



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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July 2021 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

4th Sunday each month – 3:30 PM
6 N. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown

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Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7:

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept VII:

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.

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July Anniversaries

Date	Celebrant	Years	Group	Time
7/3	Kate C	15	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/7	Roger B.	8	Primary Purpose	7:00 pm
7/9	Christina D	11	Courage to Change	6:00 pm
7/10	Whitney B	4	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/9	Darnell D	1	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
7/16	Tracey B.	20	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
7/17	Bob C.	18	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/19	Tracy S.	2	Summit Avenue	7:00 pm
7/24	Kim S.	1	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
7/31	Karin S.	9	Hagerstown Group	8:00 pm
8/6	Jeff W.	18	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
8/7	Nicole C.	2	Maple Avenue	7:30 pm
8/9	Sandra M.	19	Summit Avenue	7:00 pm
8/9	Juana G.	26	Summit Avenue	7:00 pm

Intergroup Meeting Minutes June 27, 2021

Craig T., Chairperson, introduced Area 29 Delegate, Cynthia T., at 3:00 pm prior to the regular HAIG meeting. Cynthia provided an abbreviated report on the 71st A.A. General Service Conference which included a description of her experience with the virtual format for the second year of her rotation. Among those items reported, were:

1. The Conference recommended that the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble be revised with gender-neutral language by replacing the words "men and women" with the word "people". Note that since the A.A. Preamble is not conference-approved, this recommendation was made to the A.A. Grapevine Board which owns the intellectual property. The A.A. Grapevine Board approved the recommendation after the Conference.
2. The Corrections Committee recommended that revisions be made to A.A.W.S. literature directed to members behind the walls and that the terms "inmate" and "offender" be replaced with "person in custody". Some facilities have banned our literature because of the language. This item may come back for discussion at the 2022 Conference.
3. The Literature Committee recommended that A Fifth Edition of the Big Book be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is." A progress report is to be brought back to the 2022 Conference.
4. Revisions were approved to make changes to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions replacing the phrase "opposite sex" with the word "partner" on page 117. Also approved were changes on page 66 to revise the sentence "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health." Replacing it with "No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony."

Time did not allow Cynthia to cover all of the 47 recommendations made by the Conference. She asked Craig to send the full report of recommendations to the Intergroup Reps and the Fellowship if requested.

We thanked Cynthia for traveling to Hagerstown today to share her experience at her final General Service Conference as she will rotate from this position on December 31, 2021.

Craig then opened the regular HAIG meeting at 3:45 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Craig was the only officer in attendance. He thanked Carol W. and Staci D. for their service as Treasurer and Secretary over the past year. He then asked Cynthia to conduct the election for HAIG officers.

There were 8 Intergroup reps present and 4 visitor(s). A quorum for voting was met.

As the result of the election, the following members will serve as officers of Hagerstown Intergroup for the next year beginning July 1, 2021: Chairperson – Gerald R., Secretary – Craig T., Treasurer – Andy M.

HAGERSTOWN AREA MEETING INFORMATION

Most groups have resumed in-person meetings. See the Where & When directory of meetings and the Meeting Guide app on the HAIG website, www.hagerstownaa.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 10 – HAIG Summer Picnic Doub's Woods Park North Pavilion off Potomac Street

Food at 12:00, speaker at 1:00
Kurt W. from Baltimore.

Chicken and beverages provided

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Area Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting: The next Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee meeting will be held virtually on August 2, 2021, at 6:30 pm. **Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663**
Passcode: 473809 Dial in - 301 715 8592 (US)

Craig W., Group Services staff member from GSO, will attend. Please start thinking of questions you might want answered.

Chair Report: 1. The Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee meeting will be held virtually on July 5, 2021, at 6:30 pm. 2. There will be reduced shipping rates on A.A.W.S. literature orders through October 18, 2021.

Secretary Report: Nancy B. read a synopsis of the minutes from the May 24, 2021, meeting which were approved unanimously.

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

Beginning Balance: 5/23/21		1,661.53
Contributions:		
Firehouse Group	90.00	
Total Donations:		90.00
Total Funds Available:		1751.33
Expenditures:		
Annamarie C.-Answering Service	42.36	
Grapevine-3 subscriptions	86.91	
Total Expenditures:		129.27
Ending Balance:		1662.26
Less Prudent Reserve:		(900.00)
Total Funds Available: 6/27/21		722.26

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

Activities Committee: Amber D. reported that she held a committee meeting with about 20 interested people in attendance. Plans for the July 10 HAIG picnic are underway. Setup will begin at 11:00 am with food served at noon. Simple games are being planned. Speaker may begin early at 1:00 pm. **A motion was made to give Activities \$200.00 seed money for set up expenses. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.** Amber then asked all Intergroup Reps to consider providing a book from their group for a raffle.

