

Eastern Idaho Sobriety Corner

November 1

2020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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Intergroup Officers

Chair:

open

Alt. Chair:

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The Grapevine

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District Contact Information

District 6 Chair

Marjri M.
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Special AA Committees

Support for individual
Suffering alcoholics is
provided by the following
AA committees:

Hospitals and Institutions (H&I)

H&I Chair/Liaison

Chris P.
208-821-2694

H&I Secretary

- Open Position

H&I Treasurer

- Open Position

Community Reintroduction Center (CRC) Liaison

Keith J.
208-521-4080

3-B Detention Center Liaison

Mike C.
208-520-3145

Men's Jail Liaison

Chris P.
208-821-2694

Women's Jail Liaison

Julie S. - 208-206-2273
Debra M.- 208-705-5119

Wood Pilot/Work Release Liaison

Chris P.
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Blackfoot South Liaison

Volunteer Needed

Public Information

CPC/PI
Mike W.
208-710-6484

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Intergroup Mission

Officers are elected by sitting Intergroup members; members are selected during "group conscience" meeting of participating AA groups. In keeping with Tradition Two, these officers do not govern the individual groups; rather they serve the needs of the AA community, providing necessary services and support of various activities and programs seemed appropriate by the membership. The purpose of Intergroup is to safeguard the Twelve Traditions of AA, serve the local groups, help provide unity between groups and perform acts as stated in the bylaws.

Committee Meeting Schedule – Please attend a District, Intergroup or Committee Meeting to get involved

District 6

1st Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

Intergroup

1st Thursday of each month 6:45 p.m. Serenity Hall – Upstairs

IFYPAA

2nd Sunday of each month 2:00 p.m. @The Villa Coffeehouse

CPC/CI Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00-8:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

Hospitals & Institutions Committee

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. Serenity Hall – Downstairs

Addresses

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Serenity Hall Information

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MEETING GROUP	GROUP CONSCIENCE	Celebrate Birthdays
The Buzz	1 st Saturday	
Clean and Sober	3 rd Saturday	Last Saturday
Coffee Break	3 rd Saturday	Last Saturday
Grace & Mercy	1 st Sunday	Varying Sundays
Grapevine	2 nd Sunday	Last Sunday
Great News	3 rd Friday	Last Friday
Happy Meals	2 nd Thursday	Last Thursday
IFYPAA	2 nd Saturday	
Just Stay	2 nd Thursday	Last Friday
Lincoln Group		Last Friday
Lunch Bunch	3 rd Friday	Last Friday
New Hope & Inspiration	1 st Monday	3 rd Monday
Third Tradition	2 nd Tuesday	Last Tuesday

Changes or Additions email
aaifnews@gmail.com

District AA 6 Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020

Marjri M., - DCM, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer, and Debbie S. read the Twelve Traditions.

ATTENDEES: Marjri M. - DCM, Jim T.- Secretary, Debbie S. -Treasurer, Casey L. -Grapevine, Laurie C. -3rd Tradition, Joey B. – Great News GSR, Mike P.-Coffee Break, Marv W.-CPC-PI Chair, Chris P. H&I Chair, and Brian M. Archives Chair.

TREASURES REPORT: District received a \$50.00 donation from the I.F. Study Group. Expenses included the purchase of AA Big Books for the Bonneville County Jail and 3B for \$197.40 and the rent for District and CPC/PI committees to meet at Serenity Hall for \$72.00. The balance in the checking account is \$2,369.75. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the treasurers report as presented. Debbie S also presented a proposed District 6 fiscal year 20/21 budget. We will vote on approving the budget at next month's meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Minutes of September meeting presented and approved.

DCM REPORT – the Area 18 fall assembly took place virtually. One of the items of note from the delegate's report is the GSO's added tab; "What's New." It is a link on the AA.org website which gives a quick look at the new announcements and changes, as well as letters and communications from the General Service Office. Business conducted at the assembly was passing the fiscal year budget, nominating Shannon C as the trustee at large candidate and amending the area guidelines to require the facility contracts for assembly/convention event be signed by the Area Liaison: the alternate area delegate.

GROUP REPORTS

Coffee Break – Mike P. Running fine; are meeting in Person.

Grapevine – Casey W. Note District 6 Secretary left out Grapevine report from September Meeting minutes. Acknowledged I did unintentionally. Sorry! Running fine; are meeting in person.

Great News- Joey B. Running fine; meeting online.

Lunch Bunch – Jim T. Running fine; meeting in person at the Center for Hope

Grace and Mercy – they are now meeting at 12:00 pm at the Center for Hope on Sundays. This is a closed meeting

SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEES:

H & I – AA is still not allowed to take meetings into the jail. All of the money received by H & I has been going towards supplying the jail and 3B with literature.

CPC/PI – Marv W. reported that presentations about AA are being made at the Middle Schools and Specialty Drug Courts. The Post register interview was conducted. Meets 3rd Tuesday of Month.

