

JEFFERSON COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 18, 2022

This virtual business meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Vicky S. at 7:03 pm. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

Todd D. read the 12 Traditions of AA.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Vicky S., JCI chair, Monday Mindfulness and has a vote but chooses to abstain.
- Donald E., Webservant, One Day at a Time Group, has a vote
- Jim M., Secretary, Helping Hand Group, has a vote
- Holly L., Literature Chair, Helping Hand Group and has a vote.
- Chris H., First Watertown Group, visitor
- Joanne N-W., Grapevine chair, Sat/Sun group, has a vote
- Annette H., Coffee & Donuts/ABay, IgRep and has a vote.
- Laura F., Helpline Chair, One Day at a Time group, has a vote
- David C., District 0700 Liaison, First Watertown group, does not vote
- Chris N., Treasurer, First Watertown group, has a vote
- Megan H., Corrections chair, Tues Big Book Study group, has a vote.
- Dana Y., Jeff-Lewis group, IgRep, has a vote
- Travis T., One Day at a Time group, IgRep and has a vote
- Todd D., First Watertown group, IgRep, has a vote.
- Greg R., Treatment Facilities chair, Sat/Sun group
- Scott C., Sat/Sun group, visitor
- Debbie B., Tuesday Big Book Study group, IgRep, has a vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jim M. asked that the meeting minutes for the March 2022 meeting be posted on screen and asked for comments, corrections, additions to the minutes as needed.

Corrections made to March Minutes:

- The Tuesday AA meeting should read Tuesday Night Big Book Study Group not the 12-step study group.

- Chris H. nomination for the Archives position was made by Todd D and seconded by Chris N.

Jim M. will make the changes to the March minutes.

- David C. made a **MOTION** to accept the March 2022 minutes as corrected; Donnie E. seconded the **MOTION** passed unanimously with one abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Chris N. presented the Treasurer's report for April 2022. He noted that there were three deposits and no checks written. There appeared to be a discrepancy between the bank balance and the checkbook balance.
- There was a discussion about Chris N. presentation and JCI members requested that he put up a spreadsheet on screen at our business meeting to show the three columns of data that the JCI had voted to have presented in the Treasurer's Report when he makes his report next month.
- Holly L. made a **MOTION** to **TABLE** the March Treasurer's Report until next month; this was **SECONDED** by Jim M. and the **MOTION** passed unanimously with one abstention.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Vicky S. reported that she went to the bank with Dawn N. and Chris N. and added Chris N. as a signer of all JCI accounts including checking, saving and he was given the JCI debit card. Vicky who has been the acting Treasurer also reported that she delivered a balanced checkbook, as of March 31, 2022, to the incoming Treasurer Chris N.
- Working on updating the District 0700 Group Registrations with the Area Registrar. There are groups that need to update contact information and ect. to be up to date in the GSO system.

CO-CHAIR REPORT: Dawn N. is absent. Vicky S. reported that Dawn N. is continuing to work on the ad hoc committees work and should have a report at next month's meeting.

WEBSERVANT'S REPORT:

- Donald E. reported that he has added the "Women on the Beam" new women's group in Clayton to the website. He has changed the address of the Living Sober group in Dexter to the church at 118 W. Kirby Street in Dexter

- Donald noted that to keep a Google map account to add map functionality on the website for directions to the groups on our meeting list we would need to have a bank account and debit card and be required to pay for this function. In light of this fact, he has incorporated a MAP BOX function to the website and this should allow directions to be added to each meeting on the meeting list. There is no cost for this function.
- Donald added 8 plug-in updates (meeting lists, anti-spam, coBlocks, limit login attempts, backup/restore, wpforms Lite)
- Donald added a "request a change for this meeting" button on the website to allow users to directly contact him if there are problems or changes with meetings.
- He copied and distributed 100 copies of the meeting list for March 2022.
- Greg R requested that the Speaker's meeting for the Sat/Sun group be changed to the first Sunday of the month.

HELPLINE:

- Laura F., chairperson, reports that everything is running smoothly. George M. has retired after many years of volunteering at the Helpline and Laura needs to find Friday 6am-6pm coverage (alternating weeks) for this time slot. JCI members were reminded to announce this at group meetings.
- JCI members were reminded that female Helpline callers should be routed to female Trusted Servants for help and the same type of pairing should hold for male callers as well.
- Laura also reminded everyone that she continues to welcome Helpline and Switcher function volunteers to serve as backups.

PI/CPC: Stacia A. chair is absent. No report.

TREATMENT FACILITIES:

- Greg R., chair, provided the following report:

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Greg noted that all slots are covered and women wishing to attend the Credo Women's House meeting should contact Debbie B.

CORRECTIONS:

- Chair, Megan H. reported that the County Jail remains closed to visitors, and she has had no response from her jail contacts regarding interest in restarting on-line meetings.
- The State Prison at Cape Vincent is continuing to investigate the possibility of an on-line meeting for that facility. Megan is very happy to report that she now has five volunteers for in-person meetings at Cape Vincent and those individuals are involved in completing the screening and review process and hope to be able to start in-person meetings at the prison soon. Megan will also be going into these meetings herself. Currently she is aiming toward a Saturday or Sunday meeting time since this appears to be the best fit for her volunteers.
- Vicky S mentioned, Jim H from CA and Grenell Island will be starting to go into CV Facility starting in May, he will be going in soon.
- Individuals will need a vaccination record and TB test but do not have to have had a covid vaccination. The application process includes a background check.

GRAPEVINE:

- Grapevine chair and rep Joanne N-W has begun using Grapevine podcasts and has found them very interesting and useful and wonders if access to them can't be embedded in our Webpage in place of the current Grapevine video. The podcasts can be shared without a Grapevine prescription; there are many topics covered in the podcasts.
- Web chair, Donald E. will be able to place a hyperlink for the podcasts and will rotate the subjects for variety and interest.
- Vicky S. mentioned new Grapevine books that have recently become available. These include: "Fun in Sobriety", "One on One", and "Sober and Out".

