

The High & Dry

December 2020



DECEMBER IN OUR HISTORY

Dec 1

1940 – Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Nall Hamilton.

Dec 6

1939 – Bert the Tailor lends Works Publishing \$1000.

Dec 6

1979 – Akron Beacon reports death of Henrietta Sieberling.

Dec 7

1949 – Sister Ignatia received Poverello Medal on behalf of A.A.

Dec 10

1975 – Birds of a Feather AA group for pilots is formed.

Dec 11

1934 – Bill admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time.

Dec 11

1941 – Dallas Morning News reports first AA group formed in Dallas.

Dec 12

1934 – Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital.

Dec 12

1937 – Bill meets with Rockefeller Foundation and tries to get money.

Dec 13

1937 – Rockland State Mental Hospital takes patients to meeting in New Jersey.

Dec 13 or 14

1934 – Ebby visits Bill at Towns hospital.

Dec 19

1939 – Los Angeles holds their first AA meeting.

Dec 20

1945 – Rowland H. dies (he carried the Oxford Group message to Ebby).

Dec 27

1893 – Rev. Samuel Shoemaker is born.

FUTURE TRIPPING

DECEMBER

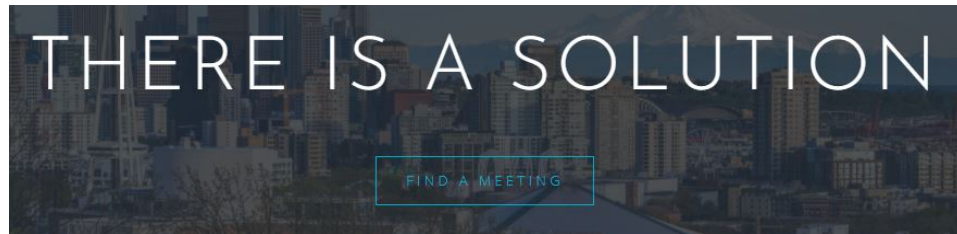
12 - Tradition 12 with The Fourth Dimension 10 am - 11:30 am

15 - Greater Seattle Intergroup Fall Assembly 7 pm - 9 pm

JUNE 2021

25-27 Pacific Northwest Conference 2021 8 am - 5 pm

NOTE: Members can attend all of the above events via ZOOM.com. Go to the Events page of the GSIG website (seattleaa.org) to get the meeting coordinates.



Thanks to Our Awesome Daytime Office Volunteers

MONDAY	Thomas H. and Bill S.
TUESDAY	Janny B. and Susan B.
WEDNESDAY	Pam H. and Alexi
THURSDAY	Tammy L. and Janice B.
FRIDAY	Desiree and Brandon K.
SATURDAY	Clay S. and Dan G.

Thanks to the Holiday phone volunteers!

THANKSGIVING DAY	Stephan M., Desiree and Skyway Group
FRIDAY 11/27	Tammy L., Jon C., Lillian

Main office hours

The Office is closed to the public through December due to COVID restrictions. Office will be open for administrative activities. We are still processing literature orders during normal business hours. Wednesday through Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm

BIRTHDAY CLUB

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

Larry B.	Empire Way	35 years (11/1985)
Elise Von K.		41 years
Anonymous		16 years
Richard D.		41 years
Laurel W.		34 years (12/1986)

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

MEETING CHANGES

Many meetings are no longer being held at physical locations and have moved to online formats. However, some meetings are choosing to meet in person. If the meeting has contacted our office to inform us of these changes, they are listed on the website. Please visit the Seattle Intergroup of AA website to get updated information about finding your favorite meeting online. Please let **webmaster@seattleaa.org** know if you have any changes to your online or in-person meeting.

High and Dry: News and Notes — DECEMBER 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.

STEP 12: *“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”*

Every single thing about the 12 Steps scared me, especially the spiritual parts.

I could not admit to myself I needed help, so forget about admitting it to a Higher Power AND another human being!

I simply would not share - ever - my full story with another human, nor would I ever admit my mistakes and make amends to the people I had harmed while an active addict.

And the more I learned about Step 12, the more my resistance grew to sharing what had been freely given to me with another alcoholic. I was, in my mind, a special case.

