



October 2023

**Steering Committee
Reports**

Each Zone will have a meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 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 October 2023

Report not received prior to submission

Vice-Chairperson's Report from the month of October 2023

Vice Chairperson Report for October 2023

This month I attended the following Committee Meetings:

- CPC 10-2-23
- Webtech 10-4-23
- Steering Committee 10-4-23
- Finance 10-19-23
- Interphones 10-27-23

I want to thank the Special Events Committee and all in the fellowship that supported our events. It was a fun year and we helped raise funds to assist SEPIA and the Twelve Step Committee.

I look forward to our exciting future events and thank you for allowing me the privilege to Chair the Special Events Committee.

With gratitude,

Jay F.
Vice Chairperson

SEPIA Office Report from the month of October 2023

Our Zoom set up for the office is complete!! ProTech installers from Philadelphia did a great job. The committees that meet at the office are learning how to use it. It makes such a big difference in how we communicate.

Our Website, www.aasepia.org and literature store are currently being revamped by Kerri Karrel.

It is a work in progress!

The office is requesting that all Zones send us your list of IGR's emails. We are updating our Mail Chimp and will be sending out information weekly such as newsletters, flyers, SC reports, etc., in order to keep the fellowship more informed. Please help us out.

As always, a great big thank you to all the **VOLUNTEERS** that have been coming to the office and helping the staff get time-consuming but very important tasks done. We really appreciate all the help you give us.

Please send in your meeting changes! If you know of a meeting that is no longer there please let us know. Newcomers are going to meetings listed on our meeting guide app and finding locked doors!! Even if it is not your meeting please let us know.... Responsibility Pledge...I (WE) am/are responsible... each and every one of us!! *WE ARE STILL GETTING PHONE CALLS THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO MEETINGS THAT ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE BUT NO ONE IS THERE.*

We are looking forward to a new year with all the new steering committee members and working with them!

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

Thank you for your service!
Fran, Kris, Candy, Kevin

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report from October 19, 2023

Meeting opened at 7:01

Stephanie chaired meeting and opened meeting with Sincerity Prayer

Tradition 12 Read as well as Concept 12

P&L ACTUAL FOR SEPTEMBER

- Explained withdrawal of cash for breakfast
- Contributions—below budget
- Literature---above budget

EXPENSES

- Prepaid entertainment for 2024 round up. Expenses this year.
- Went through various costs of literature and events
- Zone expenses up to date
- Offices expenses lower than budgeted – consistent with other months

P&I - CUMULATIVE REPORT - Through the end of September, 2023

- Reviewed breakfast revenue and expenses
- Contributions going well.
- Lit sales higher - income about 19% over budget. Cost 19% higher as well.
- We are pricing literature well.
- Explained why postage is off from budgeted figures—how accounting for postage.
- Committee and zone spending coming more into line with budget.
- Office---Under budget especially in computing. Compensation under budget
- Net income is close to zero. This is a good thing.

BALANCE SHEET

- All appears normal and in line with expectations.

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT

- Getting Steering committee material together
- Professional zoom sessions coming to office.
- New website being worked on

Other Business

Working on budget material----vote next month at steering committee on budget.

Looking into engaging a new CPA Firm

Archives Committee Report from October 10, 2023

10-10-23 Archives Meeting

On Zoom 7PM

Rich M-Archivist, Mark P-Archives Director, Jay F-Vc. Chair, Allison-Bucks Liaison, Bruce H -Bucks Liaison Jack Mc-Asst - Delaware County Liaison, Bryan M-Montgomery County Liaison, Spencer G-Philadelphia Liaison, Devan M-Philadelphia Asst Liaison, Ann Marie-Archives Member, Jim B-Archives Member

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition VII

No comments

Read Concept VII

No comments

Zone Reports

Delaware County- Jack Mc

Filled Asst Liaison position-Joe

Some interviews coming
Montgomery County -Bryan
Chris C will be new Liaison
Two people interviews completed and maybe one more this week. Bryan will bring the recorder to next
Archive meeting at SEPIA office
Another 2 interviews to be scheduled
Philadelphia Liaison-Spencer
Still announcing about recording fellowship with 20 yrs. +.

Comments from the Archivist-Rich M

On the recorders there is no stop or pause button. Even if you are taking a break let the recording run and the gap can be edited out later. It is easier than merging two recordings.
The internal speaker MICs are good but the playback on the recorders sound better on speakers than from the recorder
Request for DVD Showings Tuesday 10-31-23 *The Underground* - Old Pine Street Community Center.
Time TBD
There are issues with the media software on the SEPIA Computer-Rich M will delete and reinstall
Ann Marie has found a missing recorder and will return it to Rich M.

Old Business

Shaky Mike is writing a piece on how the zones were created for SEPIA. Part 1 is coming soon!
There is an Archive's meeting Saturday 10-21-23 at the SEPIA Office.
Meet and Greet workshops are being considered in each Zone. 2-3 Longtimers will share their stories live.

New Business

Group History Books and recorders need to be transfer from the outgoing Archives Liaison to the incoming. Alternately they could be returned to the SEPIA Office.
THANK YOU Mark for your service!

