

JEFFERSON COUNTY AA INTERGROUP

BUSINESS MEETING 1/17/2022

The Jefferson County AA Intergroup monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Vicky S.

She opened this virtual Zoom meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Intergroup Member and Literature Chairperson Holly LaRock read the Twelve Traditions of AA.

Members present with their home group, service position and voting status:

- Vicky S., Monday Mindfulness Group, Chairperson of JCI and acting Treasurer and chooses to abstain from voting.
- Joanne N-W., Sat/Sun Group, chair of Grapevine committee and has a vote.
- Jim M., Helping Hand Group, JCI Secretary and has a vote.
- Holly L., Helping Hand Group, Literature chairperson and has a vote.
- David C., First Watertown Group, District 0700 Liaison, and has no vote.
- Donald E., One Day at a Time Group, JCI Webservant and has a vote.
- Laura F., One Day at a Time Group, Helpline chair and has a vote
- Megan H., Keep it Green Group, visitor
- Dawn N., One Day at a Time Group, Co-Chair of JCI and has a vote.
- Debbie B., One Day at a Time Group, is the group's Ig Rep and has a vote
- Greg R., Sat/Sun Group, Treatment Facilities Chair and has a vote.
- Catherine Burns, One Day at a Time Group, visitor
- Dana Y., Jeff-Lewis Group, visitor
- Anne R., Keep it Green Group, Ig Rep and has a vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Vicky S. asked Jim M. to present the minutes from the December meeting. Dawn N. graciously provided a copy of the minutes on everyone's screen and Vicky S. reminded everyone that the minutes, the agenda, and the Treasurer's report had been emailed to JCI members yesterday for their review. There were no errors or corrections noted by members. Donald E. made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes as presented and Joann N-W. seconded the **MOTION**. There was no discussion, and the vote was unanimous with one abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Acting Treasurer Vicky S. presented the following report:

Jefferson County Intergroup 2021 Treasurer Report

Report for December 2021

Total + \$ = Contributions Total - \$ = Expenses for Panel 71 (2021 - 2022)

		December	Panel 71 YTD
STARTING \$ BALANCE	\$	975.77	2021
(Bank Stmt)			

GROUP #	Home Group / City		
128206	Came to Believe / Black River	\$ -	\$ -
143722	12 x 12 Clayton / Clayton		\$ -
157881	Easy Does It / Clayton		\$ -
173481	AIR / Cape Vincent	\$ 40.00	\$ 110.00
724602	Living Sober / Dexter		\$ 30.00
109768	Jeff-Lewis / Carthage	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
614047	A Bay Serenity / Alex Bay		\$ -
176439	Coffee & Donuts / Alex Bay	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
695981	Keep it Green / Evans Mills		\$ 40.00
110405	First Watertown Grp	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
156185	Helping Hand / Watertown	\$ 150.00	\$ 700.00
151197	Tuesday Night BB / Watertown	\$ 40.00	\$ 395.00
717743	Into Action / Watertown		\$ -
722779	Early risers Grp / Watertown		\$ -
137284	One Day@A Time / Watertown		\$ 611.00
109552	Saturday Sunday / Watertown	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
109533	12 Step Center / Watertown		\$ -
611407	Road to Recovery / Ft. Drum		\$ -
123039	Harrisville Grp		\$ -
109995	Lowville Group		\$ -
	Sat 5:30pm Clayton (RCC Ins. Rider \$35)		\$ 35.00
	7th Tradition - Virtual Meetings		\$ 40.00
	7th Tradition Intergroup mtg		\$ 10.00
	7th Tradition - Member		\$ 268.00
	7th Tradition - District 0700		\$ 600.00
	Literature Sales	\$ 103.45	\$ 366.85
	Grapevine Sales		\$ 10.00
Total + \$		\$ 683.45	\$ 4,265.85

Balance with Deposits EXPENSES - \$ 1,659.22

31ST	Verizon-phone	\$ 91.97	\$ 1,114.08
1ST	Rent	\$ 188.96	\$ 2,143.55
1ST	Renter transaction Fee	\$ 2.95	\$ 26.55
23RD	Zoom License (Started 3/22/2020)	\$ 11.99	\$ 143.88
Grbags	Office Supplies/Stamps/Sanitizers	\$ 11.60	\$ 19.14
	Insurance Rider (RCC) 3/24 2021-22		\$ 35.00
	Renters Insurance - March Annual		\$ 229.00
	GoDaddy Domain Name		\$ 21.17
	Go Daddy-Annual Hosting 3/24		\$ 107.88
	Literature Purchases	\$ 89.82	\$ 477.63
	Printing		\$ 39.31
	Grapevine		\$ -
	Archives		\$ -

	PI/CPC		\$ -
	Treatment		\$ -
	Corrections		\$ -
	Moved to Savings - Prudent Reserve	\$ 75.13	\$ 75.13
Total - \$	Total Expenses	\$ 472.42	\$ 4,432.32

Ending Balance (ceiling \$1500) \$ 1,186.80

Prudent Reserve Goal \$1500				
New	Prudent Reserve Savings Account	\$	75.13	\$ 75.13

Vicky read the Treasurer's Report.