I mean it took everything I had to keep me sober while completing the first 11 Steps, and now Step 12 requires me to work with others?! That suggestion was almost as daunting to me as the 50-foot-tall Step One.

But in practice, it has not been that way at all. “Contempt prior to investigation” accurately described how I operated in the world. Once I was willing to work each Step to the best of my ability, as written, in all my affairs, my perspective changed.

It took time, and commitments to acts of service, to help me recognize that the program's spiritual suggestions - prayer, meditation, humility, rigorous honesty - have made the biggest impacts on my sober life.

I can be sober without working the Steps, but I won't be happy, joyous and free unless I commit to working them all, especially Step 12.

Tradition 12: *"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."*

By David M.

The long form of Tradition 12 says that in placing principles before personalities we are "actually to practice a genuine humility" (which is a bedrock principle of all faith traditions). In the "Twelve and Twelve," Bill W. says that our experiences as A.A. members has "taught us that anonymity is real humility at work."

So what does this lofty rhetoric mean in the real world?

It means that even when there is a difference of opinion amongst ourselves, like the recent GSIG Board debate on what to do with the PPP funds, we discuss the issue calmly and in a civil matter.

We don't take to the airwaves (old school) or to Facebook (new school) to mobilize public support for our position or to trash talk about our opponents. Because our Board Members (of all persuasions) took our spiritual foundation of anonymity seriously and practiced a genuine humility, the "protective mantle which covers our whole Society," in Bill W's words, remains strong, so that "when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, the hand of AA will always be there."

Tradition 12 helps each of us to carry out this responsibility. Happy Sober Holidays!

Concept XII

By AA.org

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the

service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

This Concept consists of the General Warranties of the General Service Conference. It is cast in stone; that is, although Bill leaves the door open for alterations and changes in the other Concepts and points out that the rest of the Conference Charter “can be readily amended,” these General Warranties — like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions — be changed only by “written consent of three-quarters of all A.A. groups” in the world!

Why?

Because “these Warranties indicate the qualities of prudence and spirituality which the Conference should always possess These are the permanent bonds that hold the Conference fast to the movement it serves.”

The Warranties also express spiritual principles which apply to all other A.A. entities as well.

(For complete details visit: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-8_thetwelveconcepts.pdf)

By Honest Harry

A simple principle for AA business meetings. A rule is just a rule with no one living there.

A rule is only as good as the standard that serves everyone equally.

A standard is only as good as the oversight that governs it.

An oversight is only as good as it will not be compromised by favoritism and selective involvement.

GSIG Board Seeking New Officers

The Greater Seattle Intergroup Board is looking for applicants to fill the following 2021 service positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Elections will be conducted at the Greater Seattle Intergroup Fall Assembly December 15th.

CHAIRPERSON – It is recommended that the Chairperson have at least three (3) years' immediate, continuous sobriety, and have prior AA service experience.

VICE CHAIRPERSON – It is recommended that the Vice Chairperson have at least two (2) years' immediate, continuous sobriety, and have prior AA service experience.

TREASURER – It is recommended that the Treasurer have at least two (2) years' immediate, continuous sobriety, and have prior AA service experience.

RECORDING SECRETARY – It is recommended that the Recording Secretary have at least two (2) years' immediate, continuous sobriety.

Nominations for Chair:

Aaron C. 11-1-2010 Serenity Now
Astri T. 8-18-1979 Mountlake Terrace Wednesday

Nominations for Vice-Chair:

Aaron C. 11-1-2010 Serenity Now
Kelli S-B 07-11-1988 Empire Way

Nominations for Recording Secretary:

Leslie I. 01-05-1986 Counterpoint

This information is from the Policy and Procedure manual. For more information visit our web site, SeattleAA.Org or email: Nominating@seattleaa.org.

Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 17, 2020

Submitted by Aaron C. (Recording Secretary)

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

AA birthdays

Mikey C – 4

Matt H – 7

Aaron C – 10

Sheree – 17

Quorum Count

Active Zones Present	Active Zones Absent
114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 124, 131, 132, 141, 142	108, 112, 140

Fall Assembly Business Items

2021 Budget for approval

Greater Seattle
Intergroup

FY2021 Draft Budget

Draft at Oct 14, 2020

2021 Budget Notes/ Assumptions		FY2021 Budget	Jan to Aug 2020 Annualize d	Budget FY2020	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2018
Income						
4201 Special Events Income	same as 2020 budget	5,562	6,013	5,562	4,370	4,810
4301 Other Income					210	
4302 Returned check charges	same as 2020 budget	0	(30)	0		
Contributions		0	0	0		

4001 Group Contributions	needed for zero net loss	119,691	125,137	118,421	106,652	111,561
4002 Indiv. And other Contributions	2020 budget + sustainers estimate	41,380	85,058	11,380	12,522	9,615
4003 Meeting Room 7th Collections	same as 2020 budget	4,839	3,002	4,839	4,119	3,783
4004 Birthday Contributions	2020 annualized	3,392	3,392	2,953	2,629	4,212
Total Contributions		169,302	216,589	143,156	125,921	129,171
Literature Sales						
Retail Sales						
4101 Literature Sales	average 2020 annualized and 2020 budget	59,678	29,824	89,531	81,395	101,493
4111 Meeting Directory Sales	selling current stock at cost	7,000	9,197	22,911	20,154	22,176
4121 Coin Sales	average 2020 annualized and 2020 budget	7,660	4,911	10,409	9,812	10,600
4141 High & Dry Sales	same as 2020 annualized	359	359	111	155	43
4151 Shipping Income	2020 annualized	(272)	162	(272)	(155)	(322)
Total Retail Sales		74,425	44,453	122,690	111,360	133,990
Total Income		249,289	267,025	265,846	241,862	267,971
Cost of Goods Sold						
COGS				0		
5101 Literature COGS	average 2020 annualized and 2020 budget	46,576	23,618	69,533	63,465	79,306
5111 Meeting Directory COGS	printing of current schedules	7,000	3,773	9,286	8,459	6,245
5121 Coin COGS	average 2020 annualized and 2020 budget	3,560	2,716	4,404	4,087	4,309
5141 High & Dry COGS	2020 annualized	962	962	883	1,032	530
5161 Inventory Adjustments	2019 actual	2,500	7,517	(185)	2,511	67
5162 Lit COGS Qty Disc(-) Penalty(+)	same as 2020 budget	(784)	(495)	(784)	(930)	(2,974)
Total COGS		59,813	38,091	83,136	78,625	87,483
Total Cost of Goods Sold		59,813	38,091	83,136	78,625	87,483

Gross Profit		189,475	228,934	182,710	163,237	180,488
Expenses						
6801 Standing Committees		0	0	0		
6811 Archives Committee	same as 2020 budget	120	0	120		26
6812 Corrections Committee	same as 2020 budget	360	100	360	59	271
6813 GSIG Board		480	0	480		212
6814 Hospital & Treatment Committee	same as 2020 budget	1,800	301	1,800	810	1,931
6815 PI/CPC Committee	same as 2020 budget	1,800	227	1,800	842	1,333
6816 Special Events Committee	same as 2020 budget	3,000	1,591	3,000	3,989	2,208
6818 Web and Technology Committee	per request, for travel to web and tech conference	1,500				300
6817 Third Legacy Committee	same as 2020 budget	480	0	480	910	1,334
6819 Accessibility Committee	per request	7,680	761	1,500		
Total 6801 Standing Committees		15,720	2,980	9,540	6,611	7,616
6830 Travel and Meetings				0		
6831 Conference, Convention, Meeting	travel to intergroup conference	1,500	50	0		
Total 6830 Travel and Meetings		1,500	50	0	0	0
7002 Other Expense (WA Sales Tax)					6,090	
Literature Discounts		71	71	0		
Other Expenses		(104)	(104)	0		
6301 Interest & Bank Charges		59	59	668	625	754
6302 Stripe Processing Fees	25% fewer contributions coming in online next year	1,848	2,464	276	285	182
6303 MERCHANT SRV. Credit Card Fees	25% less book buying in office	1,346	819	1,795	1,360	1,279