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 8:00 PM

CPC Committee Report from October 2, 2023

CPC Minutes October 2, 2023

Number of Attendees: 22

Attendees to fill out this form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex_M_V4xxaAwJFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit

To view volunteers that have completed the form:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ex_M_V4xxaAwJFNxVQue-U9LISTEwWYbwDIEjY1Oe60/edit
- Meeting is the 1st Monday of the month. Hybrid. SEPIA office and Zoom
- 22 people at the meeting including online.
- Liaison's reports - 3 present
- Introductions of newcomers (name, homegroup, did you complete the form?)

*post form link in chat

- Explain what the CPC is/ what volunteers do, eligibility and what newcomers can expect to do next
- 3 new people signed up for CPC.
- 34 students, from Drexel, were assigned for the month of September. All were escorted to meetings.
- Students have access to ALL reading materials. The AA suggested readings (The Drs Opinion, How It Works, AA Preamble) are provided on their FPC1 course page. Do not suggest anything additional unless the student asks for it. When we "suggest" additional literature/videos, etc we actually put Drexel Medical School's accreditation at risk. They are allotted 1½ hours for this entire process, including readings. Their administration must account

for every minute of work they assign and can lose their accreditation if they exceed certain time restrictions. This also applies to our pre and post meeting. Meet no more than 15 minutes before.

- cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
- If the students have questions post-meeting and/or the volunteer sends out something they requested, that's OK. Lorie suggests if there's anything that you feel is an important reference – post meeting - she's happy to post that as well – as a 'Post meeting reference'.
- If the students don't respond when the escort reach's out to them, the escort needs to let Lorie, mike and Michelle know. It proved to be very helpful and alleviates scrambling at the end of the month.
- Escorts need to make sure to copy Lorie Cannon, Michelle and Mike on ALL correspondence
- llc62@drexel.edu
- cpcdirector@aasepia.org
- cpcasstdirector@aasepia.org
- Escorts can reach out to students and ask for copies of their assignments (a 1 page paper they are required to write about their experience with the CPC). We are looking to publish one in the Grapevine to make known the difference SEPIA is making in the medical community.
- HR Summit discussed. We have invited Richard Avery from HR Summit to address the group next month. He will address the group at 7:15PM to allow committee members the opportunity to keep their anonymity. He is going to address any questions or concerns.
- Reflection papers were addressed. One of the students felt they were being pushed to submit their reflection paper. It was decided, going forward, we will no longer ask for the reflection papers. Instead, we will create a couple of questions, on their website, the student has the option to answer, regarding the information contained in their reflection paper. They will also have the option to submit the full paper with their personal information redacted.
- Budget was discussed and we agreed on \$800 bdgent.
- Advised nominations committee had selected Steve S for the position of Asst Director.

Interphones Committee from October 25, 2023

Meeting was attended by 22 persons

Still need volunteers for people to answer the phone when the office is closed

Need volunteers for the HUSSH committee

Alfreda thanked us for letting her serve on the committee

Paul H is the new director

Sharon is the new assistant director

Next meeting is December 27

Yours in service

Paul H

Prison Committee Minutes from October 5, 2023

Prison Committee report October 5, 2023

Chair: Charlie K.

Attendees - 4

- Read Tradition 12 and Concept 12

Prison Committee Bylaws

Introductions and thanks to everyone for coming

Zone Reports:

Bucks County - Going well – 2 new men cleared

Chester County – no show

Delaware County – Going well and running well

Montco – All meetings are being filled

Philadelphia County – meetings being filled – still issues with miss meetings and need more clearances

Prison Reports:

SCI Chester – meetings are being filled, working on getting more clearances, English & Spanish Literature ordered.

SCI Phoenix – going good, meetings being filled.

FDC Philadelphia – meeting well attended, going well, will be openings for more volunteers for November possibly.

Temporary contact: List is growing, things are going well.

Pen Pal: Eryn sends letters weekly to the prisons – great job!

Charlie K

Public Information Committee Minutes from Wednesday October 18, 2023

Public Information Committee

October 18th, 2023 Minutes

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88258449206?pwd=cWlPd2ZSUllvWHcvbndyeXA4SFawUT09>

I. Open with Serenity Prayer, Welcome & Introductions

Steve S- PI Director, Sam H- PI Member, Jeff F- PI Member, Philip - Philly Alt Liaison,

Daniel R (Rocky)- Delco Liaison, Deborah D- PI Member, Nick M- Chester Liaison, Meg O'B Delaware Alt Liaison, Jay F-

Vice Chair SEPIA, Matt H- PI Member, Laura A- Bucks Alt

Liaison (?), Michael C-Bucks Alt Liaison (?)

II. Read Tradition 12

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Senior Outreach Campaign: Steve S.

a. We will continue to give out packets and flyers like HUSH

b. PI liaisons can take packets to Zone meetings

2. Faith Leaders Campaign: Steve S.

a. Will continue to give out packets with Clergy pamphlet. We are still awaiting for the Faith Leaders packet, which is designed to be more inclusive, and will use that when it becomes available.

3. University Contact list: Sam H (Asst Director) Review the 'Educator' e-flyer here.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gw_7Xs6J3Uq9aXvvW3QxiYu6dVxxSi5Z/view

a. Committee members have been contacting Universities and entering information on the Google spreadsheet.

