



April 2022

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7 pm

For all Zone and Committee Zoom Information
see the spreadsheet that is available on
SEPIA's website.

Chairperson's Report from the month of April 2022

The highlight of the month, of course, was the Round Up, held in person for the first time in two years, over the weekend of April 8th to April 10th at the Grand Hotel, in Cape May, NJ.

What a fantastic event! Can't begin to explain how great it was to see, and touch, people again. I love virtual meetings, but a virtual hug doesn't come anywhere close to a "real" hug. As Marvin and Tammi sang, "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing".

Special thanks to so, so many folks for making the Round Up a success - our Vice Chairperson, Rachel C.; Round Up Director, Cindy R.; the Special Events Committee; the Steering Committee; Glenn S.; Roland "Mr. Coffee" J.; Fred S.; and our very own logistics driver, Timski; and others too numerous to mention.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention, too, the tireless work of our Office Staff – new manager, Fran G; past manager Elaine J; Kevin B; Kris H; Suzan W; and Tammi H. What a bang-up job!

Special shout outs, too, to the many, many peeps that gave of their time volunteering in a variety of positions to make the weekend a roaring success.

Last, but certainly not least, kudos to the members that came to support the Round Up – could not have done it without you.

I attended the following Committee Meetings:

- Website/Tech on April 6th.
- Archives on April 12th.
- Special Events on April 25th.

Chaired the Steering Committee Meeting on April 6th from the SEPIA office. Special shoutout to Rich M., Archives Director, for continuing to make this hybrid meeting a reality.

Attended the Philadelphia County Zone (PCZ) meeting on April 11th via telephone, though I planned to attend it in person. Sorry to report that my GPS relapsed, pleased to report it went for treatment and is on its way to recovery.

Again, thank all of you that continue to give of yourselves to make this Fellowship awesome.

In Love and Service,

Larry A.

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of April 2022

This month I attended the Steering Committee, Bucks County Zone, Treatments and Unity meetings as well as chairing the Special Events Committee.

SEPIA's 55th ANNUAL ROUND-UP occurred live and in person from April 8-10 in Cape May, NJ! It was a fantastic event and everyone there really enjoyed the weekend! I appreciate all of the hard work of my Director Cindy, the Special Events Committee (SEC), office staff and many others who volunteered and supported the weekend.

The full report of the Special Events meeting held on April 25 may be found below.

Yours in Service,

Rachel C.

Vice Chairperson

SEPIA Office Report for the month of April 2022

Round Up was a great success - Thanks to all of you for your help. While we got started late this year, we still had over 1,000 people attend and made tentatively \$22,791. Weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all according to the comment sheets that were received.

Part Time Staff Assistant position now available!

We have posted in the Interview that we are looking to hire another staff worker at the office. If you know of anyone who would like to work at SEPIA, please have them send in their resume to manager@aasepia.org. Details of the qualifications are in the interviews and on the website

Volunteers & Visitors - We have been getting more visitors to the office with the help of the new sign! Several new volunteers have started to come in to help with small jobs that need to be done.

Printed Directories - coming soon!

We have had a zoom tutorial regarding printing our own directories like the Baltimore Group does. They print their own and are willing to help us do the same. Need to get group information corrected.

Noontime A.A. Meeting is starting up again in May!

CDR Reports – SEPIA Telephone Calls Received

	<u>Interphones</u>	<u>Office (M to F)</u>	<u>Interphones Committee (night and weekends)</u>			
	<u>12am-9am</u>	<u>9am-5pm</u>	<u>5pm – 9pm</u>	<u>9pm – 12am</u>	<u>9am – 1pm</u>	<u>1pm – 5 pm</u>
January	14	318	56	10	12	11
February	12	312	44	10	7	12
March	19	490	48	4	15	18
April	23	437	58	14	5	0
Totals:	68	1557	206	38	39	41

Financial Snapshot of Amounts as of 4/28/2022:

• PNC Checking	\$ 39,787.18
• PNC Money Market	\$ 40,000.00
• Franklin Mint (prudent reserve)	\$243,388.05
• PayPal	\$ 1,762.34
• Petty Cash	<u>\$ 740.46</u>
Total Money on Hand:	\$325,678.03
• Income from November 2021 to April 2022	\$232,549.88
• Expenses from November 2021 to April 2022	<u>\$145,820.11</u>
Net Income (first six months of fiscal year)	\$ 65,037.27

Any questions, please feel free to contact anyone at the SEPIA office at 215-923-7900.

Yours in service,

Fran, Elaine, Kris and Kevin

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from Thursday, April 21, 2022

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00 pm; Attendance: Gary T. (Treasurer), Jim B. (Asst Treasurer), Stephanie W. (Montco Alt. Liaison), Mike O. (Chesco Liaison), Donna S. (Montco Liaison), Alex V. (Delco Liaison), Larry A. (Chair, Steering Committee), Sam H.

I. Open with Serenity Prayer

II. Read and discussed Tradition 6 and Concept 6

III. Reviewed Income Statement (P&L) and Balance Sheet

. Balance Sheet: Discussion regarding Accounts Receivable offset <\$8,273.55> and Accounts Payable offset <\$216.42>. Jim to research and report findings at the May meeting

A. Income Statement (P&L): Cost of Goods Sold appears to be significantly low (\$22,860), as compared to revenue for the month (\$53,364). The group had a general discussion about making changes to income reporting, to more accurately reflect the financial activity of the period being reported. The group considered the following actions:

0. Meet with Fran to determine how inventory is relieved when a sale is posted in QuickBooks
1. Work with Special Events to produce income statements for major fund-raisers (Round Up, Gratitude Breakfasts, etc.)
2. Produce income statements with year over year reporting

B. Special Events (Round Up): Larry A. reported the event was a big success. Total Registrants = 1095, which is down significantly from the last in-person event, but considered quite strong, given the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic.

0. Financial reporting for the event is not yet complete. "Square" was used for registration and merchandise sales; the SEPIA office has not completed reconciliation of the charges/transactions.
1. Literature Sales appeared to be very strong
2. Apparel sold out; the office will process a reorder for members who were not able to buy the item of their choice

IV. Old Business

. Edits to the Financial Guidelines (approved on 2021 by the Steering Committee): Gary submitted proposed revisions to the text to clarify areas that appeared vague to some members of the fellowship. No changes to the spirit or specific details of the Guidelines are involved. The group held robust discussion, and it was decided that no action would be taken at this time. Larry A. recommended members of the Finance Committee visit other 12-Step committee meetings and explain to them the funds that are budgeted and available to them.

A. SEPIA Sign: Following the March Meeting, the sign vendor was to remedy the issue of installing the sign in a different location than what was specified in their proposal. Jim B. reported that our landlord, Billy M., met with the sign vendor and he chose to leave the sign where it is. The landlord will arrange to repair the holes that are currently exposed on the building exterior, as a result of the sign location. SEPIA agreed to participate in the expense to make the repairs. The sign vendor was paid in full for their work.