6501 Insurance	policy cost (Hartford)	1,300	1,820	1,311	1,845	1,299
6502 Licenses & Taxes	same as 2020 budget	15	15	15	128	120
6701 Professional Fees--Tax & Other	Gina \$900/ month+buffer+QBO \$648 + Plooto \$396	13,844	11,991	900	4,334	400
6911 Bad Debt					1	38
6921 Burien Little Assembly	same as 2020 budget	120	0	120		174
6931 Cash Over/Short	same as 2020 budget	0	(332)	0	70	47
6932 Petty Cash (Over) Short	same as 2020 budget	0	447	0	877	
6933 Reconciliation Discrepancies	same as 2020 budget	0	848	0		
6934 Penalties and Fines		186	186	0	49	
6935 WA STATE B&O TAX	same as 2020 budget	0	2,335	0		
6941 Depreciation		0	0	420	280	840
Total Other Expenses		18,615	20,548	5,504	9,852	5,133
Paid Staff				0		
6101 Payroll Expenses		671	671	0	188	
6111 Wages	28.75 hrs manager and 12.75 hours asst. manager (GSIG open Tu-Sa) +4% increase	63,542	58,278	80,038	86,591	78,920
6112 Taxes	8% of wages	5,083	5,046	6,403	6,901	6,129
6113 Reimbursements					70	
Total 6101 Payroll Expenses		69,297	63,995	86,442	93,750	85,048
6121 Medical Insurance	do not offer medical insurance	0	1,260	1,680	1,819	6,915
Total Paid Staff		69,297	65,255	88,122	95,570	91,963
Rent and Office		210	210	0	184	
6001 Rent	same rent for one year lease	44,268	45,948	44,268	45,948	42,263
6002 Triple Net	4% increase	18,514	16,362	17,868	16,559	16,593

6003 Maintenance & Repairs	same as 2020 budget	1,696	973	1,696	1,983	2,662
6004 Computer Upgrade	4 computers at \$700 each	2,800	5,136	0	973	170
6005 Office Supplies	same as 2020 budget	3,322	1,852	3,322	2,668	4,366
6201 Utilities	waste management-same as 2020	2,534	1,867	2,534	2,766	3,094
6211 Electricity	something about HVAC has made it higher	4,000	3,439	3,577	2,845	3,247
6212 Internet Service	internet + phones \$359/month	4,308	1,698	591	622	619
6201 Utilities-other						
Total 6201 Utilities		10,842	7,005	6,703	6,233	6,960
6400 Communications			0	0		
6401 Phones	(included in internet above)		2,457	2,935	3,150	4,333
6403 Call Forwarding	\$85/month	1,020	1,020	2,520	2,196	
Total 6400 Communications		1,020	3,477	5,455	5,346	4,333
6601 Shipping Expense	more shipping with Covid	800	633	362	451	687
6602 Postage	high and dry \$386 + stamps	600	0	270	180	359
Total Rent and Office		84,072	81,596	79,945	80,525	78,392
Southend Book Store stipend	\$50/month	600	150	0		
Total Expenses		189,875	170,650	183,110	198,649	183,104
Net Operating Income		(400)	58,285	(400)	(35,412)	(2,616)
Other Income						
7001 Interest Income	same as 2020 budget	400	945	400	256	362
Total Other Income		400	945	400	256	362
Net Other Income		400	945	400	256	362
Net Income		0	59,229	(0)	(35,155)	(2,254)

District 32 Motion for consideration

Dec 2020 GSIG Motion Payroll Protection Program (PPP)

Presented by

District 32 and Evergreen South Breakfast Group, Just 4today speaker meeting

Motion

“GSIG will repay the entire Payroll Protection Program loan even though it has been granted forgiveness by the SBA. “

Background

The loan amount was \$18,179. The PPP Loan was legally forgiven by the SBA on 10/13/20.

At the May 19, 2020 Board meeting it was vote 8 YES, 4 NO and 2 Abstained (D32 and D14) to accept the PPP loan and apply for forgiveness. It passed. At the June 16, 2020 Assembly it was voted 19 Against and 15 in Favor of adding the PPP loan to the Assembly. It failed.