4. Lamar Billboard - Billboards week of October 9th
 - a. We rented five billboards in October.
5. State Senators and Representatives – We have a partial list of names on the Google Sheet below: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Us26XMMKmVXm0anuyvxh6o584UiRCV4Gdck3yHhrDmw/edit?usp=sharing>
 - a. We will continue to discuss the best strategy to connect to, and attend events.
6. Other PI Events report out: Steve S.
 - a. Health & Wellness Community Day, Glen Mills, PA – September 26, 2023 – rained out
 - b. Parkhouse Nursing & Rehab Senior Expo, Royersford, PA – September 27, 2023
 - c. Philadelphia Elder Care Network, Philadelphia, PA – October 4, 2023
 - d. Chester County's 7th Annual Color 5K, Exton, PA – October 7, 2023 – Matt attended
 - e. Concord Township Senior Citizen Expo, Glen Mills, PA – October 12, 2023
 - f. Senior Fun Day, Philadelphia, PA – October 17, 2023
 - g. John F Street Senior Center, Philadelphia, PA – October 18, 2023 – Deborah attended
 - h. Lawn Crest Recreation Center, Philadelphia, PA – October 25, 2023
 - i. Crozer Health Fair, Chester, PA – November 9, 2023 (tentative)

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transition to new committee.
 - Public Information Director – Sam H
 - Public Information Assistant Director – Deborah D
 - Bucks County Public Information Liaison – Erik B
 - Bucks County Public Information Assistant Liaison – Laura A or Michael C – There is confusion with who is alternate liaison. Check with Bucks Zone.
 - Chester County Public Information Liaison – Nick M
 - Chester County Public Information Assistant Liaison – Open
 - Delaware County Public Information Liaison – Rocky R
 - Delaware County Public Information Assistant Liaison – Meg O'B
 - Montgomery County Public Information Liaison – Sarah K
 - Montgomery County Public Information Assistant Liaison – Open
 - Philadelphia County Public Information Liaison – John H
 - Philadelphia County Public Information Assistant Liaison – Phillip K
2. Young People Service Card
 - a. Need to coordinate QR code with launch of new website
 - b. Check photo on QR code link. Is this OK?
3. Consider creating a Facebook
4. Check contents of Public Information Workbook Kit

https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-65w_PI_Kit.pdf

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, November 15th/ 7:00 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 882 5844 9206 / Password: SEPIA

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

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

PI Zone Liaisons & Alternate Liaisons:

- Bucks: Erik B - publicinfobcz@aasepia.org
- Bucks Alternate: Laura A - publicinfobczal@aasepia.org
- Chester: Nick M - publicinfocczl@aasepia.org
- Chester: Open Position - publicinfocczal@aasepia.org

- Delaware: Rocky R - publicinfodczl@aasepia.org
- Delaware Alternate: Meg O'B - publicinfodczal@aasepia.org
- Montgomery: Scott G - publicinfomcz@aasepia.org
- Montgomery Alternate: Sarah K - publicinfomczaltliaison@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia: John H - publicinfopcz@aasepia.org
- Philadelphia Alternate: Phillip - publicinfopczaltliaison@aasepia.org

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

Special Events Committee Report from Sunday October 29, 2023

SEPIA Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes 10/29/2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01. Jay led with Fred as Zoom host. Fred also led the Introductions session.

In attendance: Jay, Lorraine, Dave, Fred S., Nick P., Peggy H., Bonnie B., Chris C., Sharon, Mark P., Jimmy M., Jim G., Tiara, and Jon R. (14 in total); Bea joined at the very start but then dropped off during introductions and did not rejoin.

- Opened with Serenity Prayer
- Attendee introduction conducted with name, home group and anniversaries noted.
- The prior month's minutes were discussed; no comments or amendments identified. Minutes were motioned for acceptance, seconded, and accepted by all.
- Jay thanked everyone for a great year of successful fundraising for SEPIA.

Old Business:

- **Gratitude Breakfast (GB23) –**
 - This year's event raised over \$5K.
 - Jay followed up with Cannstatters over staffing issues and resulting delays.
 - Sharon mentioned the successful RU23 apparel; suggested a notation to do that again at next year's GB.
 - Jimmy complimented the breakfast but suggested a second set of coffee urns next time as there was a backup at that station.
 - Jim also said the breakfast was great and highlighted the power of the person with one day of sobriety at the countdown. He suggested considering Gratitude Breakfast apparel since apparel was a hot commodity.
 - Jay mentioned the need to look a venue in one of the other counties for GB24.

New Business:

- **Round Up 2024 (RU24) Updates –**
 - We have the site and the DJ; now we need to start focusing on the details.
 - Theme suggestions are due by next meeting (Nov 27 at 7pm) so a vote can be conducted.
 - Fred suggested distribution of the list with all the past RU themes to the group.
 - Dave volunteered another apparel vendor (Mike O'Neal) in order to obtain the 3rd quote per financial guidelines; he'll send the contact info to Jay and Tiara.
 - Also need everyone's best practices to carry into RU24. What worked (keep) and what did not work (change)?
 - Mark P. asked Jay to forward the RU checklist to Tiara.

- Sharon mentioned that people were playing cards in the hospitality suite last year so may be good to create that space during RU24.
- Jay asked that everyone forward any ideas they have to Tiara and him.
- **BINGO Event –**
 - Postponed to May/June 2024, after RU.
- **Other New Business –**
 - None
- Motion was made to close the meeting, which was seconded and passed with no abstentions.
- Meeting adjourned with the “Responsibility Pledge” at approximately 7:27 pm.

