



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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October 2023 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

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

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Officers:

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Submit anniversaries etc. to:
newsletter@hagerstownaa.org

Step 10:

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept X:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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October 22 – HAIG Meeting. Fellowship Hall 3:30 pm. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend.

October 28 – “All About Inventories” workshop hosted by HAIG and District 20. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Otterbein UMC. Presentations on 4th Step Inventory, 10th Step Inventory, and Group Inventories. Speakers from Baltimore and Hagerstown.

November 11 – Annual HAIG Gratitude Breakfast at Otterbein UMC from 9:00 am to Noon. There will be a speaker, and breakfast will be provided.

October Anniversary Celebrations

Date	Celebrant	Yrs.	Group	Time
10/6	Charlie D.	9	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
10/9	Eric B.	2	Summit Avenue	7:00pm
10/11	Dave O.	4	Primary Purpose	7:00pm
10/11	Tim W.	6	Primary Purpose	7:00pm
10/16	John B.	36	Summit Avenue	7:00pm
10/16	Jim M.	1	Summit Avenue	7:00pm
10/17	Brian H.	13	Mountain Group	7:00pm
10/25	Terrie C.	45	Maple Avenue	7:30pm
10/25	Lorraine B.	37	Maple Avenue	7:30pm
10/25	Carol B.	9	Maple Avenue	7:30pm
10/27	Jeanette M.	4	Courage to Change	6:00pm
10/30	Naomi P.	4	Summit Avenue	7:00pm

HAIG Minutes of September 24, 2023

Craig T. opened the meeting at 3:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Craig T. and Jeanette M. Chairs present included: Jeramiah F., Activities; Margaret K., Women’s Corrections; Steve B. & Bob B., Men’s Corrections; Steve W., Outreach; and Maggie R., Workshops.

10 Intergroup reps were present and 2 visitors.

Secretary Report: Jeanette M. read a synopsis of the August 27, 2023 minutes which were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Craig T. submitted and read the following report which was approved unanimously.

Beginning Balance: 8/27/23		\$3,514.99
Contributions:		
Serenity	Cash	\$30.00
Total Contributions:		\$30.00
Total Funds Available:		\$3,544.99
Expenditures:		
Answering Service – September	Auto	\$32.22
Sara V. Speaker Mileage Reimb.		\$30.00
Total Expenditures:		\$62.22
Ending Balance:		
Prudent Reserve:		(\$900.00)
Total Funds Available: 9/24/2023		\$2,582.77

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

Activities Committee:

Jeramiah F. announced that he will be stepping down as Activities Committee Chair after the Gratitude Breakfast and asks that people announce this at their home groups to solicit interest in his replacement. The Gratitude Breakfast is scheduled for November 11 at Otterbein Church, time 9am-12pm. He indicated that the picnic went well, including a wonderful speaker, and he believes with the totals from the picnic, that he owes \$5 back to Intergroup after the 50/50 money.

Corrections – Men: Steve B. reported that the county jail is back open for meetings. He has had a few new guys cleared to come in but would be happy for more volunteers to take

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 2 - Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting @ 6:30 pm **Spanish Translation provided.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005298663?pwd=cnNGNjg4TGYYVmpcVR4OGlZZytUZZ09>

Meeting ID: 810 0529 8663, Passcode: 473809
Dial in - 301 715 8592 US (Maryland)

October 14 - Mountain Breakfast: Old Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade, MD. Doors open at 9:00 am, breakfast at 10:00 am, speaker at 11:00. An awesome buffet breakfast is served for a \$10.00 donation.

October 15 – District 20 Meeting. Please note: This is the 3rd Sunday of the month. Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm. All GSRs should attend. Interested A.A. members are welcome.

meetings in. He will be working with Margaret K. to get materials for those meetings.

Bob B. reported that 6 men are currently approved to take meetings into MCTC. He shared that the inmates expressed gratitude for the big print books provided as they are unable to have reading glasses.