- She asked at this time if there was any feedback from the home groups regarding continuing a single column for YTD contributions or adding a third column for the two year totals for all the income and expenditure data.
- A discussion about this proposal followed. Debbie B., Ig Rep for the One Day at a Time group noted that her group wanted a three-column format for the Treasurer's Report with one column being the current month, one column for YTD 2021 and a second column for YTD totals for 2022.
- Dawn N. made a **MOTION** to have the three-column format described above for the Treasurer's Report. This was seconded by Debbie B and passed unanimously with one abstention.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Vicky noted that our Literature purchases have been coming in sporadically and noted that the GSO is maintaining the special shipping offer for these purchases.

CO-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Dawn N. has been looking over the JCI handbook. She asserts that it is outdated and needs accurate updating, and she proposes to take on this task. Catherine B. thinks that the current version of the handbook is probably from 2008 and she has a copy of this version.
- Joanne N-W. suggests that a new digital version will be more easily updated as future changes in JCI form and function occur.
- Vicky S. suggested that this proposal by Dawn N. be brought up later under **NEW BUSINESS**.

WEBSERVANT REPORT:

- Donald E. reports that he has printed a good number of meeting lists and with the help of Dan M. and others these have been distributed to the Helping Hand group, the Carthage group and other groups as needed.
- The Carthage meeting has been changed to an Open meeting on the website and Meeting List.
- Donald updated the background modules and updated the Meeting List to 1/15/21

- Dawn N. noted that the Lowville meeting is now at a different location, and this should be updated on the website and meeting list.
- Dawn N. requested that the town location of the meetings be added to the current website meeting addresses and for each group. Donald E. replied that he would investigate a mechanism for adding these meeting address changes and update the website and meeting list accordingly.
- Jim M. asked Donald E. if he could contact Susan V. as she continues to have difficulty getting on-line as Host for the Monday noon Zoom meeting.

HELPLINE REPORT:

- Laura F. updated the suggested guidelines for the Helpline function
- Al-Anon contacts have been generated and will be added to the 12 Step Call list
- Laura is continuing to get replies from persons interested in being added to the 12 Step Call list.
- Laura notes that the Helpline function is running smoothly and is grateful for Dawn N's help and guidance.

PI/CPC:

- Stacia A. is absent and there is no report for this month.

TREATMENT FACILITIES:

- Chairperson Greg R. has sent out a letter below to Jefferson County AA groups asking for their participation in bringing meetings to the Credo Farm.
- He has received 3 responses and has scheduled them into the Credo Farm Wednesday meeting.
- He will continue to request participation from groups and asks that other JCI members continue to bring this need up at meetings and to have any interested groups or individuals contact him to schedule them in.
- He notes that there will be no participation for the near future at the Credo Woman's House because of Covid prevalence and restrictions at that facility.

Dear Homegroup,

Jefferson County Intergroup is asking for your help to fill some commitments to send speakers into the Credo Farm. To maximize efficiency and to provide the Credo residents with a variety of speakers, I created a

schedule which will give each homegroup several nights per year for which they are responsible for choosing a speaker. I hope that this will open service opportunities to more people and will minimize the days where there are no speakers.

I am hoping to start this process for March 2022 which will give homegroups their February business meetings to decide if the group can participate.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Farm limits the number of visitors allowed in at a time. Due to this restriction, there can only be one or two members from your homegroup. If you are sending someone with less than a year of sobriety, it is recommended that they be accompanied by someone with more time.

Upon arrival, you will be screened for COVID-19 by filling out a simple questionnaire and going through a temperature check. Lastly, since the Farm is a healthcare facility, masks are required!

Furthermore, it is important to remember that there are confidentiality laws that must be considered when taking these commitments. Your written agreement will be required when you enter the premises. Just as carrying the message is important, so is abiding by Credo rules so that we are able to continue coming into their facilities.

The meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm. The street address is 24180 County Rte 16, Evans Mills, NY 13637.

Over the years, speakers at the Farm have found it helpful to remember who their audience is when speaking. The Farm houses 16-20 year old males with substance abuse and mental health diagnoses. I am not asking that the AA message be changed in any way, I only ask that you consider your audience.

Lastly, when your homegroup decides who will be going to speak, I ask that you let me know who it is via text or email. This way I can reach out to confirm details with them and answer any questions. As a Credo Farm alum, I will be at some of the meetings so there will be a familiar face for not only the guys, but the speaker as well to help coordinate details.