Archivist – No report.

Grapevine – position not filled

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Checking account status – Bank Account has been updated with Marjri M., Jim T. and Debbie S. as signers. Past trusted servant's names have been removed.
2. Marjri M. has asked for any ideas for a new Alternate DCM. Contact her if you have any one expressing interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. In an effort to ensure groups are represented by GSRs, it was proposed that a workshop be conducted. Brian M. Marv W. and Debbie S. volunteered to serve on a committee to look at a proposed future workshop on the subject.
2. Marjri M. indicated that she could not attend the next scheduled District 6 meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved to reschedule the meeting to Monday November 1st at the same time and location.

Adjourned at 7:50 with the Responsibility statement.

In Service,

James W. Tkachyk

Secretary

Intergroup Meeting Minutes – SEP 2020

In attendance:

Minimal report due to unforeseen circumstances

Treasurer Report:

General Account Balance: \$1,483.46

Entertainment Account Balance: \$859.98

Entertainment Report:

Calvary Baptist Church on 1st street will be the location for the 2020 Annual Christmas Party.

December 12th at 6:00pm. \$50.00 deposit paid.

*****RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED***** Contact Teresa D. – 210-857-8782

Thank you to all who donated, your generosity is very much appreciated 😊

Monthly Article

I'm Either Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution

Brian M.

Coffee Break Group

Some members of the AA community in Idaho Falls have been critical of the AA groups and meetings that are held in Serenity Hall. The basis for this criticism is that some of the meetings don't closely observe the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous and don't closely follow AA's singleness of purpose. Unfortunately I have to agree that a few of these judgments are true.

Several months ago before the pandemic wreaked havoc on our physical meetings I attended a meeting at Serenity Hall, which fit these criticisms uncomfortably close. The meeting was being chaired by a non-alcoholic and virtually all of the readings were done by non-alcoholics. Clearly, the conduct of this meeting was outside of the spirit of the AA Traditions and literature.

Adding to this included the sharing by an alcoholic member who was bashing the mention of the AA Steps and the Big Book when shared during this meeting. Regrettably there were several people attending that meeting who openly agreed with this.

But upon closer examination of the meeting, if patience, tolerance and love were practiced an AA member could hardly be critical of how the meeting was run and what was discussed. I am sure that these individuals who were involved had no malice or ill intentions towards AA. Truly, their only mistake was that they did not know any better. But why?

I, too, at one time subscribed to and spouted off how the meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous at Serenity Hall often times missed the mark. But to express these types of harsh opinions without offering some type of solution was clearly wrong. Essentially, I became part of the problem but not the solution because I did not lend a hand in trying to improve upon what I criticized.

Clearly against my own personal likes and desires, I left the comfort of a stable and established home group and joined the Coffee Break Group. I did this WITHOUT the intention of coming in and "straightening out or saving" the group. Rather, I came in with the attitude of what can I do to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Perhaps, too, maybe my experience, strength and hope could add to the primary purpose of the group.

To those who are members of a group that meets outside of Serenity Hall, I do not expect you to drop your membership in your current group and join one of the Serenity Hall groups (although you can if you want to). What I do ask is that you occasionally attend these meetings and share your sobriety with us. Your service in doing so might save the life of that new comer who happens to attend their first meeting and hears solid AA recovery. Then you will have moved from being part of the problem to part of the solution.



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MEETING NEWS

Progressive Group is starting up
November 1st – Sundays @
7:00pm– Serenity Hall
(downstairs)

Happy Meals is meeting at Dixie’s Diner Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30am – **limited seating available**

Great News is still meeting virtually and has no plans to meet face to face for the next month.

LINCOLN GROUP is meeting in person – Friday’s at 8:00pm – downstairs at Serenity Hall

Grace and Mercy - Sunday’s @ 1200pm – The Center for Hope *this is a closed meeting*

Lunch Bunch has resumed regular meetings at a NEW location – The Center for Hope – on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30am

New Hope and Inspiration is meeting every Monday night at 7:30pm at the Bridge Church.

CHECK MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MORE MEETING DAYS AND TIMES 😊

Each group should submit monthly Birthdays to aafnews@gmail.com by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the Newsletter.



November Birthdays

<u>Clean and Sober</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Happy Meals</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Just Stay</u>	<u>Years</u>
Candace S.	21	LaReen P.	12	Jerry Z.	10
Ross S.	15	Mark C.	7	Rebecca M.	6
Matt J.	2	Gina J.	6	Kristy K.	6
Will W.	2			Scotty C.	6
		<u>New Hope & Inspiration</u>	<u>Years</u>	Zara L.	6
		Jeff M.	4	Ashley L.	5
		Tom D.	3	Alice H.	2
				Christine H.	2
				KC	1
				Lindsay	1
				<u>Grapevine</u>	<u>Years</u>
				Steve A.	9