If interested in getting involved with meetings in correctional facilities, please contact Steve or Bob at menscorrections@hagerstownaa.org.

Corrections - Women: Margaret K. shared that the meetings at WCDC are well attended with 12 ladies showing each week.

Pink Can Report: Provided by Margaret K.

Beginning Balance as of 8/27/23		\$1,500.44
Courage to Change		\$8.00
Fellowship Hall		\$54.00
Firehouse		\$129.45
On Awakening		\$60.94
ABSI		\$48.32
Summit Avenue		\$4.62
Total Deposit		\$305.33
Total Expenses		\$0
New Balance 9/24/23		\$1,805.77

Finance: This chair position is open. Please contact Cindy C. if you are interested.

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Public Information: Rashid W. and Margaret K. will be touching base so he can obtain some materials for public information efforts. Erica has a box of information to give to Rashid before he determines what additional materials are needed.

Where & When: Jeanette M. reported for Nancy B. that a September 15 Where & When was sent out and posted to the website this past week to reflect the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 8:30pm Fellowship Hall meetings. These meetings were added back to the Where & When in June and were accidentally omitted beginning in July. She apologized to the group.

Please let Nancy B. know of any changes to your group or meeting at meetings@hagerstownaa.org.

Workshops: Maggie R. announced that the date changed for the next workshop and it will be on October 28 from 1-3pm at Otterbein Church. They have two speakers from Baltimore signed up for this next workshop –All About Inventories. She requested that if anyone has ideas for another workshop, she would like to complete one more before the end of the year.

Bylaws (ad hoc): Jeanette M. shared on behalf of Nancy B. that the committee continues to meet monthly, and is currently reviewing grammar, punctuation, and formatting (including numbering).

Per Bylaws Article IX – Amendments, we agreed to bring any revisions which may require a change in policy to the intergroup for discussion and vote before a final draft of the bylaws is presented for approval.

The ad hoc HAIG Bylaws Committee therefore moves that, Article V – Officers and Elections, Section 5. And Section 6. Of the HAIG Bylaws be revised by removing: “The slate of officers will be posted in the May and June Newsletters. A nominee’s name in the newsletter will be proof of said individual’s acceptance of the nomination.”

The reason the committee requested removal of these sentences is because it appears political and can discourage people from standing. Experience has shown us that individuals who might consider standing for positions will

often withdraw their nomination prior to the election when they know in advance that another person is standing.

The motion was seconded and will be published as listed above in the October and November newsletter. A vote will be held at the December HAIG meeting.

The next ad hoc Bylaws Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm.

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 ABSI: Jeramiah F. reported a \$23.00 Pink Can donation.

Courage to Change: Jeanette M. reported for Rena C. 1 anniversary.

Fellowship Hall: Ed L. reported a \$31.00 donation to the Pink Can.

Fire House: Mary E. reported a \$39.53 Pink Can donation.

Hagerstown Group: Brad B. reported a \$39.00 Pink Can donation.

Mountain Group: Jeanette M. reported for Mose. They have 1 anniversary.

New Paths: Daniel S. reported a \$20.00 Pink Can donation.

Oakridge: Mary N. had nothing to report

On Awakening: Vicky C. reported a \$58.16 Pink Can donation.

Primary Purpose: Jon G. reported 2 anniversaries and a \$8.75 Pink Can donation.

Serenity: Rashid W. reported a \$20.00 Pink Can donation and \$30.00 donation to HAIG.

Summit Avenue: Mary E. reported 3 anniversaries. Nancy B. reported a fourth anniversary for Summit after the meeting.

Old Business:

No old business from last month.

New Business:

Craig T. made a motion to schedule the November HAIG meeting to the 3rd Sunday as the 4th Sunday of the month falls on a Holiday weekend. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting closed at 4:00 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG Meeting will be on October 22, 2023, at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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