



**September 12th, 2023
IGR Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Preamble: Jess

Declaration of Unity: Joe

Tradition #9: Rachel

Announcements:

- ! Mike – 9/23 event thrown by home group; flyer submitted to website
- ! Johnny – Valley Group in Luzerne needs some support

IGR Celebrations:

- ! Seamus 19 years
- ! Joe – 5 years
- ! Rob – 4 years
- ! Kevin – 17 years
- ! Shawn – 9 years

Group Celebrations:

- ! Moscow Mountain – 44 years

Board Member Reports

Chairperson – Tate

- ! Minutes accepted for last month
- ! D53 workshop – attended, good turnout; learned a lot about anger and ways to deal with it
- ! Grapevine app flyers in back
 - o Available in all app stores
 - o \$2.99/month basic plan
- ! GSO put out statement (flyer in back) about how AA is not a religious fraternity
 - o We are a spiritual organization, not religious
- ! October is election month

- 3 positions will be vacated at the end of the year (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer)
- Please take back to home groups
- Voting will be at next month's IGR meeting
- Fall newsletter has a lot of information regarding legacy voting rules
- ! Attended D39 service survival kit workshop; spoke; past delegate also spoke (Paul)
- ! Starting to turn more responsibilities over to Vice-Chair as I am rotating out
- ! Last month Kurt from A59 talked about Share-A-Day
 - IGR board coming up with date and venue
 - Will most likely be held during first half of 2024
 - Flyer with Share-A-Day details
 - Collaboration between Area and IGR
 - Promote cooperation between the 2 parties
 - Opportunity for each party to understand the each other's services
 - Paid for by Area; organized by IGR
 - Haven't had one since 1999
- ! Was handed a bag of white desire chips that have our AA hotline printed on them
 - Any IGRs interested can take one back to home group to take a vote on whether or not IGR should stock these coins to sell at the store
 - Bring vote back next month
 - Cost will probably be close to \$1 per coin

Vice-Chairperson - Annie

- ! EPGSA flyers available if anyone interested in more information
 - Always looking for volunteers if you're looking to attend
 - See Annie for flyer
 - You do not have to hold a title to attend
- ! Attended D39 workshop
 - Tate said something profound at workshop: "Not about how well you do it; it's about how willing you are to do it."
 - IGR can always use help

Secretary - Jean

- ! Typed up meeting minutes
- ! Submitted audio recording
- ! Updated IGR sign-in sheet
- ! Attended D39 workshop

Treasurer - Frank

- ! Treasurer's report available in back
- ! Attempting to go paperless; difficult process
- ! Only receiving 0.05% interest on prudent reserve
 - Going to look at other banks to check out better rates

! Been working with Christine in anticipation of rotating out

Liaison Reports

! **District 39 - Russell**

- Went to area in place of DCM
 - Area is looking for ANY active volunteers
 - Share-A-Day happening somewhere else also
- Workshop held over weekend
 - Weather was perfect
 - Attendance was great
 - Mostly newcomers organized the event

! **District 40 - Erin**

- Share-A-Day mentioned by Russell
 - October 7th
 - More info on flyer
 - D63 hosting
- Attended area quarterly meeting
- GSO April conference info is now available on AA.org
- (REC)
- Having event on 10/13;
 - 7-10pm
 - open mic night
 - Corpus Christi Parish in West Pittston
 - Flyer will be on area website shortly
- Workshop pending for December (first Saturday the 2nd)
- Alcathon position filled

! **District 49 - Absent**

- No report

! **District 52 - Absent**

- No report

! **District 53 - Joe**

- Workshop on 8/19 was successful and had people attend from all over
 - "Freedom From Anger"