Pros

We believe it is a direct violation of the 7th tradition to accept money from any source outside of AA.

We believe while at the time the loan was taken it was done so with best intentions we believe fear of financial insecurity played a bigger role then necessary and in the time that has passed since this loan was taken out, AA's have come forward with increased contributions and once again proven we can be self-supporting.

We have contacted the SBA and they have assured us that all we need to do is contact the lender who we got the loan from and tell them the board has voted to return the money even the though forgiveness has been granted and our lending institution can contact SBA and repay it. We send a check to the bank and the bank sends check to SBA. We have contacted US Bank our PPP Lender and they confirmed. Based on the latest treasurer report we can afford it.

Con

GSIG would have to pay \$18,179 of its cash reserves. We will be using Group funds to pay GSIG employees for hours that were not worked during the periods from May and June when the office was closed.

The proposed bylaw changes have been printed in the two preceding High and Dry publications (October and November 2020) as well as on our website. Please refer to either of these resources for further explanation on the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

To Board

This is my last report for my two-year rotation as GSIG Chair and also before our GSIG Assembly that will be held on December 15, 2020 at 7 pm

As a reminder at GSIG Assembly each District and Group that attends will be eligible to vote and we will be voting on the following;

- 1) Election of GSIG officers for 2021/2022 (Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, and Secretary)
- 2) 2021 Budget
- 3) Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
- 4) District 32 Motion to repay PPP Loan

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Chair over these last 2 years. We have gone through a lot and a lot has changed in our world and the way we are able to meet and interact. In my first Chair report (January 2019) the highest priority I wanted to focus on was improving the two-way communication between GSIG and the Groups. We had a lot of challenges and obstacles to overcome and I feel like I have not been able to devote enough of my efforts on improving these communications. I would encourage the next folks that serve on the Board to try and continue these efforts. I am reminded of one of my favorite sections in the story Keys to the Kingdom.

“A.A. is not a plan for recovery that can be finished and done with. It is a way of life, and the challenge contained in its principles is great enough to keep any human being striving for as long as he lives.”

It also says in our literature we are people who would not normally mix. What I will miss most as I rotate out of the Chair position is getting to regularly interact and work with so many wonderful people outside of the AA meetings I normally attend.

It was a real pleasure to get to know and work with you all and I appreciate all the service you do for AA and your Groups.

Your Seattle Intergroup began in 1946 and currently serves 12 districts and various fellowship halls in King County and Southwest Snohomish County. We estimate that the area we serve contains about 16,000 recovering alcoholics, attending over 700 groups, with about 1,300 meetings per week pre-Covid and now there are about 680 online Zoom meetings per week listed on GSIG's website.

Yours in service,
Mike M, Chair

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

Greetings Greater Seattle AA;

Since our October Board meeting I have continued to attend Office and 20/20 Committee meetings. Accompanied by Lara, I also attended a bank appointment to become a signer on our account. November 1st I participated in the Service Manual Study which currently meets on Zoom at 11:00AM on the 1st Sunday of each month, and I invite you all to join us. November 14th I gave a presentation at the Area 72 PI/CPC Quarterly and noticed GSIG Board members also were in attendance. I enjoyed my time with the group and fielded some thoughtful questions.

On my agenda for the coming month is to fulfill my GSIG phone commitment; facilitate a Group Inventory at Brown Bag Bunch; I've agreed to participate in a Service Panel (out of Arizona); and I think I may drop in for a "look see " at the Area 72 Grapevine & Literature Quarterly and the DCM Roundtable.

