



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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February 2023 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

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

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WDCDC Men Steve B.
MCTC Bob B.

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Ad-hoc Workshop: Maggie R.
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Submit anniversaries etc. to:
newsletter@hagerstownaa.org
Deadline for submissions is the 4th
Sunday of each month.

Step 2: Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.

Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

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* Please contact HAIG Chairperson, Gerald R., if you are interested in chairing any committee which is Vacant. See the Committee Chair if you are willing to serve on a committee.

February 19 – District 20 Committee. Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm. DCM, Alt. DCM and all GSRs should attend.

February 26 – HAIG Meeting. Fellowship Hall 3:30 pm. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend.

Mark Your Calendar:

August 4-6, 2023 – 51st Annual Maryland State Convention. Delta by Marriott- Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. See "Save the Date Flyer".

February Anniversary Celebrations

| Date | Celebrant | Yrs. | Group | Time |
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| 1/27 | Melisa W. | 5 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 pm |
| 2/3 | Bianca M. | 1 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 pm |
| 2/13 | Nancy B. | 29 | Summit Avenue | 7:00 pm |
| 2/13 | James I. | 6 | Summit Avenue | 7:00 pm |
| 2/16 | Brad H. | 1 | Boonsboro ABSI | 7:00 pm |
| 2/17 | Ed L. | 40 | Williamsport | 8:00 pm |
| 2/24 | Carly C. | 7 | Courage to Change | 6:00 pm |
| 2/24 | James M. | 1 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 pm |
| 2/24 | Pete R. | 26 | Fellowship Hall | 6:00 pm |
| 2/24 | Jim R. | 38 | Williamsport | 8:00 pm |
| 3/3 | Cassandra B. | 1 | Fellowship Hall | 8:30 pm |

HAIG Minutes of January 22, 2023

Gerald R. opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Gerald R., and Andy M.

Chairs present included: Jeramiah F., Activities; Bob B., Men's Corrections; Margaret K, Women's Corrections; Steve W., Outreach; Erica G., Public Information; Nancy B., Where & When; and Maggie R., Workshop.

11 Intergroup reps were present and 1 visitor.

Chair Report: Gerald welcomed two new Intergroup Reps; Mary E. from Firehouse Group and Jon G. from Primary Purpose.

Secretary Report: In Craig T.'s absence, Nancy B. read a synopsis of the December 18, 2022 minutes which were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Andy M. reported that the check he wrote on Nov 28, 2022 for three Grapevine subscriptions has not yet cleared. He needs to check with GV to find out what the problem is. **[Update: Nancy B. called GV and was told that all orders have been on hold while their database is updated. As of 1/24 they have started to fulfill all back orders. Watch for the cancelled check.]**

Andy submitted and read the following report which was accepted unanimously.

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| Beginning Balance: 12/18/22 | | \$3,936.73 |
| Contributions: | | |
| Maple Avenue Group | 200.00 | |
| Serenity (cash) | 30.00 | |
| Total Contributions: | | 230.00 |
| Total Funds Available: | | 4,166.73 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| NYE Seed Money | 250.00 | |
| NYE Church Donation | 100.00 | |
| Answering Service – January | 29.50 | |
| Total Expenditures: | | 379.50 |
| Ending Balance: | | 3,787.23 |
| Prudent Reserve: | | (900.00) |
| Total Funds Available: 1/22/23 | | \$2,887.23 |

Committee Reports:

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

Activities Committee: Jeramiah F. reported that the New Year's Eve Social was well-attended. Feedback indicated

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 6 - Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting. There will be a guest speaker. Join Zoom Meeting 11/7/22 @ 6:30 p.m. **Spanish Translation Provided**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005298663?pwd=cnNGNjg4TGYYVmptcVR4OGIZZytUz09>

Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663, Passcode: 473809

Dial in – (301) 715 8592 US (Maryland)

February 18 – Area 29 Committee Meeting hosted by District 9. St. Paul's Church of Christ, 17 Bond St., Westminster, MD. Meeting is hybrid. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87305396886?pwd=STJzS2laYzhrc3JtYm80TXVoaGtQUt09>

Meeting ID: 873 0539 6886, Passcode: 077854

Mobile (301) 715-8592 US (Maryland)

that folks liked the absence of music which made it easier to have a conversation. They also liked the ice cream social. Final numbers will be reported in February. Jeramiah hopes to increase the number of committee members. Please see him if you are interested in doing service.

Answering Service: Vacant. Expense is paid automatically by direct withdrawal.

Corrections – WCDC Men – John B. reported at Stephen’s request that there was a good turnout at the Jan 11 Corrections workshop. Several men signed up.

