Suite. (Word, Excel)
- Knows the basics of financial report reading. (Understand what a Profit and Loss Statement is and how to read it. Same with Balance Sheet)
- Has had office administrative experience
- Has had financially responsible work experience

Process:

Job description (appended here) is also available for review on GSIG website.

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For consideration, submit in electronic form: 1) an application (form provided on request), 2.) work history resume document, and 3.) separate AA service resume document listing the service experience/positions you have held to:

Richard I., GSIG Office Committee officecommittee@seattleaa.org

Timing:

Submit application and resumes electronically by August 1.

Candidate evaluation and selection by September 15.

Benefits:

Hourly pay rate is competitive

Vacation and paid time off is provided but health insurance is not

**Office Manager Job Description
As of June 2020**

- 1.. Effectively supervises paid employee: Provides ongoing training, guidance and feedback on performance.
2. Ensures that office is properly scheduled and staffed.
3. Effectively manages volunteer staffing at GSIG office
 - A. Ensures that office is staffed with volunteers to cover phone shifts.
 - B. Ensures that proper training and reference materials are available
 - C. May coordinate training sessions for new volunteers
4. Effectively manages literature sales:
 - A. Maintains adequate stock of books and pamphlets
 - B. Ensures that trained volunteers or paid staff is available during specified hours to sell literature
 - C. Ensures that accounting procedures for sale of books and pamphlets are accurate.
 - D. Formulates plans to ensure that GSIG is not overstocked with literature in inventory and schedules periodic physical inventories are completed.
 - E. Ensures that printed schedules are accurate and published in a timely manner, and that stock of schedules is adequate for needs
5. Effectively facilitates finance and accounting for GSIG office by ensuring:
 - A. All donations are accurately entered into accounting software
 - B. All sales are accurately entered into accounting software
 - C. Staff is trained as appropriate to make entries into accounting software
 - D. Accurate and timely reports are generated monthly which detail GSIG's financial position
 - E. Monitors cash and liquidity for GSIG providing timely forecasts of cash and prudent reserves
 - F. Budget variances are promptly and accurately reported to Board and Office Committee
 - G. Accepted banking procedures are followed
 - H. Oversees and coordinates the production of the hardcopy and web-based meeting schedule information

- I. Serves as primary contact with GSIG accounting and bookkeeping external service providers
- 6. Serves as effective interface with public, A. A. Groups, and volunteers
- 7. Ensures that GSIG office is clean, organized, and welcoming to A. A. members and public
- 8. Facilitates and organizes special events as needed
- 9. Ensures that website is accurate and user-friendly by coordinating with web committee and/or paid consultants
- 10. Supports operations at the Southend Bookstore

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

AA birthdays

Marty – 1
George F. - 25

Groups and Representatives in attendance

Aaron C Secretary,
Ali B GSR WBYOBB,
Alia Waterfront Group,
Allison B Treasurer,
Astri Vice Chair,
Barb Serenity After Hours,
Carol C Magnolia Thursday Night,
Dan B D16,
Dan F GSR Walk The Talk,
Dave W D15,
David C Seattle YMCA,
Dawna H Chair Emeritus,
George Our Primary Purpose,
George F Skyway,
Geri K D31,
Greg Holly Court,
Greg E Junction Men's,
Jane Titanic,
Jaywalkers,
Jeff U D31,
Jennifer R GSR Monday Night Winners,
Jennifer S Dawn Patrol,
Jim GSR Mid Day Mindfulness,
Jim K The Lodge,
Joel The Fourth Dimension,
Karen Saturday Promises,
Keith J Principles Before Personalities,
Lara R Interim Office Manager,
Laura C,
Lee R GSR Fremont Triangle,
Linda Alt GSR Sober Sisters of Seattle,
Marena H. D14,
Matt H D32,
Mark Real Alcoholics,
Mike H White Center AA,

Mike M Chair,
Mike N Solution Group,
Mikey C D42,
Morgan D40,
Nate G Empire Way,
New Purpose,
RIP in the CD,
Seattle Young Peoples
Scott D Lake City Big Book,
Sober and Free,
Spiritual Line,
Tish GSR Sunday Morning Magic

Assembly Motions and Discussions

Further discussion around the PPP loan forgiveness was requested to be added to the agenda during the assembly.