Before I close I just want to say thank you for letting me serve as your Vice Chair for the past two years. I have been involved in Intergroup for many years. I've attended dances, dinners, workshops and picnics. I've responded to 12 step calls, I've answered phones at GSIG and via the diverter. But I had no idea what all went into making these things happen. Participating on the Office Committee and learning the ins and outs of the operation was new to me. Richard did such a great job of keeping us on track and I thank him for his leadership. Working on the 20/20 Committee, pulling the Bylaws apart and putting them back together was tedious, but rewarding once we were done. Listening and learning what all will have to be explored and considered as we look forward to how the groups will need GSIG to emerge after the Covid-19 restrictions and how we will go about doing so. The dependable work done by Jeff and our Finance Committee are beyond my comprehension. Hearing the reports from all of you as you faced the challenges of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers with the restrictions you have been facing. In particular I want to thank Mike M for sharing his experience with us on these committees and his leadership as he chaired our Board Meetings. He's got a wealth of knowledge and I've been happy to be the recipient as he shared that knowledge with us. Hopefully he will continue his involvement as he moves into the role of Chair Emeritus. And then, I also have to say how lucky (blessed) we are to have found Lara (or did she find us?) who is demonstrating such a commitment to GSIG and AA as a whole....and then to get Anita back! How lucky are we? Thank you both for your service, you are so appreciated.

I am looking forward to the December 15th Assembly and hope we have a lot of groups represented. I also hope a lot of members will be available to serve GSIG for this coming rotation.

Yours in Service
Astri

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

Nothing to report.

Treasurer (Allison B.):

Quick look at October financials (rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: \$10K (at budget)

Other Contributions: \$4K (up \$3K budget!!!!)

Retail Sales: \$3K (\$7K under budget)

Expenses: \$15K (at budget)

Net Ordinary Income: \$5K

Cash, CDs, and Savings: \$110K

Earmarked Funds: \$6.5K

Corrections: \$5K

Accessibility: \$1.5K

Non-restricted cash: \$103K

Summary

-A reminder that the PPP loan was forgiven in October, so that \$18K no longer shows up in Liabilities. When you are looking at the Condensed Balance Sheet, you will see in the top section "Net Other Income" about \$18K. This is coming from the PPP loan, but this income showing up here is a result of bookkeeping. We did not receive another \$18K in October; we received the loan earlier in the year and have already spent it. However, when it is removed from Liabilities, it is accounted for as income. So, this line item does not change the money that we actually have in the bank at all (which is why above I listed the monthly income as ordinary income, that is, the net income we get from contributions and literature, minus expenses). If you have questions about this, please reach out to me:

treasurer@seattleaa.org.

-The office committee suggested a change to the budget draft you saw in October: we will add \$480 for the intergroup board (to cover costs of attending the area assembly, etc.) This will then also increase the budget for Group Contributions by the same \$480, so that the budget remains balanced.

-Any other changes that come out of the November board meeting will also be updated in the budget draft, and the “final” version will be sent to you ASAP so that you can take it back to your groups and be ready to vote to approve the budget at the December board meeting.

GSIG OCTOBER 2020 CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT					
CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS					
Ordinary Income/Expense	Oct 31, 2020	Oct - Budget	YTD Oct - 2020	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2019
Income					
Total Retail Sales	2,617	10,224	33,455	102,242	111,268
Total COGS	1,943	6,928	28,306	69,280	78,625
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	674	3,296	5,150	32,961	32,643
Gross Profit %	25.8%	32.2%	15.4%	32.2%	29.3%
Group Contributions	10,428	9,868	100,823	98,685	106,652
Personal and Other Contributions	3,832	948	75,216	9,484	12,523
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	460	649	5,348	6,494	6,748
Special Events Income	74	464	4,225	4,635	4,580
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	15,469	15,226	190,762	152,258	163,145
Expense s					
Expenses--Other	1,259	459	16,297	4,587	15,942
Paid Staff	2,799	7,343	49,255	73,435	95,570
Rent and Office	6,165	6,451	66,607	64,509	81,572
Standing Committees	126	795	2,840	7,950	6,611
Total Fixed Expenses	10,350	15,048	135,000	150,480	199,695
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	5,119	178	55,762	1,778	(36,550)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	18,257	33	18,949	333	256

Net Income (Loss)	23,375	211	74,711	2,111	(36,294)
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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