Treatment Facilities Committee Report from October 16, 2023

Treatment Committee Report

10.16.23

Zoom ID : 881 4239 6509

Passcode : 805478

Attendees :

Luke – Committee Director

David K – Asst. Committee Director

Jerry S – Phila. Zone Liaison

Sean Q – Phila Asst. Liaison

Marie – Bucks Liaison

Glenn – Phila BTG Liaison

Pierre – BTG Chester Liaison

Jake – Chester Liaison

Shelby – New Asst Montco liaison

Meeting Open with Serenity Prayer

Tom – Reads Tradition 12

Luke – Reads Concept 12

Zone Reports

Bucks County – 55 Commitments all filled – Lit is being distributed as requested

Chester County – 55 Commitments All filled

Delaware County – NO REPORT

Montgomery County – 65 Commitments all filled – Adding Hatfield womens

Philadelphia – 135 Commitments all filled

Voted to expanded accepted commitments

Belmont added

BTG Reports

Tom working to expand accessibility to volunteer lists.

Pierre – Actively pursuing more presentations

Glenn – presented to Distr. 60 and pursuing more volunteers

Old Business :

Tabled Discussion for language for treatment facilities qualifiers
Vote to meet in person quarterly passed.

New Business :

Discussed the importance of meeting in person, issues were raised by Chester county.
Gratitude for Lukes service

Unity Committee Report from October 17, 2023

Unity Committee Report
OCTOBER 17, 2023

Committee met via Zoom (ID #896-4619-2235 / PC SEPIA) on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

- Opened with the Serenity prayer.
- Round table introductions (Name, Homegroup, Service Position, Milestone). Five (8) attendees present were:
- Mike Q – Oreland’s Men - Assistant Director of Unity
- Shane M Villanova As Bill Sees It, Montco unity liaison
- Jay F Oreland’s beginners , co chairperson
- Luke S Media Winners, Treatment Dir.
- Jake k Chester unity liaison
- Josh G Delco unity liaison
- Hank Holmes Candlelight. Delco BTG liaison
- Tiara T, University Group , Unity Director

- **Tradition 12** was read and discussed.

- **Concept 12** was read and discussed.

Old Business :

- Upcoming Pitches:
 - **Monday October 23rd @6:30 pm**
Soul Sisters (Women) men are welcome for the unity pitch
Our lady helping Christians.
1500 Marian Rd
Abington, Pa

 - **SUNDAY, Oct 29th @7PM**
EAST FALLS BIG BOOK
Falls Presbyterian church
3800 Vaux st
Phila. Pa 19129

 - **Monday, October 30th @ 7:00pm**
Downingtown United Methodist Church
751 East Lancaster Ave.
Downingtown, PA.19335

- **Tuesday January 30th @6pm** (Originally Tuesday October 24th @ 6:00pm)
Women of Grace (Women) men are welcome for the unity pitch.
Newtown Presbyterian Church
25 N Chancellor St
Newtown, Pa 18940

New Business:

Chester zone is working on two pitches.

One confirmed

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 8:00pm

Spring City Sisters' (men invited to the unity pitch following the 7 pm meeting)

People First Company

111 N Main St

Spring City, PA 19475.

Welcome incoming liaisons.

Thank Tiara for her leadership guidance and service for the past year along with all committee members. Luke S. will assume the role of Asst Unity director.

Close meeting with the Declaration of Unity. To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come..

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom : ID # **896 4619 2235** / **Passcode : SEPIA**

Website/Technology Committee Report from October 4, 2023

SEPIA WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

October 4th, 2023 Minutes

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

I. Introductions

Steve S - PI Director, Sam H - PI Asst Director, Sam H - WT Member, Hugh H - WT Member,
Steve N - WT Member, Kevin B - WT Member, Fran G - Office Manager, Jay F - Vice Chair,
Chuck J - WT Member, Tim A - WT Member

II. Unfinished Business/Follow Up

- Committee email list and overall database – on hold
- Website Migration to WordPress Plans – Hugh and Kevin met with Kerri and Scott to talk about getting quotes for website redesign. Both are members of the National Technology Alcoholics Anonymous Workshop (NAATW). Both have experience designing AA websites. We made a wireframe of the website so they could see it when preparing their quotes for the new website. We also sent it to a third person, who isn't that interested. Kerri can do the book store, but Scott cannot. Kerri would help with Roundup. She thinks we should start from scratch for Roundup. Tim can help with transition. We need to decide on how to show the meeting list on the website. Should it be on the home page?
- Policy on accessing SEPIA Drive. We need a list of positions that do not need access - Fran and Kevin and Chuck are working on this.
- We discussed how to reorganize Website/Technology to make it operate more efficiently.

III. New Business/General Discussion

- There was a motion to choose Keri's company to do the new website. It passed unanimously.

Close with I am responsible

Next Meeting & Contacts

Wednesday, November 8th/ 5:30 PM / Via Zoom / Zoom ID: 840 2179 3007 / Password: 580960

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

Sam H. Public Information Assistant Director publicinfoasstdirector@aasepia.org

Bucks County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday, October 9, 2023

Bucks County Zone Meeting

Lindsay called meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read Tradition- 12 Read Concept-12

August month's Minutes were read and approved.

Attendance:

Intergroup Reps: 27

Alternates without rep present: 5

Alternates with rep present: 3

Guests: 4

Andrea asked: Is there anyone interested in being put on the Intergroup Steering Committee Slate for tonight's vote? No one interested.