Yours in service,

Greg Roslonowski
917-508-9274
gregorycroz@gmail.com

GRAPEVINE:

- Chairperson Joanne N-W. is happy to report that the First Watertown Group has donated a "scholarship" subscription to the Grapevine for deserving AA member. She suggests that JCI members spread the word among groups that this is viable service for any group to consider and noted that the price of a yearly subscription is \$28.75

- Vicky S. that such a scholarship idea for a Grapevine subscription would be well received by nearby correction facilities that fall within the JCI service area and groups' generosity would be well received at these locations.

LITERATURE:

- Holly L. chairperson has been ill and has not been as active as usual in her Literature chair role. She has finally received all the previously ordered books from the General Service Office and will be delivering to the Helping Hand group on 1/19/21.

DISTRICT 0700 LIAISON: David C. provided the following report:

1/17/2022

District 0700 Liaison Report To J. C. Intergroup

District 0700 did not meet 1/3/22.

Area 47 met virtually on 1/9/22. Jim M., Ken and I attended.

A few highlights from the Delegates Report:

Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. The “plain language” Big Book draft road map has been approved by the Literature Committee.

Sample translations – We are still finalizing a vendor – 18 vendors replied & submitted proposals. Of those, our “short list” will be limited to 4 vendors – after all we must pay for samples.

For those not familiar with “plain language,” it must be accessible at a 5th grade reading level.

Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The new address to send contributions to GSO in New York City is:

Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

This is not to be confused with Area contributions, which can continue to be sent to:

Area 47 – Treasurer
PO Box 18611
Rochester, NY 14618-0581

The next District 0700 meeting 2/7/22 at 5:00 at the J.C. Intergroup Office.

The next Area 47 Assembly is 2/13/22 at 1:00 pm. It may or not be a hybrid assembly. If it is it will take place in Rochester.

Yours in service

David T. Coleman

District 0700 Chairman

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holly L. requested that the previous **TABLED MOTION** by Dawn N. NOMINATING Megan H. for **Corrections Chair** be read. This **Motion** was read and Megan H. reiterated her interest in the position, her length of sobriety and her motivation to serve. A discussion about the nomination followed.
- Holly L. brought up the fact that Dana Y. had never resigned his position as Correction chair. Dana Y. said that he was happy to resign as Corrections chair effective immediately as he had been in the position for nearly four years, and it was time for a change.
- JCI Secretary, Jim M., reviewed the notes from the October 2021 JCI meeting where the issue of Dana Y. assuming Treatment Facilities chair considering the fact that no AA meeting activity was being permitted in local prisons due to Covid 19 and thus the Corrections committee was essentially non operative. At that meeting the **MOTION** for Dana transferring to Treatment Facilities would be accompanied by his resigning from his Corrections Chair. Thus at the time of the Megan nomination, the Corrections chair was vacant.
- JCI Chair Vicky S. then called for a vote on the **NOMINATION** of Megan H. for Corrections chair. The vote in favor of the nomination was unanimous with two abstentions. Megan H. was congratulated on being the new Corrections chair.
- Vicky S. asked if there was any interest in either the Treasurer's position or the Archives chair.
- Catherine B., a visitor, invoking the Right of Participation, made a **MOTION** to **NOMINATE** Dawn N. for JCI Chairperson and have Vicky S. resign that position and have her function as Treasurer only. At this time Vicky is doing both jobs and Catherine B. thought that this approach would relieve Vicky of the burden of two service positions in JCI.
- Donald E. asked how both Vicky S. and Dawn N. felt about this proposed change. Vicky S. voiced that she did not want to resign as chair and that the position of co-chair would be vacant.
- Joanne N-W. was uncomfortable with this proposal to remove Vicky S. from the chair and the suddenness of this **MOTION** made her feel as if Vicky S. was being "blindsided".
- Anne R. argued against the **MOTION**

- Catherine B. reaffirmed that her intention with this was to help Vicky S. get some relief from the burden of two service positions in JCI.
- There being no further discussion, a vote was called. The result was this **MOTION** was defeated: 0 in favor, 5 opposed and 4 abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Debbie B. made a **MOTION** to create an **ad hoc Committee** to revise and update the JCI Handbook. This was seconded by Holly L.
- Donald E. and Holly L. spoke in favor of this proposal as it has been 14 years since this important document was updated and maintained.
- Dave C. suggested that Dawn N. chair this **ad hoc Committee** as she demonstrated interest in this effort in her remarks as Co-chair of JCI at tonight's meeting. David C. volunteered to be on this committee since he was involved in putting together the last edition of the Handbook.
- Vicky S. called for a vote on this **MOTION**, and it passed unanimously with one abstention.
- Vicky S. Appointed Dawn N as the Chair to this new Ad Hoc Committee to Revise & update the Intergroup Guidelines Handbook and creation of a servant position to maintain the JC Intergroup Handbook in the future.

There being no other Announcements or Business before the Intergroup, Vicky S. called for adjournment with a Declaration of Unity at 8:25 p.m.

Next JCI meeting will be virtual on February 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Marron,
Jefferson County AA Intergroup Secretary