



**May 9th, 2023
IGR Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order – 7:06 pm

Preamble: Joe

Declaration of Unity: Gordon

Tradition #5: Janet

Announcements:

! None

IGR Celebrations:

! Recording

Group Celebrations:

! Singleness of Purpose – 34 years

Board Member Reports

Chairperson – Tate

- ! Motion to accept last month's meeting minutes.
 - o Accepted
- ! H-H dance successful; there was a GoFundMe page for the guys halfway house in Wilkes Barre so that a group of men in early sobriety could attend at an affordable price for them; people in the community in the fellowship that donated to these guys getting to this event because most of them were under three months sober and to have experience and HH chance was pretty awesome; hopefully this will plant some ideas in these guys heads about how that you can have a good time in sobriety and that it doesn't have to be boring and your life isn't over when you stop drinking .
- ! went to the workshop for district 40 up here as did some of the other subcommittees sitting up front and other positions if they feel like saying something about it feel free it was it was very good, I sat on the panel and explained what IGR has to offer.

Vice-Chairperson – Annie

- ! Who has jail can and who needs one?
 - o We have cans to give out to those home groups that need them.
 - o Intended purpose of jail can is honorable and important.
 - o Hope that we can continue to serve prisons across NEPA.
 - o Will have them available next month.
 - o See Annie for further information regarding the intricacies of the jail can.
- ! Spring into Service workshop was successful.
- ! GSO working on 5th edition big book and talking about publishing a plain language version (5th grade reading level).
- ! Let us know if anyone is interested in our current open positions.

Secretary - Jean

- ! Minutes typed up.
- ! Sign in sheet updated.
- ! IGR meeting minutes are submitted 2 weeks after the scheduled monthly meeting.

Treasurer - Frank

- ! When I get jail can money, if it is a bunch of change it is not processed right away, it could be a month it could be months; when I get a bunch of change I throw it in there and then I give credit as close to as what you said you had in there as possible to that group; most importantly, that goes to the pink can contribution - \$634.07 was deposited within the last month so that brought that balance only in the hole \$39.13; next round of pink can money we'll get will be able to have a surplus and eventually start giving books to prisons .
- ! since we've had this 2012 we've collected \$29,597.79 in pink can money from the 7 districts that we cover; \$29,636.92 was spent which is why we have the negative of \$39.13; huge difference to the people that are incarcerated we cover a lot of counties
- ! it is not affiliated with the 7th tradition it has absolutely nothing to do with the 7th tradition and it's important that you say that at your meeting so that people know what they're putting money in.

Liaison Reports

- ! **District 39 - Russel**
 - o Planning a workshop for the end of the summer.
- ! **District 40 - Erin**
 - o If anyone wants to sign up for Grapevine, I have enrollment information.
 - Annie - app being worked on for the fall.
 - o Jill and I both went to H-H.
 - o Jill went to Allentown preconference sharing; spoke about GSO changes I.e big book, translation; a lot was voted on several years ago.

- Had our workshop on Saturday which was successful; thanks to Tate for speaking and to all that attended.
- Jill & I are going to a quarterly meeting in June.
- Working on GSR orientation.
- Trying to figure out all the virtual meetings going on in our district to try to bring hybrid meetings back to our area.
- Is D53 representative here? Are you looking for support for the Friday night speaker meeting at 8 in Tunkhannock – Yes (church on route 6 coming into Tunkhannock).
- D40 is very active and appreciates all the support.

! **District 49 - Absent**

! **District 52 - Absent**

! **District 53 - Joe**

- Workshop Aug 19th in Meshoppen 10-2; Freedom From Anger 128 Church St.

! **District 59 - Absent (Tate on behalf of district)**

- Having annual summer picnic (info on flyer).

! **District 62 - Absent**

Committees

Activities - Christine

- ! ended up selling 129 tickets; 132 people attended (speaker and her plus one get comped tickets and the DJ gets comped) .
- ! \$5800 minus the DJ and the venue and we had left like \$942.72 then when you add back in the 50/50 which did really good we had \$640 / 2 so it was a \$320 jackpot; then we had \$857 in in raffle money so we ended up with \$2117.72 profit that we made to show the newcomer that we can have fun sober.
- ! within the last week I got two really good leads on where we could have sober stock, I have to make phone calls tomorrow.
- ! the Halloween dance we're still going to book.
- ! January 1st I will be done as activities chair; it's been like 3-4 years.
- ! do the next person a favor and create a committee; it's a lot for one person.
- ! here to help the next person who wants to volunteer and step up.

Archives - Barry

- ! Attended workshop on Saturday.
- ! Next focus will be working on display in the central office.

- ! Erin – last month took back to district about Archives looking for old event fliers; could exist on a file in the computer per someone who used to be on the Archives committee.