V. New Business:

- . Discussion to create an email group for members of the Finance Committee. Sam H. will handle it.
 - A. Gary announced that his family is moving out of the area and will step down after the May meeting. Larry asked Jim B. to complete Gary's term on an interim basis, and he accepted. The group thanked Gary for his leadership and dedication. Jim announced the need to nominate someone to fill the Assistant Treasurer position (which Larry must approve). Members of the committee were encouraged to reach out to Jim with interest.
- Meeting closed at 8:30 pm (by unanimous consent); Next meeting 5/19/22 at 7:00 pm via Zoom
respectfully submitted by Jim B., 4/4/2022

Archives Committee Report from Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The committee met on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm on Zoom and in person on Saturday, April 16th at 9am in the SEPIA Office at 1903 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Present on Tuesday, April 12th: Jerry McT: Archivist, Rich M: Archives Director, Larry A: Chairperson, Howard S: Delco Zone Liaison, Randy L: Bucks Zone Liaison, Spencer G: Philly Zone Liaison, Rachel C: Vice-Chairperson, Anne Marie S-G: member, Erik B: member, Mike W: member, Mark P: member.

Tradition 6 and Concept 6 were read and discussed.

The committee read and discussed pages 28 – 30 in the Archives Workbook.

The Bucks, Delco and Philly Liaisons gave their reports. Members volunteered for the Archives Room commitments down at the Round Up that was held on April 8 – 10 at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. The two movie presentations were well attended. Fifteen members shared at the Longtimers Panel held on Saturday afternoon at 3pm. The Round Up was a great success. There was some discussion regarding updating and revising the "History of AA in Philadelphia" DVD. This was tabled for further discussion in next month's meeting. Also, the Archives Committee is considering a motion to the Steering Committee to allow the Archives Committee to take the committee's laptop out of the office when making presentations at AA group functions, DVD showings, etc. Currently this is not allowed. Also, the Archives Committee is considering purchasing a new scanner, the current scanner is over 10 years old and might not be compatible with the Committee's new computer.

Saturday Preservation Work: The Archives Committee met on Saturday, April 16th at 9am in the SEPIA Office at 1903 South Broad Street in South Philly. Present were Jerry McT, Rich M, Howard S (Delco Zone liaison), Debi W (Chester Zone liaison, Mike W (new Montco Zone liaison) and Don S(member). No Longtimers were recorded.

There are two DVD showings of the History of AA in Philadelphia coming up in the month of May:

The 562 Group

Friday, May 6th @7pm (group having an anniversary meeting @6pm)

319 Main Line Center

562 W Lancaster Ave

Haverford, PA 19041

Monday Night Winners

Monday, May 9th @7:30pm

Core Creek Community Church
1110 Newtown Langhorne Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

If you, or someone you know, has 20 years or more of sobriety, we want to save your Experience, Strength and Hope for our future members. Please send an email to Archivist@aasepia.org or Archivesdirector@aasepia.org if you'd like to share your message. Or give your information to your Zone Archives Committee liaison.

The Archives Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @7pm on Zoom. We also meet at the SEPIA Office, 1903 South Broad Street in Philadelphia, on the 3rd Saturday @9am.

CPC Minutes April 2022

Meeting held on zoom 4/4/22

Chaired by Michelle M. - Assistant Director

Encourage Attendees to fill out this form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HB8mLECWLEeknMkwngx8tlzsm0Yxl4y4xkG3X-E1_VM/viewform?edit_requested=true
 - Introductions (name, homegroup, eligibility, did you complete the form?) *post form link in chat
 - Call on someone to explain what the CPC is/ what volunteers do and what newcomers can expect to do next
 - Students coming in April (35 Drexel medical students) and (73 Physician Assistant Students)
 - Spread the word that CPC needs support!
 - Notes from Lori Cannon from March
 - Asks that volunteers please refrain from asking students for their phone numbers. This issue is two-fold...it makes tracking correspondence difficult (liability for Drexel) and can hinder communication with all parties that need to be copied
 - We will be going forward with the Reply All suggestion from the initial student assignments I send out each month. Now we are involved with 3 different college/schools and each has their own preference on exactly who should be included in emails
 - Drexel PA Students - The recommended readings will be posted on Blackboard so no need to attach anything to emails
 - Their program liaison has opted out of being CC'd on emails so only Mike and myself need to be copied.
 - Escort Guide:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MVKleEvtrjAJib8G8far64OEIzhf7UH5YWhmUvJu zAA/edit#> - please review
 - Pre-Conference Sharing Session attended by Mike and I on March 19 in West Chester
 - We could use volunteers at the Round Up to help man the booth. If you will be there and can pitch in send an email or write in the chat
 - All 34 Drexel Med students from March were chaperoned to AA meetings
 - Cochran Library
Resource <https://www.cochranlibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD012880.pub2/full>
 - Giving your Dr your phone number is CPC service
- Questions:
- Jacquie - What questions can doctors ask patients to help determine if there's a problem with alcohol?
 - <https://auditscreen.org/>

o 20 questions pamphlet

Notes from form submissions:

Look for other ways to reach professionals in addition to taking students to meetings. Contact emergency rooms in hospitals and let them know how they can get in contact with AA if they meet people who might be alcoholic. Create an app for professionals similar to what they did in AZ <https://area03azcpc.glideapp.io/> Hold a workshop about CPC and bring someone involved with General Service such as a Delegate, Trustee or GSO Staff member. Make a form for AA members to take to their doctors to let them know about AA.

A discussion of what the pre-meeting session should include.

Interphones Committee Report from Wednesday April 27, 2022

Interphones Committee Meeting, April 27, 2022 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Chris A. (Interphones Director)
Alfreda C. (Interphones Assistant Director)
Steve S. (Assistant Director Public Information)
Sarah K. (Montgomery County Liaison)
Allison G. (Bucks County Liaison)
Kathy M. (Delaware County Liaison)
Sue R. (Chester County Liaison)
And briefly.....Rich M. (Archives Director)

The meeting was opened by Chris A. at 7:02PM.

Chris gave a report on what's been happening with Interphones committee.

He covered how many open positions we had and which shifts were available.

Open Shifts: We currently have three open shifts.

Holidays from 9am to 1pm, and 2 slots on Sunday from 9am to 1pm.

Sue R took one of the Sunday 9-1 shifts.

Steve S. presented a HUSSHH flyer that the Public Information committee with help from some SEPIA tech and design people put together. This was well received by all present and we asked Steve to send a copy to the Office Manager for possible printing. I will follow up this coming week. Thank you again, Steve!

The balance of the meeting was a question-and-answer session.

The attendees were encouraged to take this information to their zone meetings and attempt to obtain a few volunteers.

We will send informational packets to those who need it.

The meeting closed at 7:52PM

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 29, 2022.

Prison Committee Report from Thursday, April 7, 2022

The online SEPIA Prison Committee Meeting took place on 4/7/22 at 6pm. A total of twelve members were present including all prison zone liaisons.