Slate Vote- 31 Yes, 0 No, & 1 Abstained

New Representatives: 3 New Morgan, Bruce, & Mike

Anniversaries:

Personal: None shared

Home Group:

Refer to the AA Sepia website for more information.

Guest reports:

Mark Archives Director- Video 22 minutes may be presented at any meeting contact Archives @ Sepia.

Looking for stories of members with 20 years or more to record their personal history.

Sam Public Information- Getting the word out that AA is available via flyers and bill boards. Looking into all faiths facilities to share the flyers/packets.

Liaison Reports:

Andrea Zone Coordinator- Sepia has hired someone to update Zoom.

Archives: No Report

Finance: No Report

Interphones: No Report

Public Information: No Report

Special Events: Would like Recommendations for Gratitude Breakfast and Roundup.

Unity: No Report

Prisons: Montco/ Federal prisons is open

Treatments: Bridging the Gap

Commitments- If you give the Service commitment to another person be sure to check-in to confirm with them a few days prior to commitment date.

District 51 Report- online is up and running. Traditions meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Old Business:

New Business:

Liaison Positions Updated

Service Position	Liaison	Alt. Liaison
CPC	Lindsey	Roger
Unity	Matt D.	Pete
Interphone	Nadia	Kate
Special Events	Tyler	Tyler
Public Information	Laura	Mike C.
Finance	James G.	
Archives	Alison	Bruce H.
Treatment	Nadia	Jamie G.
Prisons	Alex	Courtney
Secretary	Jim	
Alt Zone Coordinator	Justin	
Zone Coordinator	Lindsey	

Motion to close at 8:19 pm next meeting- 10/9

Closed with I Am Responsible

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday October 9, 2023

Chester County Zone Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

VOTING: 44 people in attendance

- 30 able to vote (incl Kirsten)
- 12 non-voting members
- 2 Abstained

For the upcoming 2023-2024 year SEPIA Steering Committee votes: We had 42 people vote on the Slate of Nominations Committee Candidates: 28 Yes and 12 No.

Anniversaries

Kirsten, 21 years and Nick M., 2 years

Morning Miracles, October 9th, 9:00a Speaker, Food, fun, fellowship at 10:00. Malvern Center, Malvern
Freedom in the Park, October 16th, 6:00p food, 7:00p Meeting, Valley Forge Park Chapel, Valley Forge

Kimberton Group, Friday Oct. 27th 6:00p food, 7:30p Meeting Celebrating 33 years. Centennial Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenixville

Meeting Minutes: September minutes were accepted.

Concepts & Traditions

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

Concept 12: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

SEPIA Steering Committee

Stephanie W. Asst. Treasurer:

- Operate on a fiscal year (Oct.-Nov.), which is why we're running votes.
- Stephanie is trying to get more information for the committee's budget for committees (like prison, etc).
- At end of year, we file financial statements so that it's accurately report.
- Currently, busy with budgets.
- The person who did our financial statements (independent CPA firm) has stated they're not able to continue to do it for us. We are looking for another firm.

John, Asst Secretary (and covering Special Events)

- Gratitude Breakfast, total profit \$5,288.
- 2024 Round-Up planning is kicking off.
- For 2024 we are going back to the Grand in Cape May.
- Chris Marx is DJ/AV and knows us well. He will bring his own equipment. We will supply screen.

Spec Events:

- Purchased a loudspeaker system. Comes with corded microphone.
- **If you have any ideas for the Round Up please come to the Special Events planning meeting which meets the last Monday of the month (NOTE: October's meeting will be last Sunday (October 29th at 7p via Zoom since Jay is traveling).
- We are starting to get quotes from apparel providers.

Fran, SEPIA Office Manager

- Need a Zoom professional and on 10/30 there is a Philadelphia-based company come in.
- SEPIA office is looking for a part-time assistant.
- Literature inventory happening 10/31
- We hired someone to re-do website. New site should be finished before Round Up.
- 2024 Round Up is happening the weekend of March 8-10 and a lot of planning is happening now.

District Reports

- District 29 Amy nothing to report.
- District 30 Peg, No update
- District 38 N/A
- District 44 Taylor: EPGSA is the weekend of November 10th, taking place at the Windham Hotel in Lancaster. Registration is \$31.
- District 56 Nick, On Oct 28th District 56 is having a Service Sponsoring workshop at Willowdale Chapel,

Kennett Square

Mac, Director of Prisons

- Federal Prison in Phila (women's side) is up and running. Men on detention center. Need volunteers for both.
- SCI Chester– Spanish and English meetings. Sending literature.
- SCI Phoenix – Not accepting new volunteers. They are capping the number of volunteers to 12.
- Prison Committee meets the first Thursday of every month.

ZONE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve M. Finance Committee

- Steve thanked all for letting him serve.
- Finance Committee meets the third Thursday of every month via Zoom.

John, Archives

- John not available tonight. Contact him if you want your story recorded.

Sue R. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

- Sue R is rotating out.
- CPC has a lot of new people come to the meeting and they can always use more.
- CPC committee meets first Monday of month via Zoom.

Interphones

- There are a lot of time slots available. Please let Fran, SEPIA Office Manager, know if you're interested in volunteering.

Jake, Treatments

- Commitments are mostly being filled.
- There is a time requirement of 6 months for RCA. Most treatment centers don't have a time requirement, but it will be noted if they do.