! **District 59 - Tate**

- No report

! District 62 - Absent

- No report

Committees

Activities - Christine

- ! Went to Sessions by the Sea in OCMD
 - People from all over the country
 - Speaker from CA
- ! Halloween Dance
 - Flyers available in back and on website
 - Children under 12 are free
 - 10/28; 6pm-11pm
 - Tickets are \$15 presale; \$20 at door
 - Need home groups to donate raffle baskets
- ! Working on setting date for H-H dance at same location (Holiday Inn)
- ! Been working with Tiffany who has been helping with Activities committee
 - She plans on stepping in for Christine
 - Looking to form committee
 - Christine helping Tiffany in anticipating of rotating out
- ! No concrete date for Soberstock 2024
 - Looking at Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock

Archives - Barry (absent)

- ! No report

Central Office - Johnny

- ! Store is stocked
- ! New blinds installed in store
- ! Signup sheet for next day to fold meeting guides
- ! If anyone has keys to store, please return to Johnny
- ! Some pamphlets have just been out of stock for months (like "more problems than alcohol")
- ! Made newcomer packets
 - Cost \$1
 - Full of information and pamphlets for newcomers
 - Can purchase at store

Hotline - Vacant (Annie interim)

- ! Everything covered
- ! NEED a willing coordinator to cover this committee

- ! See Annie for any printouts regarding this position; contains lots of details and information
- ! Need transfer people for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 - o Very easy way to offer some service work to AA
- ! NEPA IGR hotline is the first AA hotline listed under a Google search so we get calls from all over; very fulfilling

Corrections - Rich

- ! Carbon Country's committee chair said they need books - fulfilled
- ! Wayne County also wants books
- ! Luzerne County - been emailing with board member about books and meetings
 - o Fulfilled book need
- ! Susquehanna - also requested books; will find a way to get them there
- ! Flyer in back about corrections workshop
 - o 10/7 2:30pm-4:30pm
 - o At Dallas Clubhouse
 - o Book Drive
 - Specifics on flyer in back
 - Need NEW soft cover literature donated/purchased at store

Institutions - Phil

- ! Commitment changes:
 - o Mountain's Edge - no more Thursday meetings at this time
 - o Additional Pyramid commitment starting in October on Sundays
 - New contact: Jerry 570.527.0385
 - o Salvation Army in Scranton
 - Tuesdays at 8pm
 - Saturdays at 7pm
- ! Looking for help with committee due to personal life commitments

Public Information - Dylan

- ! Giving pamphlets to Lackawanna County probation this week
- ! Spoke with Library and waiting to hear back

Website - Samantha

- ! Keeping website current and updated
- ! Flyer emails go directly to Sam to post on website
 - o Email: nepawebsite@gmail.com
- ! Need help to form a committee; difficult when life happens and there is only one volunteer on what should be a group of 2 or more people

Newsletter - Bob

- ! New newsletter issued and available in back and on website

- ! Lots of information about AA and about our website
- ! Information about 3rd legacy voting
- ! Reprints from Grapevine featured in this quarterly newsletter
- ! Looking to feature group anniversaries; need communication please
- ! Next issue will come out in December; please have all submissions to Bob by Thanksgiving time to feature in next issue

Unity - Dave

- ! Attended D53 and D39 workshops
- ! Starting service journey as workshop chair
- ! Lots of events coming up for all of us to be a part of something
- ! If you're in a district that doesn't meet or is inactive, please see Dave if you're interesting in reviving it

Bridging the Gap - Shawn

- ! Held presentation at D39 workshop
- ! Need volunteers; especially in Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton
 - o Flyers in back with lots of information about becoming a volunteer

Old Business - Tate

- ! Need support for committees
 - o Very few of us have knowledge of service commitments when we take them on
 - o Willingness is important above all
 - o Important that we do it
 - o If we're not doing service and giving away what was freely given to us, what are we doing?
 - o We are here to carry the message

New Business - Tate

- ! Greg - are we running booker meetings or is GSR?
 - o Jess - something that district is going to handle and vote on after gauging interest
 - o Russell - D39 is putting together a booker exchange; in beginning stages; 17 home groups want to participate
 - o IGR is not formally doing anything

Close of Meeting: 8:15 pm