Members continued to explore methods to support the five-county outreach to inmates in their facilities.

Participation in the temporary pen pal project is ongoing and we are grateful to prison committee members and zone liaisons for their outreach. Grapevine articles continue to be mailed to various facilities for inmates. Groups continue to donate Big Books, Twelve and Twelves and other AA literature to be forwarded to facilities.

There continues to be communication among members and prison contacts on status of their facilities.

Online meetings continue to be brought in weekly to Bucks County men's and women's facility.

Philadelphia is in process of clearing/renewing volunteers for reopening.

SCI Chester and Phoenix are preparing a schedule to bring volunteers back in.

Montgomery County will begin clearing volunteers upon thirty days of COVID free facility.

Chester County is going back to normal operations but no word on when volunteers will re-enter.

Delaware County will resume one weekly meeting in May on Mondays for men's and women's facility.

The Prison Committee would like to thank all the committees and members who were able to make this year's Round Up a success. All the time and service so many contributed is truly "Gratitude in Action". We are also grateful to all who expressed interest in joining this committee and being a part of the temporary pen pal project. We look forward to meeting new members and getting new ideas at the 5/5/22 at 6pm online prison committee meeting.

Carolyn C Prison Director

Public Information Committee Minutes from Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 / 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

Opened with The Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions at 7:00 PM.

Jeremy (Director PI), Steve S (Assist Director PI), Kevin D Chester Co Liaison) Chris C (Montco Liaison), Anna B (Delco Alt Liaison), Sam H

Traditions - Read and discussed Tradition 6

Public Information Workbook – Pg. 22 to top of Pg. 27 (Read Anonymity Letter to Media to Anonymity Letter to Part II—Anonymity as a Personal Choice)

Unfinished Business:

- We sent letters to Magistrate Courts in Chester (18), Delaware (25), Bucks (17), and Montgomery (31) counties (91 total mailings). Philadelphia seems to have a different court system, revisit later.

- Introductory cover letter, “If You Are a Professional”, “Brief Guide To AA”, PI Flyer, and Rack Card made up the contents.
 - We received a request for literature from Magisterial District Court 07-1-07 in Penndel, PA (Bucks County). Steve S will visit them in person to follow up. Possibly go before next Bucks Zone meeting.
- Google Ads/Grants
 - Steve S talked to Caroline N, Delegate of Area 59, Eastern PA, about a workshop. She is willing to attend. She put us in contact with an AAWS employee who works in the Communications and Services Department. She is willing to attend a workshop after the middle of May.
- Suggestions for locations for future literature racks
 - Possibly take literature to train stations (150 SEPTA). Home groups could take responsibility for stations. Have people from the Zones go to the Stations and decide what works best instead of a “one size fits all”. – Would there be room for a literature rack?
 - Jeremy sent a letter with literature to 19 probation offices.
 - Helping Unite Sick, Shut-in, Hospitalized and Home-bound (HUSSHH) – This is part of Interphones – possibly let retirement communities know about this
- Should we consider changing our home page? Compare to other websites:
 - <https://aaphoenix.org/meetings/>
 - <https://aasfmarin.org/>
 - <https://www.nyintergroup.org/>
 - <https://nm-aa.org/>
 - <https://nm-aa.org/for-professionals/>
 - <https://aamanitoba.org/information-for-professionals>
 - <https://trivalleyaa.org/intergroup/picpc/>
 - <https://eastbayaa.org/public-information/#what-is-aa>
 - <https://area59aa.org/>
 - Who are we trying to attract with our website? Is it people who are looking for a meeting or is it people who don’t know how to stop drinking?
 - Here is an article that talks about how people read web pages
<https://www.nngroup.com/articles/how-users-read-on-the-web/>
- Zone Liaisons have a SEPIA Email address and have access to our Google Drive. Talked about using it on our committee. These Emails can be forwarded to personal Emails. We can also use these accounts for on-line meetings using Google Meet. Can we get Emails for alternate liaisons?
- Zoom bombing – Emma’s meeting was having trouble with this. They put in strict protocols. Limit chat to host only.

New Business:

- Choose a day for a Public Information workshop that focuses on Google Ads. Julie (Senior Digital Communications Analyst at our General Service Office) has agreed attend and talk about Google Ads and answer questions. Make a list of questions that we would like to have answered about Google Ads or other communications issues. Possible dates could be June 11 or 25. We could also make it a weekday if more convenient for Julie.
- Huma has requested that SEPIA come out and make a presentation about HUSSHH.

- Sam – Possibly redo our website as a customizable AA Designed WordPress site to include a built-in WooCommerce store for \$5,000 – does builder of website own any part of it? Sam says no.
- There are three upcoming Unity Pitches that Public Information will attend:
 - April 29 Morning Miracles 225 Lancaster Ave 9:00am Malvern Center
 - May 1st Wake Up Group 6:30am
 - Zoom meeting Id 515 472 6577
 - Password 867 458
 - New Freedom Group 10am Glenside Center 276 Keswick Ave May 11th

Closed with Responsibility Declaration 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, May 18th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

Jeremy S., Director of Public Information, publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

Steve S., Assistant Director of Public Information, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org – please send any photos of your home group for the Google Business Profile page

Contents of Public Information Workbook Kit https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf

Special Events Committee Report from Monday, April 25, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:00PM with the Serenity Prayer

27 Attendees including Chair & Vice-Chair

Introductions – Name, Home Group, and recent anniversaries

Welcome to all the folks that joined the committee meeting for the first time!!!

Celebrated Mark P. with 20 years of sobriety!!!

Last month's meeting minutes were approved as submitted

OLD BUSINESS

• 2022 Round Up

- Event was AWESOME!! – Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful. Special thanks to Cindy R., our Director for the 2022 Round Up!
- Event totals – 1,100+ registrations, 258 banquet tickets, hotel rooms sold out
- Expenses
 - Shirts & Hoodies – 20 items have been ordered after the event, there needs to be 35 items to place an order; information is in the Newsletter this month
 - Big Books - \$1,265.00
 - Literature - \$2,656.21
 - Revenue from event - \$64,502.43, expenses \$37,789.81 net \$26,712.62
 - Total gain to SEPIA \$22,791.41 – down slightly from previous in-person Round Ups
- Grand Hotel charged SEPIA for chair rental – Rachel is in discussion with the hotel to eliminate the chair rental charge
- Tip – to be discussed offline tomorrow

• 2022 Round Up Feedback

- DJ should play longer at the Saturday Night Dance – DJ was scheduled to midnight and met that obligation – previous DJ played an extra half hour
- Banquet food review – good feedback
- Meeting App – Awesome job Fred!