MCTC Men: Bob B reported he also had men sign up at the workshop to take meetings into the prison. There are currently 4 active and 2 with applications in the pipeline. Meetings at MCTC are currently covered, but volunteers are still needed. He also reported that Cindy Sebring, MCI Activities Coordinator, is looking for volunteers to attend/lead AA groups on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Bob will send an email to ask for volunteers. *[Update: Marianne D. of WCI Corrections in Frederick said they have 10 volunteer applications for MCI and RCI. Cindy at MCI said she would get them processed and through orientation so she would not need volunteers from Hagerstown.]*

WCDC Women – Margaret K. reported that she emailed Maj. Rowe to find out when programs can start again. She has received no response.

Pink Can Report: Provided by Margaret K.

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| Beginning Balance as of 12/18/22 | | \$1,519.74 |
| Fellowship Hall | | 30.00 |
| New Paths | | 25.00 |
| On Awakening | | 21.31 |
| Summit Avenue | | 9.00 |
| Total Deposit - December | | 85.31 |
| Total Expenses | | 0 |
| New Balance 1/22/23 | | \$1,605.05 |

Finance: Vacant. Currently, Gerald R., Andy M., Craig T., Nancy B., and Jeramiah F. are serving on this Committee with Gerald R as acting Chairperson

Newsletter: Vacant. If you have any suggestions for the Newsletter, please contact Secretary, Craig T.

Outreach: Steve W. sent out a reminder of today’s meeting. If you did not receive one, please contact him.

Public Information: Erica G. present but no report.

Treatment: Denise K. texted that she had no report.

Website: Mike E. texted that he had no report.

Where & When: Nancy B. reported there have been no changes to meeting directory since December 1, 2022. Please let Nancy B. know of any changes to your group or meeting at meetings@hagerstownaa.org.

Workshop: Maggie R reported that there is a joint District/HAIG workshop in April on the 3 Legacies of Service. It was suggested that perhaps more emphasis could be on learning than on food.

Intergroup Rep Reports:

If you do not see your group on this list, the IGR was not present, or your group does not have an IGR.

Boonsboro ASBI: Jeramiah F. reported 1 anniversary and asked if the directions to the meeting in the Meeting Guide App could be updated since they are confusing.

Courage to Change: Jeanette reported 1 anniversary. *[Update: The group will also host a 2-year group anniversary celebration on March 17th. Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm with meeting at 7:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share.]*

Fellowship Hall: Butch L. reported 4 anniversaries and \$63 to the Pink Can.

Firehouse: New IGR, Mary E., had no report

Gratitude Meeting: Jeff F. reported via text that the meeting continues to meet virtually. About 25 attend.

It Works, It Really Does: Gerald R. reported the virtual meeting continues with usually 4 in attendance.

Leitersburg Sunday Night – Nancy B. reported for Mary B. that the group will hold its 30th Anniversary on March 26th starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck dinner followed by the 7:00 pm meeting. Please bring a covered dish if you can.

Maple Avenue: Lorraine B. reported that there was a good turnout for the group’s 38th anniversary meeting on January 21. There was a good speaker and everyone enjoyed cake and cookies.

On Awakening: Lori J. had no report.

Primary Purpose: New IGR Jon G. reported \$41 to the Pink Can. There are no anniversaries listed in February.

Serenity: Erica G. had no report.

Summit Avenue: Bridgette C. and Mary E. are both out of town. Nancy B. reported 2 anniversaries.

Williamsport: Danny B. reported 2 anniversaries.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bob B. asked what should be done with the extra money in the HAIG treasury. Nancy reminded the group that several years ago HAIG sent extra money to GSO, but many groups were not in favor of this because if they wanted to send money to GSO they would send it directly, not through HAIG. Several suggestions were made:

1. Offer recovery-type workshops like Meditation, 4th Step, Sponsorship, etc. District can offer service-type workshops.
2. Since Pink Can funds supply literature to local institutions, maybe HAIG could buy conference-approved literature to start a lending library for groups and members.
3. Have a spaghetti dinner event keeping in mind that each year we have the May Round Robin Pot Luck Luncheon and the Summer Picnic.

Jeramiah asked if literature taken into jails has to be conference-approved. Bob B. offered that groups can use whatever literature their group conscience chooses, but literature taken to institutions should be A.A. approved.

Meeting closed at 4:15 p.m. with the Responsibility Pledge. The next HAIG Meeting will be held at Fellowship Hall on February 26, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

Upcoming March Events

March 17th – Courage to Change 2-year group anniversary potluck dinner and meeting. Food at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7pm. Please bring a covered dish to share.

March 26th – Leitersburg Sunday Night 30th group anniversary potluck dinner and meeting. Food at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share if you wish.

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