



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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April 2021 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

4th Sunday each month – 3:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

TRUSTED SERVANTS

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MCTC Bob B.
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Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Concept IV:

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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April Anniversaries

Date	Celebrant	Years	Group	Time
4/3	Victor S.	6	On Awakening	6:45 am
4/7	Lauran C.	11	Brooke's House	-
4/10	Craig T.	30	Fellowship	-
4/11	Amanda M.	2	New Paths	virtual
4/16	Lori M.	9	Courage to Change	6:00 pm
5/1	Carol B.	20	Hagerstown Group	virtual
5/2	Terry J.	17	New Paths	6:00 pm

Intergroup Meeting Minutes March 28, 2021

Craig T., Chairperson, opened the virtual meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Craig T., Chairperson, Carol W., Treasurer.

Chairpersons present included: Amber D., Activities; John B., Men's Corrections; Bob B., Men's Corrections; Steve W., Outreach; Erica G., PI Co-Chair; Nancy B., Where & When; Gerald R., ad hoc Technology.

9 Intergroup reps out of 22 groups were present for a 1/3 quorum. No visitors were present.

Secretary Report: In Staci's absence, Nancy B. read the old and new business from the February 28, 2021 minutes. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Carol W. submitted the following:

Beginning Balance 2/28:		\$1,840.06
Contributions:		
Fellowship Hall (3/11/21)	\$45.00	
Total Donations:		\$45.00
Total Funds Available:		\$1,885.06
Expenditures:		
Fellowship Hall 1 st Qtr Rent	\$45.00	
Line 2 Billing	\$50.74	
Annamarie C. for Answering Service	\$34.85	
Mike E. 3 yr. website Hosting/Domain services old & new	\$226.99	
Total Expenditures:		\$357.58
Ending Balance:		\$1,527.48
Prudent Reserve:		(900.00)
Total Available: 3/28/21		\$627.48

Committee Reports: If a committee report is missing, the chair was not present.

Activities committee: (Amber D.) Amber has recently volunteered to serve as chair of this committee. Whitney will work with her for a smooth transition.

Corrections: Men: (John B.) reported that all facilities are still on lockdown. An order has been placed for three Grapevine subscriptions to be sent directly to MCTC and the men's side and women's side of the WCDC per the HAIG Budget. The invoice for these three gifts will be sent directly to HAIG to be paid as soon as received. A literature order for \$859.00 + tax was also placed. The Sales Order receipt will be sent to Carol for reimbursement since John put it on his credit card. Bob B. reported that MCTC is updating all volunteer information for orientation at a later date.

HAGERSTOWN AREA MEETING INFORMATION

Some groups have resumed in-person meetings. Virtual and in-person meeting schedules are available on the HAIG website, www.hagerstownaa.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Area Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting: The next IGLC meeting will be Monday May 2, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. held virtually.

The Area 29 Mini Conference will be held virtually on April 10, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Meeting ID: 335 232 9265, Passcode: 164

The flyer can be found on the HAIG webpage under "Area 29 Update" in "News and Feeds"

The HAIG Elections for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary will be held June 27th. If you are considering standing for an officer position, please contact Steve W. or Craig T.

Pink Can Report:

Beginning Balance as of: 2/28/21		\$823.38
Fellowship Hall	\$27.00	
Summit Avenue	\$20.00	
On Awakening 3/29/21	\$44.39	
Balance		\$914.77
Literature Order incl. Taxes	\$910.54	
New Balance 3/29/2021		\$4.23

Grapevine: Vacant

Outreach: (Steve W.) reported that he continues to send HAIG meeting reminders. IGRs and Committee Chairs should contact Steve with your contact information. Craig will provide Steve with his most recent contact list.

Website: Mike E. is traveling. The following report was sent in and read by Craig T.