Central Office – Johnny

- ! Had some volunteers come on Saturday and I wasn't there so I apologize.
- ! Ordered a few copies of the CD version of the Big Book, AA signs, traditions and steps boards to display at home groups.
- ! Next time to fold meeting lists is June 10th.
- ! Anyone who has keys to the bookstore, please let Johnny know.
- ! We don't order Grapevine material anymore as it is not sponsored by GSO??
- ! Tate – can only purchase Grapevine material with a credit card and IGR does not have a credit card.

Hotline – Vacant (Annie interim)

- ! Running smoothly

Corrections – Rich

- ! Nothing to report from committee meeting; just Bob and myself.
- ! Sometime in July will be the next corrections committee meeting.
- ! Brought tootsie rolls cans and artwork for jail cans to give out to reps to bring to home groups.
- ! Working with Sam (website) to upload clearance forms for various prison systems.
- ! Are 59 corrections reached out (Ruth) for support (south Philly); asked if she could come up here to get support to come to Philly.
- ! Met area 59 BTG chair, looking for help.

Institutions – Phil

- ! Commitment sheet updated for May 2023.
- ! IGR no longer filling Marworth Thursday commitments due to new Alumni coordinator who is arranging alumni related events on Thursdays.
- ! Sunday Marworth will now be given out by the week instead of for the whole month.
- ! Salvation Army; still waiting for more information.
- ! Speaking with another facility; more to come.
- ! Pyramid Dallas – women's meeting 6pm, men's 6:30 pm.
- ! Sue is leaving Pyramid May 11th and going to Clear Vision.
- ! Avenues – new commitment on Friday nights at 7pm in June.
- ! Casey House said we are doing great; one 1 commitment missed in the past 2 months.

Public Information – Miriah

- ! No report.
- ! Will be stepping down as chair; if anyone is interested in taking over, please let her know and she can provide you with information in getting started.
- ! Dylan interested in filling position.

Website - Samantha

- ! Keeping website and meetings updated.
- ! Please contact if anything is ever missing from the website (minutes, meetings, times etc.).
- ! Tuesday night women's meeting in Olyphant new coming up on Grant St.
- ! Several people at our home group said that the website was glitchy for them.

Newsletter - Bob (chair); Austin (alternate)

- ! Nothing working yet; reading through guidelines and bylaws.
- ! Want to focus on what IGR does, committee activities, calendar of events, etc.
- ! Going to try to get to every district meeting during the next year.
- ! Always room for help if anyone is interested.
- ! Austin - constructive use of imagination; showcase members of AA in our area and talents, activities, etc.

Unity - Dave

- ! Glad to be back after extended work commitment.
- ! Attended Keystone conference last weekend.
- ! Has flyer for D53 workshop.
- ! please check area website to avoid any conflicts with other AA events; summer gets very busy.
- ! Please reach out if you need any help with any events or workshops.

Bridging the Gap - Shawn

- ! Jim attended D40 workshop; trying to coordinate better with the area but believes concerns were resolved.
- ! Change on website - removed a lot of the required fields so that you can enter volunteers and patients more easily.
- ! Keeping an eye on emails; resolved GoDaddy issue (nepabtg@gmail.com)
- ! If you take a commitment and you get patient information and the person's release date is before the next IGR meeting, please email or text it to Shawn so that we can expedite the BTG process; hard to contact people once they've been released - first 24 hours is critical, and we could miss a chance to connect with them and get them to a meeting.
- ! Forms will be available in the back for the IGR meeting for next meeting for corrections.

Old Business - Tate

- ! Vacant positions: Hotline

New Business – Tate

- ! Erin – had a situation where 2 events occurred on the same day; if someone is planning an event, please check area and IGR website so as not to double book and take away from another group’s event.
- ! Tate – bombarded with questions about workshop regarding this; issues with District should be taken up in your district; allowed mention of it so as to bring awareness about checking into what other groups may have planned; IGR responsibility to post whatever is sent to not, not the job to coordinate – that is up to each district.
 - If you are planning something, suggested that you do your research, but accidents happen, and we cannot prevent these things sometimes as they do happen; everyone should try their best to plan properly so as to avoid any contacts.
 - Is Keystone Conference not AA approved? Tate – AA message being carried in our district, but it may not be GSO/Area/IGR sanctioned.
- ! Public Information
 - Dylan would like to volunteer.
 - Motioned and accepted.
- ! Christine – as she is stepping down from Activities, she will now volunteer as alternate for Treasurer.
- ! Michael – would like to volunteer for Hotline.
 - Motioned and accepted.
 - Annie will be in touch to help transition you into role.

Close of Meeting – 8:25 pm