	Oct 31, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	DEC 31, 2019
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking	63,543	70,879	8,183
CDs and Savings *	46,630	31,253	40,482
Accounts Receivable	853	832	
Inventory and Other	36,636	38,855	32,989
Total Current Assets	147,663	141,819	81,654
Total Fixed Assets	2,484	2,484	2,484
TOTAL ASSETS	150,147	144,303	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	2,871	1,975	11,235
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	1,790	1,845	1,905
PPP Loan		18,179	
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	6,508	6,703	8,439
Total Liabilities	11,169	28,701	21,579
Equity			
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 · Retained Earnings	63,572	63,572	98,158
Net Income	74,711	51,335	(36,293)
Total Equity	138,977	115,602	62,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	150,147	144,303	84,138
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Greater Seattle Intergroup

Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)

YTD October 31, 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	\$1,744	\$0	\$5,354	\$0	\$7,098
YTD Use of Funds	(\$1,084)	\$0	(\$7,945)	\$0	(\$9,029)
Ending Balance	\$5,168	\$0	\$1,340	\$0	\$6,508
<p style="text-align: center;">Greater Seattle Intergroup Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets</p>					
YTD October 31, 2020					
Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Expenses
Expenses to Date	\$67	\$201	\$808	\$446	\$1,521
Budget to Date	\$300	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$4,550
Budget -- Full Year	\$360	\$1,800	\$4,000	\$1,800	\$7,960

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.)

Greetings everyone,

I'm grateful to AA for my sobriety, and grateful for the Service of chairing and interpreter coordination for the Accessibility Committee of GSIG. I'm grateful to you for my sobriety.

The Accessibility committee has been and continues to be very active this year, more so than any other time since this committee was set up seven years ago. Currently we are also reviewing our guidelines that were written when we set up seven years ago. 2020 has brought us Zoom meetings which has been a blessing for Deaf alcoholics from all over the world. There is a high demand for access to our Seattle AA meetings. The numbers of Deaf alcoholics finding our interpreted meeting keeps growing every day. A month ago, a Deaf alcoholic from France expressed her gratitude for having found our interpreted meetings. She lamented that there were no interpreted meetings in France. She saw how we do it here, and today announced that a group in France has started providing access in French Sign Language. (American Sign Language and French Sign language are not the same).

We are consistently able to hire interpreters because Intergroup board members approved funds to continue these services and as I look to 2021, we hope to continue to have funding for carrying the message to Deaf alcoholics.

In December, when the budget is discussed, I have rough numbers for what we need (at the minimum). We have two budgets: a budget for AA meetings in ASL and the second budget is for doing the business of Accessibility. The 2021 estimated budget for providing ASL for AA meetings is estimated to be \$7,680.00. The 2021 estimated budget for doing business in Accessibility committee comes to \$4,000 annually. We will be happy to provide specific details as to how we came to these totals.

Gratefully yours,
Laurel, Chair and the Accessibility committee members

Archives Committee (Teresa S.):

Nothing new to report.

Corrections Committee (Tammi B.)

Nothing to report.

CPC/PI Committee (Jennifer S.)

The PI/CPC Committee last met on Saturday, October 17th via Zoom so there is not much new to report since the last Board meeting. I have been working with the District 14 YPAA Chair and reaching out to schools to see about ways we could be of service to them. I am planning on attending a couple of Zoom panels this month set up on the Eastside as an observer. If anyone has contact information or any schools or youth programs we are more than willing to!

I attended the Area 72 Quarterly last Saturday, November 14th on Zoom and enjoyed a presentation from Intergroup's Vice-Chair Astri as well as the Area 72 YPAA Chair regarding working with remote communities and District 44 and 45 sharing their experience in speaking at Joint Base Ft Lewis McChord. It is always great to connect with people across Western Washington to see ways we carry the message.

I would love to extend an invitation to all of you for our next meeting of the Outreach Committee on Saturday, November 21st at 10:00am. In December we will be electing a new Chair, Alt Chair, and Secretary for our committee. If you know anyone interested in being of service or in need of outreach services, please have them email outreach@seattleaa.org. If you are in need of pamphlets or display racks please don't hesitate to reach out!

Be well,
Jennifer S

Newsletter (John P.):

Nothing to report.

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

Not much new.

We will be voting for the new GSIG H&T Committee Chair position in December.

We sent literature to the Matthew Talbott center at their request so they can start taking meetings in.

Most treatment centers are still not accepting panels.

Office Committee (Richard I.):

Nothing to report.