- discussion topic addition to the agenda was not provided prior to the assembly thus needed a majority vote by those attending to be added
- 15 in favor of adding the topic 19 opposed

District 31's motion to make Lara permanent office manager:

- note: in policies and procedures, process is outlined as followed: office committee solicits applications and conducts interviews, and presents qualified candidates to board for final decision
- we have not yet put out an ad asking for candidates
- note: process for hiring assistant office manager: office manager presents candidates to office committee, who makes final decision
- it has only been about 6 months since we went through the hiring process to replace Norm (so GSIG has recently had the opportunity to see who is interested in the job. Of course, there may be more who are interested since then)
- is there any reason to not go through due diligence of process?
- Job descriptions will be updated; Hours for the two positions (manager and assistant), with taking bookkeeping off staff, for example. Having Lara as interim would give office committee time to make these adjustments
- Intergroup reps have not had a chance to talk to their groups about this idea.
- If a different manager would be hired, Lara could step back in to her assistant manager role

YES 13; NO 18 — Amendment to motion FAILS

Motion from office committee: appoint Lara to be interim office manager

Motion passes

Motion from Sunday Morning Magic: All groups may send an intergroup representative directly to board meeting with complete voting privileges at all board meetings.

- importance to have a voice and direct link to homegroup at every meeting. Example seen in PPP loan conversation and some groups feeling like they were unaware of the discussion and vote that was happening
- issue of double representation: zone rep and group both voting
- in this case, would not have to take quorum
- some groups feel that district representation is a better way to have groups' voices heard.
- Clarification: representative from group is not required to be that group's GSR. A group can send whoever they want as a representative, and each group only gets one vote.
- goal of GSIG is to serve groups and AAs, to provide service.
- problem of accessibility (sending representatives to Georgetown). Maybe it will be more accessible due to zoom, if we decide to continue having it in this format
- possible that more groups means more participation and more representation and more communication. On the flip side, having the right to vote does not guarantee more participation (groups still may not send reps)
- zone system is not functioning
- could encourage attendance
- on other areas, it is the norm to have group reps sent to intergroup/central office boards
- some groups would like an opportunity for more discussion
- what is most efficient way to carry the message between groups and GSIG?
- if people attending board meetings are regular attendees, then they will have more background information
- groups can send representatives to the board meetings even if they can't vote
- still do need to address the problem that is the zone system in the bylaws
- could have quarterly assemblies
- zone system put in place when too many groups were sending representatives to GSIG board meetings
- decline in active service work. So need "zone" representation for fairness
- possibility that GSIG would need to find a larger space for board meetings
- opportunity to let groups know what intergroup is again

YES 22; NO 17

Because this is a change to the bylaws, it requires a 2/3 majority vote, which was not obtained, thus the motion does not pass

GSIG Inventory June 13, 2020

Attendees: (about 30 members)

Lara R, Mike M, Julie P, Jack J, Astri T. Mike B, Shannon R, Julie T. Matt T, Karen K, Jennifer S, Jon C, Aaron C, Stephan M, Andy A, Joe B, Jim W, Anita, Teresa S, Jodi, Larry, Carl G, Jeff U, Lee R, Nate G, John D, Lee R, Dan R, Karen C, Jack O, Andy A, Dan G, Sherrie P, Pete K, Kaya H, Roosevelt

Facilitator: Gail H

Services GSIG provides

1. Office / Staff / Communication
2. Volunteers
3. Literature sales
4. 12th Step List
5. Committees
6. Newsletter
7. 24/7 Phones
8. Meeting schedules

Office and Staff

Will Covid result in a need for decrease in office space or just how we will use the space in the future

How do we get feedback from Groups on we should use the office

Do we want to stay in the same location of Seattle

Finances have seen an increase in contributions from Individuals historically it is about 15% and now about 40% in 2020, i.e. Groups made up 85% historically and in 2020 about 60%. Is this good, bad or not a problem.

Improve two-way communication with groups, work on getting emails from groups, this topic came up in prior inventories

Some attendees of Board meetings feel like they are not getting the information necessary from GSIG

The Board minutes are very light in content

When groups don't have intergroup rep they feel like they are in the dark and don't get information about GSIG, the communication should not come through the Districts since they GSIG and the Districts is distinctly separate.

