



# North Eastern Pennsylvania Intergroup

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## General Forum Meeting Minutes

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### IGR Meeting January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Call to Order @ 7:02p

Open with Serenity Prayer

#### **Readings**

Preamble – Brian

Declaration of Unity – Corey

Tradition 1 – Gwenn

#### **Announcements**

Dave – February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

4th Annual Women's Victory Conference

St. Nicholas Church St. Nicholas Church 226 S. Washington St, Wilkes-Barre, PA, United States

#### **IGR Celebrants**

Blaise – Back Alley Group Celebrants

Joey B - 7 years

Mike R - 4 Years

Mercedes – 1 Year

Steve – 1 year

Louis – 5 Years

Mike – 8 Years

Libby – 27 Years

#### **Group Celebrations**

Valley Group – 76 Years

## IGR Board Celebrants

None

## Last Month's Meeting Minutes

*Motion to Accept Last Month's Meeting Minutes – Passed*

## Chairperson's Reports

### **Chairperson – Dave A.**

Plans on attending:

NERAASA: Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly  
2025 Virtual NERAASA  
February 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>  
Registration fee: \$35  
Hosted by: Southern New Jersey Area 45

New forms:

12 step caller sheet: Looking for volunteers, please take back to you homegroup

Speaker Signup sheet – Deferred to Central office report.

New Committee members were challenged to find committee members. Please volunteer if you can!

Unity – Vacant

Secretary – Vacant(Resigned)

*Questions:*

Frank : Is the 12 step caller list the same as the hotline list

Charlie: No, the 12 step call list is for the Hotline volunteer to call, you can signup online, along with hotline.

Dave: Volunteers for the hotline would call the members on this list.

*Motion to Accept Chairperson's report - Passed*

### **Vice Chair - Shawn A.**

Helped a few new chairs with committee budgets

Working with the board to issue corrections and amendments to the by-laws. These

are not changes to the by-laws but rather updating them to how NEPAIG is operating currently. Should expect them either the next forum, or the one after.

*Questions:*

None

*Motion to Accept Vice Chairperson's report - Passed*

**Secretary - Vacant**

No Report

**Treasurer – Christine S.**

Profit and Loss statement for the entire year provided.

Prudent Reserve: \$9476.05

Bills are paid

working with finance committee on taxes for 2024

Reconciled QuickBooks

All contributions processed, including jail can.

Bank balance about \$2376

*Motion to Accept Treasurer's report – Passed*

**District Liaison Reports**

**District 39:**

Ken – Scranton Marathon meeting board needs support, last member is leaving but willing to train

Ad-hoc committee on Booker meetings, should have the outcome next month.

**District 40:**

Maureen – Holiday Alcathon and New Years Dance were very successful.

PJ Party in March

**District 49:**

Michelle- GSR meeting and decided to breakfast for district 40 in early spring

New Big Book Meeting:

Christ Lutheran Church

210 W Green St, Hazleton, PA 18201

Every day at 7pm Starts February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Will be food and fellowship starting at 6pm on February 6<sup>th</sup>

**District 52:**

Chris – Beach lake group closed, meeting moved to Honesdale

**District 53:**

Paul – Alcathon on New Years Day very successful it was the first time at Tunkhannock Soup Kitchen over 80 people

This month's Fellowship meeting is Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> PNC Grill 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

**District 59:**

Not present

**District 62:**

Joel – Alcathon was successful, District does not meet in December.

**Committees Reports**

**Activities - Mo**

Working with Christine

H2H Dance:

April 12<sup>th</sup> @ Holiday Inn

600 Wildflower Drive At Route 115, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 US

Need a speaker Next month will provide flyers and tickets.

**Archives – Austin**

Absent

**Central Office - Charlie O.**

Got \$100 credit on Comcast bill for outage.

Booker Meetings: Spoke to D39 and 53, looking for help or guidance for someone with experience. Plans to make it like Speaker exchange due to geographic issues. Considering doing it on a quarterly basis

AA Store: Volunteers needed for First and Fourth week at the store from 10am to 2pm

Plain Language big book placed an order waiting it for it to arrive.

Need to print more meeting booklets, the cost is high.

Updated coin inventory.

Looking for contacts for each group.

New Speaker Pool signup for those who are willing to fill speakers at meetings or when institution's commitments get dropped.

*Questions:*

Sandy: What time is the store commitment?

Charlie: 10a.m. 10am to 2pm first and fourth Saturday of the month.

Ron: Do you have meeting booklets here today?

Charlie: No

Ron: Are they in the store?

Charlie: Yes

Dave: How many do you have left?

Charlie: We have like 150 left. Inventory went quick.

Ron Are the first batch still free?