1. The webhosting/Domain Registration has been consolidated.
 - a. Creates singular provider through which to manage all HAIG web activity.
 - b. 3-yr contract with the consolidation has been prepaid and saves about 60%/year (when spread over 3 years)
2. Google/ Bing search
 - a. When people search for "Hagerstown aa" for example, although our website now shows as first link, our address and phone # were allocated to Maps or business at some time.
 - b. We are working to take "ownership" of this which requires a postal verification process which is underway.
3. Updating the content
 - a. Updating the website is NOT a technology discussion but rather a Content discussion.
 - b. "Events/Calendar" section is underutilized
4. I would like to set up a webinar to review our content and walk through the site with various intergroup folks.

Where and When: (Nancy B.) reported the following: Since the February HAIG meeting, we were advised of the following changes to the status of meetings:

1. The Monday BB meeting of the Hagerstown Group will go live on April 5th. A virtual option will be offered at the same time for folks who choose not to attend in person. Masks and social distancing will be required per church and CDC guidelines.
2. The new phone number for HAIG was added to the Where & When. It is 240-850-2677.
3. On April 5th Summit Avenue Group will go hybrid on Mondays at 7:00 pm. The Beginner's meeting will also open for in-person-only meetings from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm before the regular meeting. Masks and social distancing will be required per church and CDC guidelines. A new Where & When dated April 1, 2021 will be sent to the website and Local Fellowship on Wednesday, March 31st.

Ad Hoc Technology (Gerald R.) reported that he has been working with Annamarie to get "Go Live", the new answering service, up and running. It was necessary to obtain a new phone number for HAIG. Both the old number and the new number are active at this time. There have been no calls on the new number yet. The new service is more user-friendly.

Intergroup Rep Reports:

Boonsboro ABSI: (Carol W.) reported that the group still meets virtually but will probably discuss other options at the meeting April 1st.

Chewsville: (Jennifer L.) reported that the church is currently working on guidelines for the group to consider before opening. They may require liability insurance.

Courage to Change: (Amanda M.) reported that this new meeting has enjoyed participation by 20-30 women the past two weeks. They meet on Friday at 6:00 pm at Otterbein UMC on Franklin Street.

Gratitude: (Jeff F.) reported that the meeting continues virtually. Due to the size of the meeting space, in-person meetings may not happen until fall.

Hagerstown Group: (Gerald R.) reported that the Monday Big Book meeting would begin in-person on April 5th. A decision has not yet been made for the Saturday night meeting.

Maple Ave: (Lorraine B.) reported that the group conscience would meet April 1 to consider options for reopening.

New Paths: (Cindy C) reported that the group conscience would meet April 18 to consider their options. They currently meet in person and have a virtual meeting at the same time. Amanda M. celebrates 2 years virtually on April 11 and Terry J. will celebrate 17 years in-person on May 2.

Serenity: (Erica G.) reported the church is not yet open.

Summit Avenue: (Liz M.) reported the group would open for a hybrid meeting on April 5th. The beginner's meeting will open in-person only at 6:00 pm. Masks and social distancing will be required. Bring your own beverage and book.

Old Business: Craig T. asked if there were any thoughts on Activities to consider for the near future. He again mentioned a service workshop held outside at the end of the summer to encourage participation at HAIG. Nancy suggested that if this is to be held in the summer, we might consider having the HAIG picnic which would be a fun event. The speaker could be someone involved in service which might combine the service workshop idea. Erica suggested a 4th Step workshop. Nancy will send Craig the name and contact information for a possible 4th Step presenter.

New Business:

1. Craig T. reported that Area Delegate, Cynthia T., would like to come to HAIG to give the report from the annual General Service Conference. The date will be June 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Cynthia T. will also conduct the HAIG elections.
2. Craig T. gave an update on discussions with webmaster, Mike E., regarding the setup of email capability on the website. Since Nancy cannot justify handing over 300+ email addresses to HAIG, Mike will create a platform to allow folks to sign up on the website to receive emails regarding local A.A. news and events. Emails of a personal nature (e.g., anniversaries or death notices) would continue to be sent by Nancy.

The meeting closed at 4:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next HAIG meeting will be held virtually on April 25, 2021 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

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