Zone structure does not seem to work, some feel that GSIG does things that do not promote group participation, not putting out Agendas before Board meetings

Districts seem to have replaced Zone structure

Should GSIG follow all traditions just like and as if it were an AA group or is it separate from AA

The newsletter could be improved by putting more important items first. Should we publish one-page monthly summary or shorter newsletter and publish Board minutes separately from Newsletter

How can Intergroup add value to the groups, does zoom make this easier, topics like (e.g. zoom meetings, electronic payments, being able to update the website for new online meetings to quickly) Some may not understand what GSIG does for the groups. What other events can GSIG do e.g. sponsorship zoom workshops.

Should we continue to hold Board meetings via Zoom instead of in person so more groups can attend and meeting space size won't be a factor or traffic.

GSIG is a separate distinct legal entity and non-profit with separate bylaws, these are things groups don't have to operate under. The Zone structure is out of date.

The 2020 committee does try to work on longer term planning like the lease, how much space do we need, changing the bylaws if out of date etc.

Intergroup is part of AA and is a vital part of AA it is not separate from AA

When do groups want office to be open, how much staff we will need is this impacted by Covid

Government Payroll Protection Program Loan (PPP)

Some former WWA72 delegate's feel like GSIG violated the 7th tradition principle by accepting a government Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan. Some groups may no longer support intergroup.

Better communication and better minutes would have let more groups know

Some feel like decision to accept and forgive the loan was rushed and did not need to be within the government's 8-week time which started on May 7, 2020

Could we publish the procedures that were followed and the plan for using the funds, how and when and the application of forgiveness.

GSIG did not present an alternative i.e. could we have not accepted the PPP loan and instead had requested the groups and members to pay for the reduced hours for staff. Or would this have been a financially reckless recommendation to be put forward to the groups.

Finance Committee did make the recommendation to the Office Committee to apply for the PPP Loan so that GSIG would have options with the caveat that whether to repay the loan or apply for forgiveness was ultimately up to the Board.

According to the Office manager the majority of the folks emailing or calling GSIG about this decision were folks that did not attend the Apr and May 2020 board meeting

Ad-hoc 2020 Committee

For looking into office lease, location and rent etc.

Should we sell literature electronically and ship do groups want this

Should GSIG stock other recovery related items e.g. specialty coins, hats bumper stickers

Should we only stock a more limited stock of inventory i.e. does 90% of the sales represent 10% of the items

Should we have a separate post GSIG inventory discussion to prioritize items

Should we stop talking about financials in terms of loss versus only above or under prudent reserve and contributions are up or down from budget or prior month

GSIG Participation

Boots on the ground are needed to go to groups instead of relying on members or groups to visit website or read emails

Should we wait to be invited or just go out to the groups and districts

More education of new folks/group representatives attending Board meetings, if this is a lot of people then provide workshops or written materials. Treat these like newcomers to Board meetings.

With Zoom how do we distribute during board meeting if they were not on the roster.

Some feel like you should not wait to be invited instead just go and attend District or Group business meetings and see if it is ok to talk about GSIG

If you attend a Group or District ask for feedback on what GSIG could do better or improve

One-page summary of what GSIG does and its role to Groups

We should be doing a better job welcoming new folks into intergroup service.

12th Step List

Has been updated recently to ensure all members and information is accurate

Committees

How do GSIG committee interact and engage with the District committees

Accessibility

Primarily only coordinating ASL meetings and interpreters besides this committee is not that active, have not been to Board meeting recent months

Hospitals and Treatment

Going strong except some slow downs with Covid and bringing meetings into facilities.

Now physical in hospital 12th step calls have started again at hospitals

CPC/PI

Going strong except some slowdowns with Covid and bringing meetings into facilities.

Zoom meeting info on website.

Please encourage every group and district to send a representative.

Newsletter

Should we have more summarized version

Corrections

Active and functioning but very slow with Covid

Newsletter

should be simple, people don't have time to digest long

Still send about 40 copies per month

Some attendees print and bring to meetings

Office Committee

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Nightwatch

Is now providing full coverage and has a waiting list.

Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

Nothing to report.

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

Greetings GSIG,

The report I submitted for inclusion in the July Western Washington Newsletter follows. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Astri Vice Chair GSIG Board

GREATER SEATTLE INTERGROUP TRUSTED SERVANT REPORT

Report to WWA72 Newsletter

June 2020

Greetings Western Washington Area 72!