- Timski has been reimbursed for the truck rental – Thank you Timski!
- Extra items were returned by the office staff – Thank you!
- Rachel is reviewing the final invoice from the Grand Hotel – see above note regarding chair rental charge and Tip
- **Future Round Ups – suggestions and wish lists**
 - Suggested responsibility for the event planning - Hybrid approach – Special events committee is responsible for the event; Vice-Chair oversees the committee
 - Venue limitations – Hospitality suite too small; coffee making space was not ideal; hotel rooms booked up quickly, look to add overflow hotel(s) to Sepia website
 - Move large meetings to the convention center; allows banquet room to be used for marathon meetings
 - Two hospitality rooms
 - Kitchen space for coffee making; additional coffee making volunteers
 - Note to make sure Captains are informed of responsibilities
 - Final thought – The 2022 Round up planning experienced a lot of odd circumstances compared to prior years, including first in-person round up in 2 years due to COVID, previous Vice-Chair organized an online Round Up and the passing of our office manager

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Round Up
 - contract – Rachel has asked the Grand Hotel for a 2023 contract to review – Grand Hotel to provide available dates for 2023
 - contact DJs Ken Schaffer and Chris Marx to compare prices and availability for 2023
- Gratitude Breakfast – October 2022 – Suggested locations
 - Germantown Cricket Club (Tanya B) – Cost \$23.95/person + 20% service charge = \$27.00/person – price can be reduced by changing the breakfast menu items
 - Location – Manheim Street, Philadelphia
 - Holds 250 people with overflow room for additional 90 seats
 - 4 server lines to accommodate large group
 - Ample on-site parking to accommodate banquet attendees
 - Cannstatters (Glenn) – waiting to hear back with details
 - The Felt Factory – cost \$45.00/person – too expensive – Thank you Angela for looking into it
 - SEPIA ticket price equals cost of breakfast – income comes from 50/50 and basket lottery sales
 - Location to be tabled until next month’s meeting – bring any additional venues to next meeting for discussion – looking to lock in venue at May’s meeting

May 2022 Special Events meeting – Date changed due to Memorial Day – motion to change the May 2022 Special Events Committee meeting to May 23, 2022 – motion passed unanimously

Motion to close the meeting, seconded, voted on and passed!!!

Meeting closed at 7:47PM with the Responsibility Pledge

Next Special Events Committee meeting is Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7PM

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN NEXT MEETING DATE ABOVE

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from Monday, April 18, 2022

Opened meeting at 7:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge

Victoria read tradition 6 & Concept 6

Attendees

Bobette -Chester Cty Unity liaison. Chesco BTG

Pierre - Chesco BTG

Dave K- Phila zone liaison

Seth R -Montco zone liaison

Jake - Chesco zone liaison

Rachel - Special Events Director

Rich M- Sepia archives director

Fred S.-Observer

Victoria L-Treatment facilities director

Luke - Treatment facilities asst. Director

Zone Reports

Bucks Co. -No report

Chester Co. - V.A. is still closed, but the rest of the treatment facilities are open and commitments are being filled.

Delaware Co. –

The Delco zone will be meeting in person at St Rose of Lima in Eddystone in May. Fitzgerald Mercy psych ward meeting has resumed. Now at 17 commitments in 3 facilities.

Mont. Co. Almost entirely open, though trying to drop Meadowview House. 2 new meetings in Hatfield, 1 men's / 1 womens.

Philadelphia - 176 active commitments for April. A new meeting at a North 19th Street homeless shelter was voted on and approved. All commitments have been filled. Zone is almost entirely in-person.

Old business - None. This meeting was a hybrid, resulting from March's vote. Rich M handled I.T. duties expertly.

New Business –

Pierre opened a discussion of BTG by sharing his experience and success in Chester County. He offered that another zone would be welcome to follow their model. Pierre and Bobette related how Chester County has initiated BTG presentations at RCA In Devon. A broad ranging discussion ensued, detailing the organizational challenges in the zones and the ineffective communications with Area. Many ideas were presented. Refine our IGR lists and make this an IGR responsibility (Dave K). We have no master list of volunteers, and need liaisons in each zone (Victoria). Many intergroups are not responsive (outside the SEPIA region), which complicates making this an intergroup responsibility. Coordinating with Area for candidates outside our reach was discussed. Many spoke, all were heard. No resolutions were reached. No motions were made. The discussion was tabled.

We closed with The Serenity Prayer, at 7:58 pm.

Unity Committee Report from April 19, 2022

Open with the serenity prayer

Introducing and any anniversary dates

Tradition 6

Concept 6

Old business unity pitches

April 29 Malvern Center 9:00am

May 1 6:30 am The Wake-Up Group zoom
May 11 New Freedom Group Glenside Center 10am
New business none
Two new members
Close with I am responsible
Paul H Unity Director

Website/Technology Committee Report from Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Login:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021793007?pwd=SGdERXBndTlzVkhpTitEVzRqVEVrdz09>

- Zoom Meeting Code: 840 2179 3007
- Zoom Participant Password: 580960

Attendees:

- Jeremy S (Public Information Director), Steve S (Public Information Assist Director), Tim A (Web Committee), Kevin (Web Committee), Steve N (Web Committee), Larry A (Chairperson), Jennifer (Public Information Committee)

We opened with the Serenity Prayer at 5:30 PM.

Unfinished Business/Follow Up:

- New computers have arrived at SEPIA – Jim said Sam was in office two weeks ago. He thinks he installed the software. Roundup and tax filing are taking priority. Kevin – new computers are not working. Might have to send one computer back to Dell.
- Decision has been made to “pause” building out web site optimization in favor of making sure our office has the proper tools and the like to operate effectively. – Postponed
- Addressing the needs of first-time visitors to our web site. Here are some samples of other web sites:

- <https://aaphoenix.org/meetings/>
- <https://aasfmarin.org/>
- <https://www.nyintergroup.org/>
- <https://nm-aa.org/>
- <https://nm-aa.org/for-professionals/>
- <https://aamanitoba.org/information-for-professionals>
- <https://trivalleyaa.org/intergroup/picpc/>
- <https://eastbayaa.org/public-information/#what-is-aa>
- <https://area59aa.org/>

Tim said the number one request from people is to put meeting list on first page of the website. Code for Recovery Team is trying to make this format for other web sites to use. People do not read on the web. Need to appeal to various levels of tech savviness. There is too much bold. Use short sentences and not have too much reading. He referenced the following article <https://www.nngroup.com/articles/how-users-read-on-the-web>
Jim said we should experiment. Could we make the “Get Help” more prominent? People who are not in AA will not look for SEPIA.

- Consider moving forward with Google Ad Words “trial” – Postponed
- Kevin B was only able to get one proposal (from Delmarva Group) for doing work to integrate the computers and link Zen Cart with QuickBooks:
 - Network & Endpoint Configuration \$70/hr. for 4-6 hrs.
 - Install Bridge tool to link Zen Cart with QuickBooks 21 \$87.5/hr. for 2-4 hrs.What is the status? Busy with Roundup work.

- Can Web/Tech support production of a printed meeting list? What does office need for fields? Do we want to be responsible for meetings that are not open?