Charlie: Yes

Dave: We orders 1000 booklets in November we have 150 left, they are \$1 a piece, or \$1000. Some concern on the board on how quickly that money went. Some groups grab 10 and they last months, other grab 40 and need more next months. Some group contributions may go towards other groups meeting lists. Intergroup providers meeting lists, Intergroup board does not feel its feasible to hand the booklets out at the rate we did. The intention is plans to charge more for anything over 10 at \$1 apiece. We are concerned but if the IGR forum wants these meeting list we have to come up with an equitable way to cover the cost and distribution. Right now we are touch and go we can cover the costs of another printing and revisit it in the coming months.

John: Is there a printable version online

Charlie: yes there is one online, but they are not great.

John: there was one that was foldable online in the past

Tom: I feel 10 for free each cycle, \$1 after is our group conscious

Kevin: Happy hour step group uses the QR code card for the meeting lists

Christine: there is a concern about new folks without phones

Kathy: I would be willing to help make a meeting list PDF for the website

Shawn: There is a printable one online, but its not the foldable one

Dave: Lets push this to new business.

Charlie: We are overpaying for texts blast looking for someone in digital communication.

## **Finance – Dave Y.**

New committee setup to discuss things already brought up.

Primary objective to clean up finances, see what we could do better, maximize sage of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. There is flyer on the back that outlines a few items.

Glad to see all the DCM's here tonight

Open to questions about finance, wants to be transparent.

Asked the Committee's to create budgets.

### *Questions:*

Chris – Looking at the finance report of gross profit vs total expenses said you are over \$3000 in the hole

Dave: The QuickBooks system is a mess and needs work. The goal is to print from QuickBooks to give us the answer. Noone has asked groups to contribute because we were low on funds. See what we can do for our service area with the funds we are provided.

## **Hotline – PJ W.**

Not Present

## **Website – Kim T.**

Created budget for website is 1200 a year.

### *Questions:*

Dave: is that \$1200 a year or every 5 years

Shawn: I helped with the budget. Its \$1200 per year and is cheaper when we renew for multiple years the budget includes Mobinity, whose cost fluctuates on usage meaning the number of text blasts and number of participants. I did a deep dive on the usage and this year was about 3x times the usage compared to last year which costs more. Cost per text is \$0.0037 per participant. Not sure if that the industry standard or if there is a free option. IG plans to look into that. As some alternatives to text blasts which are limited to 139 characters, we have the signup sheets where we could send you an email, and emails are free. IG was told by other intergroups that they love our texts blasts. We will investigate the pricing. That is the cost as is, any services added will obviously cost more.

## **Corrections – Glenn.**

Working with Wayne County with the McKnight program, teaching inmates basic fundamentals. Phone number on Board contact list is wrong its: 570-251-5686.

*Questions:*

Dave: Lets get the contacts for the new DCSM' they already have corrections committees.

### **Institutions – Jeremiah**

Pyramid – states its ok if there is an issue finding a female that a male may go to the female side.

Contact for Huntington creek retired, number is bad.

Asked to create budget by Finance committee

Please mention Bridging the GAP program and bring materials to commitments.

*Questions:*

Dave: Please contact Jeremiah and Bailey about bridging the gap materials

Shawn: Suggest for those doing a commitment a few minutes about bridging the gap and then pass materials around while speaking. I have had some success with that.

### **Public Information – Mary P**

Have familiarized herself with public information materials and digitized the material. Could use help. Goal to get information out there, if you do not want to join the committee but have a list of places that could use Public Information from AA please contact me. There are opportunities to do speaking engagements to professionals. Could use a designer for ads, billboards, and letters, whatever the forum wants to do . Would like to collaborate with DCM's PI committee. Racks are not given out, they must be purchased at the store.

*Questions:*

Jerry: What type of publication would we use for that

Mary: We have a big list of brochures approved by AA and suggestions for where they should be used.

Jerry: Are these pamphlets available.

Mary: they are available at the bookstore and PDF version from AA.org

### **Newsletter – Bob P.**

Next Newsletter will be March 2025, no bi-monthly issues going forward.

Reached out to the several districts for input in the newsletter. The newsletter will be

pushing more information about the concepts as they do apply to what we are doing. |

*Questions:*

None

### **Unity – vacant**

No Report

### **Bridging the Gap – Bailey S.**

Could use more traction. Need volunteers and more members.

*Questions:*

Jerry: Do the rehab counselors have the Bridging the Gap information to give out

Shawn: I just present the material during the speaker commitment. This is a lot of counselor turnover in Institutions

### **Old Business**

Dave: A question was asked do any of the districts have a PI committee?

Ken: District 39 is starting one.

Dave: Keep in mind all these committees exist at the area level and we can use them as a resource.

Dave: New IGRs can get New IGR Packets from Central Office Chair

### **New Business**

Meeting Lists:

Motion:

Do one additional print run of the meeting lists and evaluate cost. 10 meeting lists per group additional meeting list will be available at the store for \$1 a piece

*Motion Passed Unanimously*

### **Closing**

Close with the Responsibility statement

Lord's Prayer