As appeared to be the case when GSIG last reported to WWA72, groups and individuals continued their generous contributions to Intergroup. May financials note group contributions of almost 13K and individual contributions of 7.5K, as compared to a normal monthly budget of 11K. Again we want to express our deepest gratitude. Phones continue to be manned 24/7, the office remains open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am – 2pm. Our Office Manager is resigning, but has extended his GSIG employment through June. Until the Board makes decisions regarding staffing, our Assistant Office Manager, Lara has agreed to maintain the Managers responsibilities. The PPP Government loan mentioned in the June Newsletter was discussed at the May 19th GSIG Board meeting. A motion to accept the loan and apply for forgiveness was passed by a simple majority (8 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions).

The June 13th GSIG Group Inventory was held, via Zoom with 36 members participating. Many issues were brought to light and discussed during the 4 hour meeting. Some of those issues included; current financial status as affected by Covid and what the status might be going forward; office operations, facility needs; The High&Dry (our newsletter) format and effectiveness. Considerable time was also spent reviewing transparency, the GSIG service structure, particularly as it pertained to the PPP loan application process and vote to accept forgiveness. Frequently repeated was concern about communication between the AA groups and GSIG as well as concerns that members are not aware of all the services GSIG provides and how can that information be communicated to groups and members.

Around the corner is the Intergroup Spring Assembly, scheduled for June 16th where every AA group served by GSIG will be able to weigh in and vote on any motions or issues presented there. In the planning stages is our annual picnic, scheduled for August 16th at Lower Woodland Park, which will also include our annual Car Show. We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the planning committee. Interested? Contact Lara at GSIG, 206-587-2838.

If your group or district would like to learn more about what Greater Seattle Intergroup and the services we provide, I am eager to visit your group and answer your questions.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours in Service
Astri,
vicechair@seattleaa.org

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

Nothing to report.

Treasurer (Allison B.):

Quick look at May financials (rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: \$13K (up \$3K to budget!)

Other Contributions: \$8K (up \$7K budget!!!!)

Retail Sales: \$1K (\$9K under budget)

Expenses: \$17K (\$2K over budget)

Net Income: \$4K

Cash and CDs: \$84K

Earmarked Funds: \$17K

Corrections: \$5K

Accessibility: \$4K

PPP loan: about \$8K

Non-restricted cash: \$67K

Summary

-For this month again, literature sales are way down do to COVID. And again our cost of goods sold is also down, though, since we haven't ordered new literature to speak of from AAWS.

-Groups and individuals showed up to support GSIG. A reminder that during a normal month, we need about \$15K of income to cover fixed costs. Thank you all for showing up and supporting GSIG!

-A reminder that a chunk of the money that is currently in our checking account is the PPP loan, which will be used to pay staff for what would have been their full hours worked if not for COVID hour cuts.

GSIG APRIL 2020 CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT					
CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS					
Ordinary Income/Expense	May 31, 2020	May - Budget	YTD May - 2020	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2019
Income					
Total Retail Sales	763	10,224	25,335	51,121	111,268
Total COGS	609	6,928	20,785	34,640	78,625
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	155	3,296	4,550	16,481	32,643
Gross Profit %	20.3%	32.2%	18.0%	32.2%	29.3%
Group Contributions	12,920	9,868	60,088	49,342	106,652
Personal and Other Contributions	7,653	948	40,184	4,742	12,523
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	242	649	3,077	3,247	6,748
Special Events Income	16	464	169	2,318	4,580
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	20,986	15,226	108,067	76,129	163,145
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	3,939	459	8,913	2,293	15,942
Paid Staff	6,016	7,343	31,142	36,717	95,570
Rent and Office	6,598	6,451	35,817	32,255	81,572
Standing Committees	656	795	1,107	3,975	6,611
Total Fixed Expenses	17,209	15,048	76,979	75,240	199,695
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	3,777	178	31,088	889	(36,550)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income		33	(131)	167	256
Net Income (Loss)	3,777	211	30,958	1,056	(36,294)