Answering Service: (Annamarie C.) Craig reported for Annamarie that the old "Line 2" service was cancelled on May 25th. All calls are now coming into the new service.

Corrections-WCDC: John B. reported that there is no change to the status of taking meetings into the WCDC. Sgt. Pryor will notify us when there is. We have received a commitment from one former volunteer to serve again when we get the green light. The annual Corrections Conference will be held this coming November in New Orleans. There will be a virtual option which eliminates the need to travel. A nominal registration fee of \$25 is required. **A motion was made to add \$75.00 to the budget for three registrations to the virtual Corrections Conference for 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Pink Can Report:

Beginning Balance as of: 5/23/21		\$ 4.23
Fellowship Hall		22.00
New Balance 6/27/21		\$26.23

Finance: Tom T. reported that our budgeted income in previous years has been \$4,400. The budgeted income for 2021 was reduced to \$2,200 considering our reduced expected expenses. Our income to date should be \$1,100 but is currently at \$330.00. We have several activities planned for the rest of the year, so it is more important than ever for groups to contribute. Tom also reported that he is stepping down as Finance Committee chairperson and hoping to rotate into another position after training a new Finance Chair.

Grapevine: Vacant

Outreach: Steve W. reported that he sent out the HAIG meeting reminder as usual.

Public Information: Erica G. reported that she turned all literature over to Brian M. some time ago. If she is to continue serving in this position, she will need to retrieve it. She will contact him.

Website: (Mike E.) Craig reported for Mike that he appreciated the opportunity to host the website overview virtual meeting. If anyone has suggestions on how to improve the website. Please let Mike know.

Where and When: (Nancy B.) reported that as of July 1, 2021, all meetings should be live with the exception of Chewsville which is awaiting guidelines from the church. ARG has not

responded so they will be removed from the Where & When at this time. They can be added at a later date. Also, the virtual-only "This Too Shall Pass" (Friday noon) meeting has discontinued. The only virtual meeting remaining is the Thursday night Gratitude meeting which plans to remain virtual until further notice. The ID and password for Gratitude will be added to the Where & When and the on-line virtual meeting list will be eliminated. A new Where & When dated July 1 will be sent to the website and Local Fellowship on Wednesday, June 30th. Nancy asked if there is a need to begin printing the Where & When again since it is provided electronically and available on the website. The groups in attendance agreed that they can print a few copies to display or they will notify Nancy if they do not have the ability to do that.

Intergroup Rep Reports:

Courage to Change: Amanda M. reported Christina D will be celebrating 11 years of sobriety on July 9th at 6 pm. Courage to Change continues to be well attended with a good mix of sobriety lengths. We no longer require masks for vaccinated attendees, and we now serve both regular and decaf coffee.

Fellowship Hall: (Butch L.) Craig T. reported that Butch L. is the new Intergroup Rep and Craig T. is the alternate. Trey K. provide the report that he had pink can money to turn in and two anniversaries were reported.

Hagerstown Group: Gerald R. reported that both the Monday and Saturday meetings are now live. Anniversaries were reported.

Maple Ave: Lorraine B. reported that both the Wednesday and Saturday meetings are now in-person. Maximum attendance is 30 people. The group will need to limit the number allowed. [Note: as of July 5th the maximum has been lifted by the church.]

New Paths: Cindy C. reported that the group is experiencing better turnouts than before. Masks are no longer required.

Primary Purpose Group: Luke M. reported that the group has now been listed with New York. There are typically 40 people in attendance on Wednesday nights. One anniversary submitted.

Serenity: Rashid W. reported that masks are no longer required. A \$30 contribution will be given to the treasurer.

Summit Avenue: Liz M. reported that the regular meeting at 7:00 pm is doing well. The 6:00 pm Beginners Meeting could use support. \$35.75 was contributed to the Pink Can. Three anniversaries for July/August submitted.

Old Business:

1. The website workshop conducted by Mike E. was very informative. All members are encouraged to visit www.hagerstownaa.org for all information regarding meetings and events of interest.
2. HAIG will host a workshop, "Writing a 4th Step Inventory", on Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Location to be announced. John E. from Frederick will facilitate.

New Business:

No New Business

The meeting closed at 4:45 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG meeting will be held at Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

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