Syd, Chester Co Committee Young People

- Chester County bid for PENNSYPA, December 9 in Calgary Lutheran Church
- Downingtown Young People conference: 10/20-22. Needs support!
- Mid-day Miracles is hosting a Thanksgiving Alcahthon. First Baptist Church in Kennett Square from 10:00a – 10:00pm.

George, Men's Prison Coordinator

- Clearance forms are being sent in. We don't have anyone on the women's side, and we need additional information.

Pierre, Bridging the Gap

- Working with Gaudenzia and have had a good response. They stay there is longer, but they do have people interested.
- Met with Area 59 to hear how things are moving along.
- If you want to present (RCA 1 or 2x/month) that is an area of service or you can sign up for in order to be a contact. You'd contact the person if they're in your area and you'd meet them at a meeting.

New 2023-2024 roster for Chester County Zone:

Committee Roles Chester County	Person Currently Serving (11/2022-10/2023)	New Person Serving (11/2023-10/2024)	Alternate Position (11/2023-10/2024)
Archives	Jon	Jon	OPEN
Bridging the Gap	Pierre	OPEN	OPEN
Chester County Committee Young People (including Chester County PENNSYPA Bid Committee)	Nick	Syd	OPEN
Chester County Zone Coordinator	Kirsten	Eileen H.	OPEN
CPC	Sue R.	Jeanne P.	
Finance Committee	Steven M.	OPEN	OPEN
Interphones	Fred	OPEN	OPEN
Men's Prison Coordinator	George Andy	George Andy	OPEN
Public Information	Nick	Nick	OPEN
Secretary	Mairead	Becky	OPEN
Special Events	Bill	OPEN	OPEN
Treatment	Jake (will serve through Dec.)	Bobette (will start January '24)	OPEN
Unity	Bobette	Jake	OPEN
Women's Prison Coordinator	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

Mtg ended 8:30pm with the Responsibility Pledge Next month's meeting is on November 13, 2023. See you then!

Delaware County Zone Meeting Minutes from Monday October 9, 2023

Delaware County Zone Meeting

Minutes – October 2023

DRAFT

Opening:

Open the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Voting Representatives:

- IGRs: 30

- Alt w/o rep: 2

Other Attendees:

- Alt. w/rep: 4

- SC Members: 5

- District Reps: 0

- Guests & Non-Voting Liaisons: 5

Present previous minutes for review and approval

Zone Coordinator's Report

- Zone Coordinator shared brief statements on all sub-committee information from the steering committee meeting
- The 2024 Round Up will be March 8 – 10 at The Grand Hotel, Cape May.
- This month all sub-committees are having their "wrap up" meetings for the service year
- SEPIA has microphone / speaker set up that can be borrowed for group events
- The Hardcore Anniversary is Saturday, October 21st at the Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 4:30, Speaker @ 7 pm.

- The Media Young People’s Anniversary is Tuesday, October 24th at their regular meeting place (3rd & Jackson in Media). Doors open at 7 pm, Speaker @ 8 pm.

Alt Zone Coordinator’s Report

- Oct 21st at 10:15a is the Holiday Alkathon Planning Meeting. It will be at the BVM Brick Church immediately following the Promises / As Bill Sees it meeting on that day.

Old Business:

Steering Committee Elections – slate was approved by substantial unanimity.

New Business:

Zone Elections -

Zone Coordinator: Jim B, by a simple majority vote

Alt Zone Coordinator: Mike G., unopposed

Secretary: Renee C., unopposed; ALT - Kathy M.

Archives: Jack, unopposed; ALT – Joe

CPC: Todd, unopposed; ALT - Pez

Finance: Jack B., unopposed; ALT – Open

Interphones: Maryanne, unopposed; ALT – Open

Prisons: Blaine J., by a simple majority vote; Alt – Brooke S.

Public Information: Rocky, unopposed; Alt - Meg B.

Special Events: Dave T., unopposed; Alt – Shannon

Treatment: Jim L., unopposed; Alt – Courtney B.

Unity: Josh G., unopposed; Alt – Austin

Thank you to all who volunteered to get in (or stay in) service to the next sick and suffering alcoholic!

Steering & Liaison Reports:

STEERING COMMITTEE

No reports given this month because of elections.

ARCHIVES (Howard S.; Jack Alternate)

- Still looking for members with >20 years to please consider sharing their story
- Groups please make sure your history and covid history are up to date with the SEPIA office
- Your Group History should be shared with the Zone, the SEPIA Office and Area 59 – they do not necessarily cross-share the information received. Contact Howard to review the binder 610-909-2317

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (Dan H.; Todd, Alternate)

- Volunteers are needed to take med and nursing students to meetings. Check the SEPIA website for sign up information or email cpdirector@aasepia.org – You must attend two (2) CPC meetings before you can take a student to a meeting.

FINANCE (Janet; Alternate OPEN,)

- No report this month

INTERPHONES (Kathy M.; Tim, Alternate)

- HUSSHH needs support – “Helping Unite Sick, Shut-In, Hospitalized and Homebound.”
- There is the beginning of a Twelfth Step List to get a list of people who reach out to SEPIA with a meeting request, and those who can take meetings to them.
- There are numerous slots available for interphones. Online training is available and support is needed.