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

	MAY 31, 2020	APRIL 30, 2020	DEC 31, 2019
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking	53,652	30,862	8,183
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	30,351	30,351	40,482
Accounts Receivable	798	774	
Inventory and Other	37,127	37,476	32,989
Total Current Assets	121,928	99,464	81,654
Total Fixed Assets	2,484	2,484	2,484
TOTAL ASSETS	124,412	101,948	84,138
<i>Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x * average monthly expenses, approx. \$46,000.</i>			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	(697)	1,378	11,235
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	21,347	2,951	1,905
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	8,537	6,171	8,439
Total Liabilities	29,188	10,500	21,579
Equity			
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 · Retained Earnings	63,572	63,572	98,158
Net Income	30,958	27,181	(36,293)
Total Equity	95,224	91,447	62,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	124,412	101,948	84,138

Greater Seattle Intergroup**Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)****YTD APRIL 30, 2020**

Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Earmarked Funds
Beginning Balance 1/1/20	\$4,508	\$0	\$3,931	\$0	\$8,439
YTD Contributions	\$1,522	\$0	\$4,110	\$0	\$5,632
YTD Use of Funds	(\$923)	\$0	(\$4,610)	\$0	(\$5,534)
Ending Balance	\$5,106	\$0	\$3,431	\$0	\$8,537
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<p style="text-align: center;">Greater Seattle Intergroup Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets YTD APRIL 30, 2020</p>					
Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Expenses
Expenses to Date	\$67	\$0	\$180	\$151	\$398
Budget to Date	\$150	\$750	\$625	\$750	\$2,275
Budget -- Full Year	\$360	\$1,800	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$5,460

Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):

Previous minutes approved

Please use the below to submit your reports. Alternatively send them directly to secretary@seattleaa.org.

<https://www.seattleaa.org/intergroup/intergroup-board/intergroup-board-report-form>



With love and gratitude,
Aaron C.

Accessibility (Laurel W.)

Nothing to report.

Archives Committee (Teresa S.):

We should discuss how much we want to save our archives in digital format. Right now I am digitally saving High and Drys and to the best of my and Aaron's ability, also the adopted Board minutes.

We also need to talk about security of our non-digital materials both in the on-site GSIG pie cases and in the "Archives Room."

I plan to attend a Zoom presentation by Nancy K on the women in the Big Book from the first and second edition on 6/24/20, recommended by our Area 72 Archivist.

Corrections Committee (Tammi B.)

Nothing to report.

CPC/PI Committee (Jennifer S.)

I hope our report finds you well! The PI/CPC Committee holds their monthly meeting next Saturday, June 20th via Zoom at 10:00am. We have schedule a panel for clergy on Monday, June 29th at 6:00pm. Several of our members will be presenting information on what AA does and does not do and sharing some of their stories with members of clergy from all faiths. If you have anyone you would like to invite please email

outreach@seattleaa.org for more information and a Zoom invite. We are in contact with UW Medicine in regards to setting up a panel for Healthcare and Mental Health professionals that work in their Neighborhood Clinics in South Lake Union and Northgate. One of our members from District 10 is bringing a proposal to run PSA's in conjuring with Greater Seattle Intergroup.

Upcoming PI/CPC Area Quarterlies

- Saturday, August 8 – Federal Way
- November 14th - Pierce County

I would like to invite you all to our monthly meeting the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:00am. All are welcome! Please email outreach@seattleaa.org for information and a Zoom invite. Feel free to share that information in your Home Groups or with any AA who is interested in Public Information or Cooperation With the Professional Community.

Thank you,

Jennifer

Newsletter (John P.):

Nothing to report.

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

Nothing to report.

Office Committee (Richard I.):

Nothing to report.

Interim Office Manager (Lara R.):

2020 is shaping up to be one of the wildest years in a long while. I am so grateful to have Alcoholics Anonymous to hold me during these difficult times. Being accountable to the beloved Intergroup Office has been and continues to be a real honor. I never would have thought I would be here in this capacity, but alas, here I am, and I am eternally grateful to the fellowship for this opportunity to serve.

The virtual office hours are still happening on Wednesdays from 10-2. We have had a bit of an uptick in sales on the days that the office is open. Beginning July 1st, the office will be open Wednesday through Saturday 10-2. I will continue the virtual office hours on Wednesdays. Volunteers are welcome to come to the office to answer phones. This includes groups for phone answering however we will need to restrict the number to 5 or

less. If your group does not want to answer phones at the office, that is fine, just communicate with me where the phones need to be forwarded and we will continue to forward them to you. Thank you all for your service with phone answering we truly would not be able to do this without you.