New Business/General Discussion

- Discussion about website
 - Kevin – need a link for new group form. Meetings on website are not all open. Kevin spends 5 to 10 hours a week on meeting changes. We need to get Emails for forms to come to one central place.
 - Jeremy – ask people at Zones to update meetings.
 - Kevin – need to put more events on a single page. The events take a long time to enter.
 - Tim – the form gets Emailed to manager, admin and Kevin
 - Kevin – need new group form from GSO with number. Access will not accept new the GSO numbers that were created when they changed their computer system in the past couple of years.
 - Larry – Group should have a number to be listed
 - Kevin – SEPIA makes new groups wait 6 months before listing them
 - Steve N – not all meetings are groups.
 - Tim updated the meeting status page to address some of the concerns

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, May 4th/ 5:30 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 840 2179 3007 / Password: 580960

Jeremy S., Director of Public Information, publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

Steve S., Assistant Director of Public Information, publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

We closed with “I am responsible” at 6:42 PM.

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, April 11, 2022

Lindsey called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition 6

Read Concept 6

Attendance:

Intergroup Reps: 34

Alternates without rep present: 3

Alternates with rep present: 4

Guests: 6

New Representatives:

- Pam – Women in Recovery Doylestown
- Malcolm – NAS Willow Grove
- Catherine – Happy Destiny
- John – Feasterville Group
- Jim – Bensalem Saturday Morning Group
- Joe – Saturday Night Drive
- Kevin – Living Sober

Anniversaries:

Personal:

- Carolee – 21 years
- George – 5 years
- Charlie – 38 years

Home Group:

- Just For Today – 10 years on May 1st
- Bensalem Sunday Nighters – 41 years on April 24th • Living Sober – 35 years on April 27th

Guest reports:

Rachel Vice-Chair:

- Round up was an enormous success!
- Over 1,100 people in attendance
- The banquet sold out

Fran G. Office Manager:

- Please make sure your home group's status is up to date on the S.E.P.I.A. website and Meeting Guide (e.g. in-person, Zoom, closed, etc.). Call the office and ask for Kevin or Chris, or go to <https://www.aasepia.org/meeting-status/> to update meeting info.
- The new S.E.P.I.A. sign looks great

Tiara Unity:

- Travels to different meetings to talk about 12th step service positions
- Unity Picnic 7/10/2022 at Neshaminy State Park

Jim Assistant Treasurer:

- Finance helps to properly deploy all money donated to S.E.P.I.A.
- Help committees build budgets
- Also working to update the software program and online tech program to ensure that the finances and supplies are better organized.

Becki District 51:

- Funding a new meeting that is aimed at breaking down the concepts and traditions. It will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Faith Reform Church in Levittown.

Liaison Reports:

Jim Archives:

- Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month on Zoom
- Need group histories – you can find the form on the S.E.P.I.A. website • One copy goes to S.E.P.I.A.; other copies go into zone committee meeting binders • Also need old timer's testimonies (over 20 years of continuous sobriety) – currently doing telephone tapings
- HG's can request a member of the Archives Committee to come to their HG and play a DVD about how AA came to Philly – about 22 minutes long
- Preservation Work meets the third Saturday of every month at the S.E.P.I.A. office

Eric Finance:

- Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom
- Finance is responsible for overseeing 7th tradition contributions
- We are encouraging committees to spend money

Matt CPC:

- Meets the 1st Monday of the month on Zoom
 - Volunteers needed to escort health care professionals to open meetings – all currently on Zoom
 - New schools are being added to rotation, and therefore we need more volunteers than ever!
 - To become a CPC representative, you must attend a meeting and then shadow an experienced member

- 1 year of continuous sobriety is recommended, but we are very desperate for volunteers, and would be willing to bend the rules

Alison Interphones:

- Meets the last Wednesday of every other month – the next meeting April 27th •
- Volunteers answer phones when the S.E.P.I.A. office is closed
- All time slots currently filled, but you can get on a wait list
- Hush meets on Zoom the third Tuesday of every month

Public Information:

- No liaison or alternate
- “Wawa” flyers are available on the S.E.P.I.A. website. Anyone can print them out and distribute them. Please be sure to ask permission from the owner/manager before posting flyers anywhere.
- They also spread the message of A.A. through health fairs

Helene Special Events:

- Meets the last Monday of every month on Zoom

Unity:

- No liaison or alternate

Prisons:

- Not present
- There are 3 prisons in Bucks County: 3 male and 1 female
- All meetings are on Zoom, but you must still be cleared, with at least 1 year sober and 2 years off books
- Reach out to prisondirector@aasepia.org to donate any soft cover literature that you have available
- Bucks, Philly, Chester, and Delaware County are all motivated to open back up – volunteers needed!
- Go to the https://www.aasepia.org/service-committees/prisons_test/ to contact the prison committee for information on how to get cleared

Dylan Treatment:

- No news

Old Business:

- Liaison positions filled:
 - o Archives – liaison: Randy, alternate: Jim
 - o Unity – no volunteers
 - o Treatment – alternate: Iliana
 - o CPC – alternate: no volunteers
 - o Special Events - alternate: no volunteers
 - o Public Information – liaison: no volunteers, alternate: no volunteers
- Take open positions back to your HG’s. You do not need to be an IGR to be a liaison. Encourage people to check out meetings on Zoom through the S.E.P.I.A. website calendar.
- *From the floor at district level: Can Bucks Zone take on a treatment commitment at Penn Foundation on Wednesday evenings at Village of Hope; it is a two-person commitment - tabled until next month. We will be voting on this next month so please take this back to your HG’s so that we can come to an informed decision.*
- The next meeting will be April 11th at 7pm

New Business:

- From the floor at district level: Can Bucks Zone take on a treatment commitment at Penn Foundation on Wednesday evenings at Village of Hope; it is a two-person commitment: after open discussion, there was a motion passed to send the commitment through the proper channels (treatment committee) so that it can be researched and presented to the Zone Committee with all necessary information, allowing us to make an informed decision
- Motion for Bucks to drop the Colemac Zoom meeting because no one has ever taken the commitment – motion passed – will bring up to the treatment committee to give to a different county.
- The next meeting will be May 9th at 7pm
- As we know, Grapevine changed the Preamble from “men and women” to “people.” However, it is not a mandatory change. Let your HG know that it is group conscious decision whether or not they want to change the wording at their specific meeting.

Motion to close at 7:50 pm

Closed with I Am Responsible pledge

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday April 11, 2022

Meeting was held via Zoom, 7:00pm

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Meeting Chairperson Joe W.

- New IGRs were welcomed. There was a quick orientation for new members after meeting.
- Anniversaries over the past month
 - Jen C., 3 years

Meeting Minutes

- March 2022 meeting minutes were sent to all via email and were unanimously approved.

Attendance

- 29/35 voting members
- 7/35 non-voting members

Concepts & Traditions

Tradition 6: “An 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.”