LITERATURE:

- Holly L., chairperson, does not have much news to report this month. Much of the AA most popular publications is currently out of print.

ARCHIVES: No report; chair position is vacant.

AA DISTRICT 0700:

- David C. provided the following report:

District 0700 Liaison Report

To J. C. Intergroup

District 0700 met 4/4/22. We listened to homegroup reports. District 0700 needs these service positions filled: DCM, alternate DCM.

Our district will host an area assembly on July 10, 2022. The location is the First Presbyterian Church at 403 Washington Street. We ask that attendees do not arrive before 12:30 pm. The meeting starts at 1:00 so we will need all hands-on deck to set up for this event.

District 0700 Needs:

People to set up and break down facility.

Kitchen help.

Food items: donuts, breakfast pastries, salads, potato salad, macaroni salad, pasta salad, tossed salad, etc. / snacks, chips & dips, crudité, fresh fruit, pepperoni & cheese, crackers, etc. / sweets, cookies, candy, brownies, pie, cake, etc.

(3) grills, (3) grill masters

Shoppers

Public information / let people know when and where this event takes place, people to coordinate sign up sheets within homegroups, service sponsors to get their pigeons (sponces) on board.

Our district will provide beverage services, hamburger, hot dogs, buns, and condiments. District will provide plates, napkins, etc.

Questions? Contact David C. 315-286-7573 or dtc0700@yahoo.com

Next District 0700 meeting – May 2, 2022 @ 5:00 pm at 123 Franklin Street.

Next Area 47 Assembly – none – replaced with Day of Sharing – May 14, 2022 / 10:00 am – 3:30 pm / 155 S. Clute Dr. / Watkins Glen, N.Y. 14891

The Primary Purpose of this D.O.S. is to hear the Delegate's Report from the annual General Service Conference of A.A.

District 0700 has a panel at 11:20 – 11:50 am. The topic is “Walking hand in hand in time of change”.

David noted that we are going to need our PI committee to publicize the July Area Assembly event. Chris H. has created a list for volunteers to sign up for set-up/clean-up as well as the other functions that will be needed for this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vicky S. noted that we are continuing to need a volunteer to fill the Archives chair. No names put forth at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vicky S. made a **MOTION: Motion to add to the Secretary responsibilities to write a letter to the Bank of any changes of officers as signers and Insurance company of any officer changes and policy Changes. Seconded by Donald E.**

The Secretary will send correspondence to our Insurance Carrier whenever we seek to add or subtract a rider to our current liability insurance policy to cover an individual group seeking such coverage. The correspondence will include the name of the group, and the name and address of the meeting facility for that group. A letter will be drafted and sent to our insurance carrier notifying any changes to the officers of the Intergroup or any changes needed to be made to the Insurance policy (i.e. any policy changes, any additional riders or cancellation of riders or location of riders to our current insurance policy.)

In addition, an added specific responsibility of the Secretary will be to draft a letter to the Watertown Savings Bank, indicating any changes in the signers of our checkbook, savings account or debit card to accompany the minutes stating

these changes at our business meeting. This letter is taken in person with all officers on the account to make these changes at the Bank.

A letter will be drafted and sent to our insurance carrier notifying any changes to the officers of the Intergroup or any changes needed to be made to the Insurance policy. (IE any policy changes, any additional riders or cancellation of riders to our insurance policy.)

This is to be added to the Jefferson County Handbook as new suggested guidelines for the Treasurer's position responsibilities. This **MOTION PASSED** unanimously with one abstention.

Vicky S made a **MOTION: Motion to allow The Living Sober Group to pay for an annual Insurance Rider for the First Presbyterian Church of Dexter. SECONDED by Greg R.**

This request for groups needing insurance has been previously approved by Intergroup; provided the group agrees to pay for the annual rider each year. The Living Sober Group has given \$40.00 dollars to cover the expense of the rider and the balance to go as 7th Tradition support. There was a question raised concerning why there was a need for an insurance rider since our JCI liability policy should extend to all our groups. Jim M. noted that Mr. Dier enlightened the JCI on this issue when he attended one of our meetings last year and noted that these groups who needed liability insurance as requested by the church (or other landlord), could choose to get their own policy that covers that location, or be covered for a much lower cost when added to JCI policy. There was no further discussion of this issue, and a vote was called. This **MOTION PASSED** unanimously with one abstention.

Joanne N.-W. made a **MOTION to have our Webservant, Donald E. embed a new Grapevine podcast each month in our website Home Page to replace the current video ("History of the Grapevine"). SECONDED by Holly L.** There was no further discussion, and a vote was called. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously with one abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be a Keep it Green group anniversary meeting on May 10th with a 6pm potluck dinner and a 7pm speakers meeting.
- Laura F. announced that she is looking for a Helpline replacement for the 6am to 6pm Friday slot, every other week. Requirement is one year of sobriety.
- Jim M. asked if it was time to revisit the issue of whether to restart in-person meetings. He was reminded that the previous Covid-19 risk had to be less

than **SUBSTANTIAL** for the JCI to consider in-person meetings again. The risk today according to the CDC is that the risk in Jefferson County is still high and thus meetings will remain virtual.

There being no further business before this Intergroup, Vicky S. asked for adjournment at 8:34pm. She closed the meeting with the Declaration of Unity.

“This we owe to AA’s future: To place our common welfare first. To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives, And the lives of those to come.”,

Next meeting at 7:00pm, May 16. 2022 Virtually only

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Marron,
JCI Secretary