We will continue to offer curbside pick-up for literature orders and offer conventional delivery options too.

If your group is returning to in person meetings or attempting a hybrid format please let us know so that we can update the website. You can email lara@seattleaa.org and/or webmaster@seattleaa.org

A reminder that we have picnic buttons for sale. \$5/each. Even if the picnic is cancelled, we will continue to sell these buttons and draw a winning number for the North Coast Round Up in Seaside in April of 2021. This is a great way to support Intergroup. You or your group can purchase a number(s) over the phone, and we will reserve that number(s) for you. Some groups/individuals are getting creative with ideas about how to distribute/sell the buttons to their constituents. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help facilitate distribution.

Next month we will make a bi-annual group contribution report available. Thank you to the groups and individuals that continue to support Intergroup through this difficult time.

Night Watch Coordinator (Pete K.):

Nothing to report.

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee (Jeff U.):

Nothing to report.

Web & Technology Committee (Open):

Nothing to report.

Third Legacy (James R.):

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District 32 (Matt H.)

District 32 Annual Picnic will be held August 9, 2020 if we reach phase III with up to 50 people or phase IV no restrictions. Elected David as Alt Treatment Chair. Voted to make Lara R office manager, voted to give back loan money Intergroup had applied for and No vote for Intergroup Representatives at GSIG Board meetings. Reported by Matt H Zone 132 rep

District 42 (Mikey C.)

Greetings from zone 142/42

I am grateful to file this report from the District 42 meeting. held on Thursday, June 11th. A lot of discussion was being talked about meetings going back to their perspective homes.

Valid reasons were given and everyone agrees upon the safety of all members new and old.

Although, some church's have opened up their doors the final decisions are based on the Home groups if they are ready to hop back. Many Groups have decided it might be more feasible to stay with zoom and go to combined Zoom/Hy-bred meetings utilizing both when the time comes.

We are also looking forward to Alan F delegates report coming up in the next couple of weeks.

A great discussion on the motion to be voted on at the GSIG assembly and was also explained by our John Paul our past DCM that this motion is a turning point to get a bigger representation of all groups. That all groups should think about what intergroup(s) they want to support. I do want to make clear that District 42 still supports Greater Seattle Intergroup. But every group has a right of decision.

GSIG Picnic and Car show is happening and the Buttons are available for a \$5.00 it goes to great cause.

Remember that I was the Holder of the winning Button and passed it on to the winner Annie 31 years of sobriety.

Lara asked for Baskets and items for the white elephant. So we are hoping the king county/Parks department will have loosened the guidelines for the picnic and the sun will shine on this great event.

A lot of meetings have relaxed the private status of the zoom meetings to public and many reported too much success. The biggest fear of zoom meetings is quickly diminished when guest pop up of from around the country or when that newcomer with less than 90 days is reaching out for help. All i know is that many important actions are going to be taken and that people would remember our code of Love and Tolerance. I also would like to add that the Broadview Groups have 5 zoom meetings that are listed with intergroup, and that David H the man with the Bow tie is starting up our Last Saturday Speakers/BirthdayMeeting starting at 7:30. This is also going to be an ASL

meeting so please pass the word to our friends who can benefit from this service and bring your own cake and celebrate with us!

In Service
Mikey C Zone Rep 142
GSR Broadview Groups

Next GSIG Board meeting: July 21st, 2020 at 7 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 918 5437 5402
Password: 035194

74th Annual Greater Seattle Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Picnic

The GSIG annual picnic is Scheduled for Aug. 16th at Lower Woodland Park. This year's festivities include a car show, musical entertainment and a raffle as well as AA fellowship. This event is a fundraiser. Picnic buttons (\$5 per), which are used to determine a winner to a raffle, are on sale through GSIG.

See the flyer below for details.

74th Annual GSIG

Picnic and Car Show

AUGUST 16th

Lower Woodland Park Shelters 1, 2 and 3 (Off of
Woodland Park N)

Bingo, White Elephant Raffle, Button Raffle

Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Chips and Soda available for
purchase

Coffee Provided

Live Entertainment



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