Concept 6: “On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

**** SEPIA Steering Committee ****

SEPIA Secretary, Jay

- The focus by and large, has been on the Round-Up.
- SEPIA’s office is opened to public. They are reinstating their Friday AA meeting, which starts at noon starting the first Friday in May. Office address: 1903 S Broad St 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19148.
- To all groups: Please update your meeting information on [SEPIA’s website](#). It was mentioned that the Meeting Guide app can easily be updated right on the app.
- The new office manager, Fran, is working hand-in-hand with Elaine, who’s come out of retirement to help with Fran’s transition.

- SEPIA's sign is up!! Local AA members who've seen the sign have come in to volunteer.

Archives Director, Rich

- Debi has been very diligent about attending the monthly meetings.
- Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 9:00am.
- Archives committee was going to show the History of AA in Philadelphia (~23 minutes long) to Morning Miracles (Malvern Center) however, there was a glitch with the video and they couldn't show it. Showing has been rescheduled to 4/29 at 9:00am at the Malvern Center, 225 Lancaster Ave., Frazer, PA 19355.
- Any groups who'd like to submit their history can do so by emailing their history via this form: https://aasepia.org/docs/161/Group_History_Form_1.pdf

Assistant Treatment Director, Luke

- Monday, 4/18 the committee will be meeting (hybrid).
- There is a need for an updated IGR list. Please send to Fran: manager@Aasepia.org

District Announcements

District 29, n/a

District 30, n/a

District 38, n/a

District 44, n/a

District 56, West, ADCM: 3rd Monday of the Month.

- No report, i.e., nothing new to report.
- Fiscally in "good shape".
- New Meeting: Sundays at 12:30pm at Anthony B. Nixon Park, 405 North Walnut Street, Kennett Sq., PA. Note: This meeting is not in the meeting directory.
- Young People's Spaghetti Dinner & Speaker: Scheduled for 4/30 at 401 N. Union Street Kennett Square at 6:30p. \$10 pre-sale - \$12 at the door. Tickets can be paid for via Venmo @THREECYPAA
 - Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18a-uRrORGIrzoSj09hAxN6NDMvfw3sup/view?usp=sharing>

****Zone Announcements****

Finance, Mike O.

- SEPIA Sign: there was a miscommunication regarding how the sign was to be installed; holes were drilled in the wrong place. The landlord will be working with the vendor to fix.
- Reviewed statement for 2021 tax returns and they were approved for filing.
- Financial guidelines – clarifying how funds should be budgeted.
- Next meeting: vote to meet via Zoom.

Inter-phones, n/a

Treatment, Jake

- Jake confirmed that Zoom meetings are not permitted at the VA in Coatesville.
- There was mention of the VA institution in Coatesville possibly closing down – nothing more was known.
-  If anyone is aware of any facilities we could take meetings to, please let Jake know.

Bridging the Gap, Pierre

- RCA has been active:
 - 6 contacts made with a former RCA person
 - BTG has been attending 4 meetings per week (at RCA)

-  Volunteers are needed!! People interested can sign up on [SEPIA](#) or can contact Pierre or Bobette.

Public Information, n/a

Special Events, Bill S.

- Meeting held 3/28 and focused on the Round-Up
- Currently soliciting places for the Gratitude Breakfast, Fall 2022.

Men's Prison, George

-  Volunteers needed! Need clearance forms to be filled out now so that we're prepared for when prisons open.
- 2 Clearance Forms were filled out at the Round Up.

Women's Prison, n/a

Archives, Mairead

- Archives committee will be showing a History of AA in Philadelphia at the group, Philadelphia Gas Works, on Sunday, June 12th. Meeting is located at: St Katherine of Siena, 9720 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19114
- Anyone with 20 years or more continuous sobriety can have their story recorded.

Unity, Bobette

- Two Unity pitches:
 - Malvern Center
 - Kimberton, 12/6

Chester County Young People, Nick

- Spaghetti dinner is April 30, Episcopal Church, 401 N. Union, Kennett Sq. \$10. Starts at 6:30.
- Multi-District workshop was rescheduled to May 14th from 11:00a – 3:00p at Willowdale Chapel in Kennett Square, PA.

Zone Coordinator, Steve

- Showed, via Zoom, the list of Chesco Zone Coordinators. Positions are still open for the committee and need to be filled.
- Attended the Steering Committee meeting.
-  Public Information is looking for images of meeting rooms with no people in them. Please send to: publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org.
- Steve helped chair a meeting at the Round Up called, Women Suffer, Too, based on a story in the Big Book. Marty Mann was the first female member of AA.

Alternate Zone Coordinator, Joe

- No update as he couldn't attend Steer Committee meeting last month.

NEW BUSINESS

n/a

Meeting closed 8:15 PM

Delaware County Zone Meeting Report from Monday, April 11, 2022

Note: This meeting was held using the Zoom Meeting App

Opening:

- Alternate Zone Coordinator Gloria B., opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity prayer

Attendance: (30)

Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 21
- Alt w/o rep: 6
- Other Attendees:
 - Alt. w/rep: 1
 - Steering Committee Members: 1
 - District Reps: 0
 - Guests: 1

- Minutes from March were approved

Steering Committee Member Reports:

Chris A., Interphones Director

- Have (1) Sunday 9a – 1p and (2) Holiday 9A – 1p opening for Interphones. If the holiday is during the week, there is help needed to fill 9a – 1p or 1p – 5p time slots. Five people answer per shift. ● Need 1 year of sobriety and can always use help with this twelfth step work.
- Contact via form on SEPIA website

Liaison Reports:

ARCHIVES (Howard S.; Alternate OPEN)

- New chairman of the Archives Committee is Rich M
- Continuing to gather long timers' stories - 20 years or more. If you or anyone is looking to share their message and have it recorded contact archives: [Archives Remembering Our History](#) ● Now is a good time to make sure your group has a history on file with Sepia. Send to when complete: Info@aasepia.org Form: [Group History Form 1.pdf \(aasepia.org\)](#)

- There is a COVID group history form available for each homegroup to fill out and complete 8 simple questions regarding how your group has changed during the last year:

[Archives questions for Covid History](#)

- This Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7PM

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (Corey; Rebecca U., Alternate) ●

Report based on steering committee report

- 30 Students from Drexel were escorted to meetings. There are more requests for escorts. CPC expects to be escorting 150 students in March and needs assistance
- May be holding a workshop
- This Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7PM

FINANCE (Alex; Alternate OPEN)

- Independent accountant review was gone over, as well as the balance sheet and income statement ●
- Discussion of location of SEPIA Sign - working with contractor
- Roundup funds will be handled the same as in previous years
- QuickBooks integration is a slow process, especially inventory tracking

DELCO ZONE MINUTES

4/11/22

- Continue to meet via zoom
- This Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM

INTERPHONES (Ryan H.; Kathy M., Alternate)

- Meeting will be in April – meets every other month
- This Committee meets the last Wednesday of even months at 7PM

PRISONS (Frank K.; Linda D., Alternate)

- No word on when they will be re-opening for meetings at George W. Hill. They are in the middle of transitioning to a county-run facility again.