Office Manager (Lara R.):

I am gratefully submitting the Office Manager report for November 2020

Inventory:

- The hardcover Big Book was back ordered for about a month, but we have recently received our order and have plenty on hand.
- Emotional Sobriety, the Grapevine Publication, is still out of stock and waiting to be re-printed sometime next month. We will order as soon as we are able.
- We have been sending out coins and cards for birthdays and we love doing that. Thank you to those that have supported this opportunity.
- We have delivered Big Books and newcomer information to an inpatient treatment at Matt Talbot Center. They requested material to start their own meeting.
- Two cases of Big Books were delivered by the Corrections Committee to two respective institutions.

Financial:

- One of our CD's matured and the funds were transferred into our Savings Account.
- Contributions continue to come in primarily via the website. We appreciate everyone's support.

Organizational Processes:

- The greatest news of all is that Anita S has been re-hired as our "new" Assistant Office Manager. Anita will be in the office Fridays 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm. We feel so lucky to have her energy and passion for/about Intergroup! Thank you for making yourself available Anita!

- We are keeping the office closed to the public for the next 4 weeks. We will be in the office answering phones and conducting the business of Intergroup. Literature and Coins will be available for phone order and curbside pick-up over the next 4 weeks.
- The November Tradition Study facilitated by The Solution Group went well. The Fourth Dimension will be facilitating in December and the Skyway Group will be facilitating in January. If your group would like to host, please contact lara@seattleaa.org.
- The Southend Bookstore opened for two weeks, however, with the latest restrictions the South King Alano Club closed back down, therefore the bookstore is also closed again.
- We need groups to step up and answer phones for the 6pm to 10pm shifts. There are a number of shifts available for groups both on the weekends and week nights.
- Groups are on hold for being able to come into the office for the next four weeks, however, some groups have had virtual phone answering, getting creative with Google numbers and Zoom for fellowship during this service opportunity.
- We are looking into carpet cleaning.

Respectfully submitted,
Lara R.

Night Watch Coordinator (Sheree P.):

To Board

The transitioning into the position has been going smoothly and I am getting assistance from Pete and Mike. I am attaching a Flyer that I will be sending to the nightwatch volunteers for an upcoming Zoom meeting in December.

In Service,
Sheree P.
Incoming Nightwatch Chair

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee (Jeff U.):

Nothing to report.

Web & Technology Committee (Dan G.):

Nothing to report.

Third Legacy (James R.):

Nothing to report.

District 15 (Jack J.)

In late September the District hosted a Trans + Non-Binary AA Members Panel with close to 100 attendees, powerful voices on theme of Acceptance. Great number of new and young faces were present.

Early November, D15 hosted, with Districts 40 and 41, a virtual Gratitude Speakers Meeting, with close to 90 attendees and three speakers.

District 15 is serving as Chair for the 2021 Burien Little Assembly; planning sessions are on the 2nd Sunday each month at 10 am, via the GSIG Zoom account. Looking to secure the Alt Chair from D16 or D17, to preserve continuity. Plan is for a virtual event co-hosted as usual with Al-Anon Family Group, with Al-Anon's District 19 returning from the 2020 planning committee.

Date: March 13, 2021, 12-6 pm.

District 15 held elections in October, facilitated by the Area 72 Chair. Discussed end-of-year disbursement of excess funds, to be decided in December. Positions filled: Greg E, Secretary, Chris, Treasurer, Sasha P, Alt DCM, Jack J, DCM.

District 15 Business Meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm.

District 32 (Matt H.)

District 32 supports Motion for Greater Seattle Intergroup to pay back Loan that was Forgiven to Bank. Voting to be done at GSIG Fall Assembly December 15, 2020 at 7pm via zoom. District 32 Budget for 2021 rolled over from last year and passed. Service position for CPC Chair went to Matt H. Have open service Chairs for Accessibility and Corrections. Anyone interested in these positions can attend District 32 business meeting via zoom on December 21, 2020 at 7pm. Reported by Matt H Zone 132 rep

Next GSIG Board meeting: December 15th, 2020 at 7 PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 918 5437 5402
Password: 035194



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