PRISONS (Frank K.; Blaine, Alternate)

- George W Hill – Chaplain Dunn requests that we please make sure that the attendance sheets are completed. Get these from the desk guard at security.
- If you take a commitment, please make sure that the clearance paperwork has been filed.
November Commitments @ GW Hill:
Women – Mondays @ 7:30
11/6 Brooke S. 484-300-7352
11/13 Pat – Step Forward
11/20 Pam M. 484-365-3257
11/27 Brooke S. 484-300-7352

Men – Fridays @ 7:30
11/3 Blaine J. 610-909-1112
11/10 Jim L. 610-803-8140
11/17 Mike G. 610-662-2141
11/24 Jim L. 610-803-8140

PUBLIC INFORMATION/WEB TECH (Rocky; Alternate OPEN)

- PLEASE REVIEW ALL GROUP INFORMATION ON THE APP AND THE SEPIA WEBSITE AND CONFIRM YOUR GROUP'S DETAILS
- Please submit photos of your meeting locations (without people) to help drive our accessibility on the web and give us a higher ranking in Google searches. Please consider asking your home group if they are ok with a photo being taken and posted. Send to pi@aasepia.org
- Live Events – If you have one or know of one, please contact PI (Health Fairs, Community Events, etc.)

SPECIAL EVENTS (OPEN; Alternate OPEN)

- No report this month, outside of comments by Zone Coordinator

UNITY (Hank; Shane, Alternate)

- Unity is the AA Travelling Roadshow. Unity pitches are available in person or through zoom if you don't know what a Unity Pitch is, ASK!

TREATMENT (Pez; Courtney, Alternate; Additional Comments by Dave)

- NOVEMBER Host Commitments:
 - o Mirmont Tuesday: Brookhaven – Mike G.
 - o Mirmont Friday: Media Young People - Kelly
 - o Mirmont Saturday: SWAN – Maryanne –
 - o Harwood House: New Beginnings - Jim
 - o Keystone Monday: Step Forward – Pat / CW - Michelle
 - o Keystone Wednesday: FTF – Blaine / Neighborhood - Jen
 - o Keystone Friday: SNA – Brian / Step Forward - Pat
- PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT IF YOU TAKE A COMMITMENT, SOMEONE MUST SHOW UP!
- If you cannot keep a meeting or host commitment, or if there are issues or no-shows, this should be communicated as soon as possible to Pez or the Zone Coordinator.

ZC closed the meeting at 8:25 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 13th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
HMB Ukrainian Church
900 Fairview Rd.

Swarthmore, PA 19081

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service for the past few years!

Respectfully submitted by

Brooke S., Zone Secretary

Montgomery Zone Meeting Report from Monday, October 9, 2023

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ZONE MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023

Held at Sanctuary United Methodist Church

- **ATTENDANCE:**
 - Total = 28
 - IGR's = 24
 - AIGR's = 4
 - Visitors = 2
- Joe opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer
- Steering Committee Nominations – The slate for the Steering Committee at SEPIA has been prescreened by a committee to appoint new members of the steering committee. These people have been vetted by the committee. Joe has circulated this list to intergroup reps two times recently via email.
 - No nominations from the floor for steering committee positions.
 - Confirmed presence of Nominees: Luke (Unity) and Greg (Treasurer).
 - Count of voting IGR's and AIGR's. If IGR is not here the AIGR can vote only if the IGR is not here.
 - 24 IGRS present 4 AIGRs present total 28 reps.
 - The slate as presented as been voted in unanimously.
 - Vote has been called in to SEPIA.
- New IGR's present:
 - None present
- Reading of Tradition 12
- Reading of Concept 12
- Anniversaries:
 - Matt 5 years, Kim 15 years; Congratulations!
- 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.

- The zone liaisons submitted their reports which can be found in the minutes.
- Elected Shelby into Assistant Treatment and Rick into Assistant Prison liaison – thank you!
- New business consisted of many service opportunities at zone level and in Philadelphia.
- Need to fill secretary position.

VISITOR'S REPORTS:

- **Vice Chair – Jay –**
 - Gratitude Breakfast was good. A lot of raffles, raised over \$5,000 for SEPIA.
 - Roundup will be earlier this year March 8th– at the Grand in Cape May
- **Assistant Treatment, Luke – meets Monday after Zone meeting –**
 - Meet in person March, June, December, all welcome to attend, you do not need to be an IGR to attend.
 - Bridging the Gap needs support: Go to Area 59.org to sign up or AASepia.org – meet a newcomer six times to get them acquainted with AA.

LIAISONS REPORTS:

- **Finance/Treasury – Liaison: Greg B.; Alternate: Jeff F. (Meets 3rd Thursday, Zoom,7:00**
 - Budgets are moving along well re: revenues and expenses.
 - Developing budgets for next year – putting emphasis on committees needs and the availability of funds.
 - Recovery from pandemic – things are coming back to pre-pandemic numbers i.e. revenue, expenses.
- **Public Information – Scott G/Sarah K.**
 - Clergy and senior center packets available.
 - Trying to get some health fairs - let them know if you know of any other upcoming events.
 - If you have connections with colleges or tech school with people that are in the position to help students that may have a problem with drinking, please contact the committee.
 - PSA on radio stations.
 - Electronic billboards – one near the bridge in Philadelphia.
 - Please check to be sure that your meeting is listed correctly – let SEPIA know if there is something incorrect.

- They want photos of your meeting space – no people. Send to public information director.