- This Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM
- Prison is looking for copies of Grapevines to distribute
- **NOTE: GEORGE W HILL IS OPENING FOR MEETINGS IN MAY AND THE FORM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WITH THESE MINUTES**

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Jen T.; Anna B., Alternate)

- Please review the SEPIA Meeting guide and verify all of the information
- Looking for volunteers to carry literature to facilities (hospitals, train stations, libraries) ● Looking for photos of group meeting places to put on the SEPIA Google drive, to increase search tags for those looking online for information about AA in DelCo
- This Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7PM

SPECIAL EVENTS (Gloria B.; Alternate OPEN)

- This Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 7PM
- Round Up was a success
- Beginning to work on Fall Breakfast
- Committee is currently meeting on Zoom

TREATMENT (Tom C.; Jack M., Alternate)

- Please contact Tom if you are interested in a commitment at either Mirmont Tues/Fri @7:30, Fitz Mercy Psych Wed @ 7:00pm, or Harwood Sun @9:30am (Men).
- Still no HOSTS allowed – so if you take a commitment, SHOW UP!
- Upcoming meeting with Keystone to see when can get in there with meetings.
- Interested groups should contact the liaison using the information above. There are currently 16 commitments and 26 interested groups.
- There are service opportunities available for Bridging the Gap – the commitment involves taking a new person to six meetings. Info is available on the SEPIA website.
- This Committee meets the third Monday of every month at 7PM

UNITY (Hank; Alternate OPEN)

- If anyone would like a pitch, please reach out to Unity Committee Director here: [Unity Committee Contact](#)
- Unity picnic is July 10th. It will be held @ Neshaminy Creek State Park
- Hank volunteered to act as Unity Liaison and was voted in
- This Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7PM

WEB TECHNOLOGY (OPEN; Alternate OPEN)

- Meeting is first Wednesday @ 5:30p

Old Business:

- **We will begin meeting LIVE on Monday, May 9th @ 7pm through the end of the year** St Rose of Lima
Church Basement
1901 Chester Pike
Eddystone, PA 19022

New Business:

- Paper Copies of reports and flyers
 - All are available through the website www.aasepia.org
 - There is a wealth of information available that can be printed and/or shared electronically with your groups – whether committee meeting minutes, flyers for events, or opportunities for service
- AZC closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by Brooke S., Delco Zone Secretary, on 5/3/22

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, April 11, 2022

In Person-Church of the Messiah

- **ATTENDANCE:**
 - Total = 31
 - IGR's =27
 - AIGR's =2
 - Visitors = 2
- Greg opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Reading of Tradition 6
- Reading of Concept 6
- Moment for sharing if anyone needs to share any pressing needs or feels like they need a drink
- Secretary's Report of previous month's meeting minutes – Minutes Accepted

- **Visitors Reports**
 - **Prisons** – Carolyn and Liaison, Charlie
 - Explained service opportunity. Bringing AA meetings to local prisons. Not open to visitors yet but possibly soon.
 - Letter program: can write prisoners anonymous letters to bring strength and hope.
 - Literature donations welcome, contact Carolyn, info on SEPIA website.
 - **Public Information** – Jeremy
 - Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month via Zoom
 - Informs public about AA and outreach
 - Looking for photos of meeting places. Submit photos to Steve, assistant director. No faces! Email: publicinfodirector@aasepia.org
 - IGRs: Be sure to keep meeting information updated on the SEPIA website! Can do so by clicking on location on SEPIA website.
 - Public information flyers (formerly "WaWa flyer") available to display in public areas.

LIAISONS:

- **Finance/Treasury** – Stephanie
 - SEPIA finances healthy.
 - SEPIA sign installed.
 - Looking to have other chairpersons of other committees to come to monthly finance meeting. Info on SEPIA website.
- **Archives** – Greg
 - Movie available to view regarding history of AA in Phila.
 - Looking for people to interview with 20 years or more.
- **Special Events** – Kathy H/ Asst: Adam presented
 - Round up a big success
 - Meeting: Last Monday of every month, 7pm. See SEPIA website or contact Kathy for details.
- **Interphones** – Sarah K
 - NEEDS ALTERNATE and volunteers; Please ask your home groups!
 - Meetings are every other month. See SEPIA website for details.
- **CPC** – Mike H/Dan
 - Meeting: Monday 7pm every first Monday of the month.
 - Reaches out to medical community to educate medical professionals in training about AA.

- 32 Students last month from Drexel.
- Now we have PCOM students as well so NEED VOLUNTEERS to escort students via zoom to meetings.
 - Need 1-year continuous sobriety to escort a student.
 - Need to attend two CPC meetings first.
 - Contact Mike H for details. Info on SEPIA website.

Treatment Facilities –Seth/Phil P

- Gave out commitments to IGR's in order of attendance to tonight's meeting
- Meadowview discussed. Location seems like a Physical therapy center rather than treatment center. Seth will call to find out and possible release that location. Motion to be tabled until next meeting after report from Seth accepted.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Steering Committee
- Need to check meeting sites for accuracy. Newcomers going to meeting and not there.
- Go online with corrections.

• **OLD BUISINESS**

- Alternate positions need to be filled

• **NEW BUISINESS**

- Archives Liaison Mike W accepted (Expect A Miracle)
- Prisons Alternate Nancy accepted (Expect A Miracle)

Closed meeting with "I am Responsible"

Minutes taken by Joe M – Secretary

Misc.:

Please bring committee, liaison, and volunteer service opportunities to your homegroups for help:

1. CPC volunteers to escort students.
2. Archives Committee needs an assistant.
3. Interphones needs an alternate liaison and volunteers to staff phones.
4. Unity committee needs alternate liaison.

Philadelphia County Zone Report from Monday, April 11, 2022

Open with the serenity prayer

Dave read Tradition 6

Vincent read Concept 6

Steve discussed on concept: we need act like a business we need to be organized at some level

Glenn Zone coordinator report- new sign installed at the Sepia office. It looks good, bringing in people and volunteers. SEPIA would also like to get the meeting started again on Fridays at noon. We got a chairperson for the first Friday in May. SEPIA address: 1903 broad St Phila. Sepia office needs phone volunteers (must have 1-year sobriety). With the new office manager, we need assistance to answer the calls.

Visitors from steering committee:

Alfreda Assist Director of Inter Phones: 2 shifts need to be filled. Answer phones after office is closed. Two opening on Sunday 9am-1pm and two holiday openings 9-1pm (anytime a holiday comes up).

“Hush”- helping unite sick and shut in, house bound and hospitalized. Need volunteers because people have moved. We need help all over from Bucks Co. to Coatesville, you name it. We need support! See me after the meeting. If someone sick or suffering needs a meeting, we bring it to them or take them to one. Interphone next meeting April 27, 7pm by zoom. Go to sepia calendar look up interphone. We will train you and we don't use your number (calls are forwarded).

