



HAGERSTOWN AREA INTERGROUP

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February 2024 Newsletter

HAIG INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting:

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

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WCDC Men Steve B.
MCTC Bob B.

Handbook (ad hoc): Nancy B.
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Technology (ad hoc): Vacant
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Workshops: Maggie R.
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Send anniversaries, etc. to :
secretary@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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February 25 – HAIG Meeting. Fellowship Hall 3:30pm. All Intergroup Reps and Committee Chairs should attend.

February Anniversary Celebrations

Date	Celebrant	Yrs.	Group	Time
1/29	Vince C.	2	Hancock Open Door	7:30pm
2/2	Danny B.	7	Williamsport Group	8:00pm
2/4	Cindy C.	11	New Paths	6:00pm
2/6	Patti M.	13	Mountain Group	7:00pm
2/6	Brett D.	16	Oakridge	7:00pm
2/9	Jack B.	20	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
2/10	Ferdi M.	1	On Awakening	6:45am
2/12	James I.	7	Summit Avenue	7:00pm
2/12	Nancy B.	30	Summit Avenue	7:00pm
2/13	Joe G.	5	Mountain Group	7:00pm
2/13	Mary N.	3	Oakridge	7:00pm
2/16	Eric S.	2	Williamsport Group	8:00pm
2/17	Brian B.	1	Hagerstown - Drybridge	8:00pm
2/20	Kerry L.	16	Mountain Group	7:00pm
2/23	James M.	2	Fellowship Hall	6:00pm
2/23	Jim R.	39	Williamsport Group	8:00pm
2/23	Carly C.	8	Courage to Change	6:00pm
2/24	Tim K.	2	On Awakening	6:45am
2/24	Spencer A.	26	Hagerstown - Drybridge	8:00pm

HAIG Minutes of January 28, 2024

Cindy C. opened the meeting at 3:30pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Officers in attendance included: Cindy C., Craig T., and Jeanette M. Chairs present included: Charlie C., Activities; Margaret K., Women's Corrections & Pink Can; Bob B. and Steve B., Men's Corrections; Rashid W., Public Information; Nancy B., Where & When and ad hoc Handbook; and Maggie R., Workshops.

13 Intergroup reps were present and 5 visitors.

Chair's Report: Cindy C. attended the New Year's Eve celebration and said it was well attended and had a fantastic speaker.

General Service Office emailed Cindy. They gave thanks for the increase in number of contributions to help with funding issues. In December they received contributions from more than 9,000 groups and members (average is usually 6,900) and received the highest amount ever reported for December totaling just over \$1.65 million. The year-to-date amount was \$10.8 million, and the amount budgeted for 2023 was \$10.5 million. However, they are still facing difficulties meeting expenses due to the reduction in sales of literature. Post COVID, they are still rebuilding the reserve and only have funding for 7.28 months compared to the general expectation of 9-12 months. Individuals and groups can make contributions online and can donate on a one-time, weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis.

Secretary's Report: Jeanette M. read a synopsis of the December 17, 2023, minutes, which were approved unanimously.

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

Beginning Balance: 12/17/23		\$2,918.55
Contributions:		
Serenity		\$30.00
Total Contributions:		\$30.00
Total Funds Available:		\$2,948.55
Expenditures:		
Answering Service – January	Auto	\$32.37

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 5 - Area 29 Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting. Join Zoom Meeting @ 6:30pm **Spanish Translation provided.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81005298663?pwd=cnNGNjg4TGYYVmtpcVR4OGlZytUZZ09>

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

February 18 – District 20 Meeting. Please note: This is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Fellowship Hall 5:00pm. All GSRs should attend. Interested A.A. members are welcome.

Mike E. – Website Hosting & Domain	2016	\$266.79
Total Expenditures:		\$299.16
Ending Balance:		\$2,649.39
Prudent Reserve:		(\$900.00)
Total Funds Available: 1/28/24		\$1,749.39

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

Activities: Charlie C. shared that the New Year’s Eve party was well attended with more than 100 members in attendance. The speaker was well received. He also thanked the volunteers who helped him with the event. His total expenditure for the event was \$311.44, seventh tradition money was \$148 and he gave the church \$150 for use of the facility. This leaves \$36.56 to return to the Intergroup.

Charlie indicated that some people have approached him about having a Gratitude Breakfast, but it was discussed that Gratitude Breakfast is held in November, historically, as that is gratitude month by the General Service Office. The next event will be a potluck luncheon/Round Robin event likely in May. More information will follow.