- **Archives – Bryan, M. (Alternate needed/meets 2nd Tues of the month/Zoom)**
 - They had two “longtimer” interviews, three are in the process of being scheduled; if you know of anyone that wants to be interviewed, let them know. This can be done downtown or wherever interviewee wants to do it.
 - Nominee for next year’s archives will be done under new business.
 - One group wants a DVD showing, may be in November. Let them know if you want to view the video in your group and they will bring it: History of AA.
 - Archives for SEPIA – they are starting the process of revising the History of AA video and will add information about the zones. The archives team is working on this. The video will not be done any time soon. They have many logistical things to put together before this can be done. Let Archives know if you have any suggestions.

- **Cooperating with Professionals Committee – Christy M. (meet 1st Monday at 7:00 p.m., Hybrid)**
 - They escort medical students to meetings – taking Drexel students on Zoom now. They do in person meetings at other times during the year.
 - To escort you need one year sobriety, attend two CPC meetings, shadow one time, then you can escort to the meeting, answer questions, talk after the meeting.

- **Interphones – Warren (Alternate needed/meets 4th Wednesday, every other month via Zoom).**
 - 18 shifts still available, five people per shift – to get on committee – go to SEPIA.org and apply or attend the next meeting. Shifts Open: Holidays: 9-1 and 1 -5 Monday – Friday different shifts available – 5 – 9 p.m. If you don’t answer the phone someone else will pick up.
 - The person calling will not have your name or phone number.
 - Updated manual available – 17 pages.

- **Unity – Shane need Alternate (meets 3rd Tuesday Zoom)**
 - They had a funshop - small turnout, went well.
 - They will come to your homegroup and give a presentation re: service opportunities.
 - Five pitches coming up – Shane will provide information to Joe for the minutes.

- They will most likely give pitches to Zoom groups if needed.

- **Prison – Denny – Need Alternate (meets 1st Thursday Zoom 6:00p Zoom)**
 - Montgomery County Correctional Facility – must be cleared to go, one clearance held - two commitments presently: one men, one women. Denny has the clearance list – please let him know if you are available to take a commitment.
 - The commitments have been coming in last minute which have been difficult to fill. He has to let the prison know if someone is coming.
 - They have a great person to work with now – they are letting books and grapevines in through SEPIA.
 - Building 10 and Building 51 are forensic prisons –No clearance needed – must have ID. These are people that are not sentenced – they committed a crime but are unable to be sentenced. They are having a problem filling these commitments – he needs your name and if you are going 24 hours in advance – he can sign you up after tonight’s meeting if you want to attend.
 - Open to male and female
 - Many guards in the room.

- **Special Events –Chris C./Eileen (meets 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.)**
 - Made \$5,000 at the gratitude breakfast.
 - Roundup 3/8 – 3/10 at the Grand in Cape May.
 - Nothing to report about Bingo but it will most likely be held April or May 2024.

- **District – Liz District 24**
 - EPGSA is second weekend in November.
 - Grapevines is available on an app now.
 - They have an application available or a QR code that can be filled out electronically for Bridging the Gap program.

- **Chairperson’s Report, Joe M. (need alternate)**
 - Steering Committee Voted in unanimously.
 - Interphones needs to get spots filled.

- QR Code available for other service opportunities.
- Prisons needs volunteer.
- **Treatment Facilities – Shelby /Mark**
 - Hatfield Women’s Recovery – Shelby has not heard from the coordinator. This will be tabled to next month.
 - Family House in Norristown Thursday at 7:00 p.m. – they have all of the material for the meeting – please see Shelby to sign up for commitment.
 - Horsham Clinic – may be having problems – if you have a commitment, they will tell you if there is a change.
 - If you take a commitment, you are responsible for it. If someone cancels last minute, please step in to cover.
 - Eagleville – not sure if they are closed due to Covid – Shelby is checking on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Family House Norristown Thursday, 7:00 p.m.,901 Dekalb St., Norristown. Starting right away. Moved to accept this commitment, Unanimous vote to accept. A list will be created for this commitment.
- New meeting possibility: Women’s recovery house in Line Lexington, Wednesday 7 – 8 p.m. 8 – 10 women at the house who do get out to meetings.
- Discussed meetings on website that are not active; people calling office.
- Please discuss with home groups if anyone knows any meetings on website/APP that are not active and let SEPIA know.
- Update your group info on SEPIA website. Use “update meeting” on the site or call SEPIA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joe M. would like to thank the group for allowing him to serve as Zone Coordinator.
- **Steering Committee slate has been approved, congrats to all!**
- If you know of a meeting that is not active, please let SEPIA know so that people can find the meeting.
- Montgomery County Zone has a full slate, all of the alternates have stepped up to the liaison position, thank you. Bryan has moved to Zone Liaison and Chris has moved to Archives Liaison.
- All Alternate positions are open – Joe has been sending the information out about these positions. The alternate would serve in the position for a year and you would rotate into the liaison position next year.

Please bring this to homegroup, announce we are rotating through positions, we need help to fill. You do not need to be an IGR to be on the committee.

- Chris C. nominated and voted in for Archives Liaison for the 2023/2024 year.
- Joe has IGR packets for new IGR reps
- Jacquelyn will consider secretary position.

Closed meeting at 8:00 p.m. with “I am Responsible” – I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of **A.A.** always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

- Next Montgomery County Zone Meeting will be held in-person at the Sanctuary United Methodist 1346 East Prospect Avenue, North Wales on **Monday, November 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Minutes taken by Sue F – Secretary

Philadelphia Zone Meeting Report from Monday, October 9, 2023

Report not received prior to submission