Steve Schmidt Public information: we meet 3rd Wednesday on zoom (go to Sepia calendar). Quote from Bill W. 1965 convention.

Google, business page- pics of home groups and because of analytics involved, “google thinks” it's a good idea to send people to our website. Submit Group name, meeting time, day group meets any information that would help them. Helps them see what AA and meeting spaces look like.

Public information works in your area: go to different facilities and ask them to post these flyers or drop off literature. During pandemic we sent and emailed these but if you post in areas people will see it to guide the newcomer to AA. Rack cards can also be downloaded from the website, QR code that guides a smart phone user to a meeting list. We find this helpful because there isn't a written directory right now.

Please keep your meeting information up to date on our site. Its meetings are closed, and we don't want to people to go and no one be there.

Larry A- Chairperson: Thank you Glenn for all your work at the Round Up. I'm still on a high from the past weekend. Thank you, to all the reps who participated this weekend in the 5 counties! The Philadelphia metropolitan area is alive and well!!! Approx. 1100 people attended over the weekend. Round Up Hoodies sold out! There might be some medium left. They were gathering a list and considering placing another order. Contact Rachel (vice chair of special events) vicechairperson@aasepia.org if you would like to try to purchase and item.

Dave shared: he has a 4X hoodie if anyone interested in buying.

New inter group Reps:

Jean IGR

Melanie Alternate IGR Fishtown Group

Rob G Hope on Girard

Maryellen C. Nuts IGR

Lynn M Alt IGR gas work

Kevin Monday night steps Alt IGR

Anniversaries:

Personal:

Carolyn Robinson New Beginnings Mar 20 30 years

Gerry April 10 3 years

Sam H East Fall Mar 21 4 years

Julianne Manayunk BB Mar 15 3 years

Tiffany Fishtown April 10 2 years

Online:

Sandy 27 years

Group Anniversaries:

Billy C- 369 Group May 25 Picnic/ Memorial Day is on this year starts at 12:00pm

Anna- IGR Woman, Dignity & Grace April 29 7pm potluck Fairmount club house 8:15 2 speakers (women and non-binary people)

Francesca- Oxford circle Group 50years May 7 6-9 St martin of tours NE PHILLY

North Philly group may 27th 6pm church is at Park and Erie Aves 62 years

Attendance

In person 26

27 online

Secretary's report: found on pages 23-26

Committee Reports:

Dave Treatment Facilities- Fantastic April! The communication was great. We have a network, so please reach out. We will share with you when you get the commitments.

Gaudenzia DRC would like a meeting. located 3200 Henry Ave- on Tuesday's 2pm We need to vote on being able to take commitment? Co-Ed facility and is already included in the 176-commitment count (4 commitments total) Mask are required in all med facility. Proof of Vax not needed as much. This would be ok to fill for April let Dave know but tonight if we vote on, we will fill May

Jess online motion to accept

In person motioned and 2nded

Serenity Court 1221 North 19th street near Girard College. Homeless shelter that offers treatment services Tuesday and Thursday 7pm co-ed. If we vote, it will be ok to start as of April let Dave know but tonight, we will fill May

In person Motion

Nasir shared: as of the 18th mask mandate is back in effect.

Motion accepted and seconded

All are in favor. Motion passes

Dave: Phila zone has been fantastic our commitments grow and grow toward 300 to where we were.

Shawn taking the calls for online IGRs to fill commitments

Nasir Do we have a sheet with all commitments. Suzanne Utilize the list that Dave is already sending.

Dave would like a list of all IGR and Alternates emails for commitments.

Glenn & Dave: We seem to be adding more commitments (20 or more a month) we need more

Volunteers

Spencer Archives Report: Alt Zone Coordinator Liaison meeting tomorrow on zoom. Tape long timers 20 years of longer if interested contact me or Rich archievedirector@aasepia.org What AA was like and been like and grown over the years. DVD showing at groups. Restoration of DVD audio.

Collect group history. Make sure your group history is on file. Covid Reports we are particularly interested in and will be added to existing group histories. Preservation meets 3rd Sat of month 9am. **Glenn asked:** Is Chuck W alt liaison? It was confirmed no one has heard or seen from him

CPC- Cooperation with professional Community Jackie? N/A Group needs Alternative liaison report is on 5-6 of Steering committee report

Finance Report John- On Thurs Mar 17 discussing new sign, install was a little lower, landlord out for surveying damage of building from additional holes made while handing. Have some concerns that the sign is hung too low and could risk graffiti. Finance committee if we need to attend your meeting let us know how we can support. Tweak financial guidelines and always discuss. We are currently looking at outdated equipment in the office to replace. April 21 zoom all are welcome. Looking for alternate liaison.

Interphones/HUSH Katie N/A Ed: No report, meeting next month

Lynn Prisons Alternate Liaison: prison committee meet first Thursday on zoom. Still doing temporary pen pal you may contact if you wish to be a pen pal:

Bucks Prisons are currently meeting on zoom 3 men and 2 women.

CSI Chester & Phoenix opening soon but no definite date. Philly is also getting ready

Suzanne delivered literature to Phila. Right now, old badges only can be renewed.

Next meeting on zoom May 5th on zoom

Bring books to be donated to Sepia or give to Glenn hell give to Suzanne

Emma PI Liaison – Thank you Steve for your report. Few more items some of the work we've been doing kit for AA retirement and nursing home for Zone volunteers to hand deliver. If you would like to help meet with Steve or email publicinfodirector@aasepia.org

5 County probations that AA is here

Committee attended in person Easter University No longer bound men's facility

Update meeting information

Google ad words pros and cons of using google ad words

3rd Wednesday via zoom sepia calendar April 20th

Special Events Elizabeth- Round Up went well and had a blast. Thank you for your service. Seeing all those in service warms my heart. We had a newcomer with us had who had 2 days-she was scared (I remembered feeling that way). It went well. Saturday Morning group is my home group and all are invited. Our group is working on the Gratitude Breakfast. Mid-Oct Fall (8:30-12:00). Looking for a venue to accommodate 300 people and catered. We still need volunteers for Special Events and an assistant liaison and for most other committees we need Liaisons.

Unity- No liaison or Alt and did not meet this month. July 10th Unity Picnic at Neshaminy State Park. Group meets every 3rd Tuesday every other month zoom

Young Peoples Bid Committee – N/A

Old Business: to fill in liaison and Alternate Liaison Positions.

Bill: announced he is stepping down from assistant secretary and would like the position for Alt Liaison CPC

Rebecca asked to be Alt Liaison for Special Events committee

Angela asked to be Assistant Secretary

Sam asked to be PI asst liaison

Maggie asked to be Unity Liaison

All above positions Group Conscious voted on and accepted

We still need Finance & Unity Alt Liaison

New business: Check out your homegroup on the site and now check out surrounding meetings to update what we possibly can. You can change meeting on website and submit form to be changed.

Any items from the floor to be discussed? none

Next Meeting still Hybrid May 9th

Close meeting with "I am Responsible"