Corrections (Men):

Steve B. indicated everything is good and they have picked up some new volunteers. Bob B. said everything is going fine at MCTC, but there will be no meetings next month as the chapel is reserved for weddings.

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

Corrections (Women): Margaret K. shared that everything is going well. She attempted to get a 2nd meeting approved but was turned down.

Pink Can Report: Provided by Margaret K.

Beginning Balance as of 12/17/23		\$1,299.77
Fellowship Hall		\$78.32
On Awakening		\$71.70
Summit		\$7.00
Serenity		\$20.00
Williamsport		\$33.60
As Bill Sees It		\$38.66
Mountain Group		\$81.00
Total Deposits		\$330.28
Total Expenses		(\$0.00)
New Balance 1/28/24		\$1,630.05

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

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

Public Information: Rashid W. received some pamphlets from Margaret K. for Ladders to Leaders to keep them stocked up. Erica was the chair but has stepped down. Rashid formally stepped up and was appointed by Cindy C.

Treatment: Cindy C. reported that Meritus Crisis Center is on hold for another month, and that once they are ready they will only want 1 meeting per week. No day or time is established currently.

Where & When: Nancy B. shared that changes for the February 1, 2024 directory will include the new “A Vision for You” meeting on Mondays at 2:30 and the snowflake icon will be added to the Maple Avenue Group listing. Please let Nancy B. know of any changes to your group or meeting at meetings@hagerstownaa.org.

Workshops: Maggie R. reported the committee met today. Workshop date, speakers, and venue will be determined, though the date is tentatively early March. The title of the workshop will be “Stepping Into Service”, focused on Public Information.

Handbook (ad hoc): Nancy B. reported the committee will attempt to meet for the first time on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00pm to begin the review of the HAIG chair job descriptions for updating. A member of the committee will be contacting committee chairs to work together to update their job description. They will determine what type of document containing the job descriptions will best serve Intergroup going forward. It may be a handbook, a pamphlet, or a simple informational document.

Area 29 Alternate Delegate: Lori McP. shared that she is going around to the intergroups and letting people know about the conference agenda review process. Groups and individuals have the right of participation in the general service structure in Area 29. We do a special process through a series of regional meetings, and they have expanded on that this year. In recent years there have been changes to the founders’ writings including the approval of a plain language Big Book. A lot of people did not know about these changes before they were approved. There are no new proposals for 2024, but they are attempting to get a sense of how the fellowship is thinking. They are doing this in three different ways: virtual sharing sessions open to any member of A.A., pushing out an online survey, and an in-person meeting on March 30 in Frederick (venue TBD). Intergroup representatives should share this with their groups to encourage participation.

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.

Clear Spring: Vince C. shared that their attendance has picked back up.

Courage to Change: Amanda M. reported 1 anniversary, a \$13.00 Pink Can donation, and an upcoming group anniversary (3 years) on March 15.

Fellowship Hall: Ed L. reported 2 anniversaries and a \$40.00 Pink Can donation.

Fire House: Mary E. reported a \$58.30 Pink Can donation.

Hagerstown Group: Brad B. reported 2 anniversaries.

Hancock Open Door: Vince C. reported 1 anniversary.

Maple Avenue: Charlie C. reported they will be closing in case a snow emergency is announced.

Mountain Group: Mose reported 3 anniversaries and a \$20.00 Pink Can donation. In March, the Mountain breakfast will restart. Mose also solicited advice on encouraging newcomers to stick around.

New Paths: Daniel S. reported 1 anniversary and asked for support.

Oakridge: Mary reported 2 anniversaries.

On Awakening: Vicky C. reported 2 anniversaries and a \$90.50 Pink Can donation.

Serenity: Rashid W. a \$20.00 Pink Can donation and a \$30.00 donation to the intergroup.

Summit Avenue: John B. reported for Mary E. 2 anniversaries.

Williamsport Group: Cathy B. reported 3 anniversaries.

A Vision for You: Amanda M. reported they had 7 people in attendance at their first meeting and asked that members announce this new group has formed at HCC. There is visitor parking for those new to campus. She thanked Rashid for providing materials for HCC (not for the meeting specifically).

Old Business:

A vote was held to approve the Amended HAIG Bylaws which have been published with the newsletter for the past two months. The motion and passed unanimously.



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Craig T. shared that he passed on contact information for St. Marks on Lappans Road to Maggie R, who indicated she had not yet followed up on the possibility of starting a new meeting there but would do so.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Meeting closed at 4:21pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

The next HAIG Meeting will be on February 25, 2024, at 3:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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