

JEFFERSON COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairperson Vicky S. She opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Vicky S. member of the Monday Mindfulness Group, Chairperson of the JCI and chooses to abstain from voting.
- Dawn N., member of the Tuesday Night Big Book Study Group, co-chair of the JCI and has a vote.
- Greg R., member of the Sat/Sun Discussion Group and Treasurer of JCI and has a vote.
- Laura F., member of the One Day at a Time Group, Helpline chair, Acting Co-Chair and has a vote.
- Donny E., member of the One Day at a Time Group, Webservant, Acting Literature Chair and has a vote.
- Sarah B., member of the One Day at a Time Group, Corrections chair and has a vote.
- Jim M., member of the Helping Hand Group, Secretary of JCI and has a vote.
- David C., member of the First Watertown Group, District 0700 Liaison and does not vote.
- Annette H., member of the One Day at a Time Group, Intergroup Rep and has a vote.
- Betty R., member of the Sat/Sun Discussion Group, Intergroup Rep and has a vote.
- Debbie B., member of the Tuesday Night Big Book Study Group, Intergroup rep and has a vote
- Dale W., member of the Keep it Green Group, Intergroup Rep and has a vote.
- Travis T., member of the One Day at a Time Group, GSR and does not vote.
- Franklin H., member of the Came to Believe Group, GSR/District 0700 Treasurer and does not vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Jim M. distributed copies of the September 19, 2022, Business Meeting. These notes had been previously distributed to all the JCI members via email. Jim asked if there were any comments, corrections, additions, deletions, etc. and there were none offered. David C. made a **MOTION** to accept the minutes as presented **SECONDED** by?????. The **MOTION** passed unanimously with one abstention.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Vicky S. reported that she has been actively helping Greg R. move into the Treasurer's position and that has been going very well. She also announced that she is resigning her position as JCI Chairperson as of this meeting as she will be moving out of the area in the near future. As a result of this decision, Dawn N. who is the Chairperson-elect will take over her duties as of this meeting. She will then also be resigning as the Acting Treasurer and Greg R., Treasurer-elect will be moving into that position as of this meeting. As a result of these two changes, Laura F., Co-Chair elect will be moving into that position today as Dawn N. will be our new Chairperson.

CO-CHAIR REPORT:

- Dawn N. has been working as chair of the ad hoc Committee to update the JCI Guidelines and will present some of that work later in this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Greg R. presented the following report:

Jefferson County Intergroup 2021 - 2022 Treasurer Report
Report for September 2022

Total + \$ = Contributions Total - \$ = Expenses for Panel 71 (2021 - 2022)			
	September	YTD	Panel 71 YTD
STARTING \$ BALANCE (BankStmt)	\$ 544.97	2022	2021-2022

Group ID	Home Group / City			
35882	Came to Believe / Black River		\$ -	\$ -
113078	12 x 12 Clayton / Clayton		\$ -	\$ -
102880	Easy Does It / Clayton		\$ -	\$ -
114497	AIR / Cape Vincent	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 150.00
13279	Living Sober / Dexter		\$ 35.00	\$ 65.00
112312	Jeff-Lewis / Carthage		\$ -	\$ 100.00
92686	A Bay Serenity / Alex Bay		\$ -	\$ -
99542	Coffee & Donuts / Alex Bay	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 550.00
4892	Keep it Green / Evans Mills	\$ 60.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 200.00
104575	First Watertown Grp		\$ 420.00	\$ 920.00
109980	Helping Hand / Watertown	\$ 50.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,075.00
13543	Tuesday Night BB / Watertown	\$ 70.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 870.00
43210	One Day@A Time / Watertown	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,011.00
62307	Saturday Sunday / Watertown	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
120038	Road to Recovery / Ft. Drum		\$ -	\$ -
109726	Harrisville Grp		\$ -	\$ -
15265	Lowville Group		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
14511	Adams group		\$ -	\$ -
	12 Step Center / Watertown		\$ -	\$ -
	Women on the Beam		\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
423293	SnapBack to Recovery / Smithville		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
	River Bullheads Clayton		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
	Early Risers Watertown		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
	Down Home Country Grp Sandy Creek		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
	Never before 10am Grp	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
	Clayton/Dexter/Smithville - Ins.Annual Rider \$35		\$ 105.00	\$ 140.00
	7th Tradition - Virtual Meetings		\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00
	7th Tradition Intergroup mtg		\$ -	\$ 10.00
	7th Tradition - Member		\$ 65.00	\$ 333.00
	7th Tradition - District 0700		\$ -	\$ 600.00
	Literature Sales	\$ 51.25	\$ 579.85	\$ 946.70
	Grapevine Sales		\$ -	\$ 10.00
		\$ 628.25	\$ 3,746.85	\$ 8,012.70
	Balance with Deposits	\$ 1,173.22		
	EXPENCES - \$			
	Verizon-phone	\$ 93.20	\$ 822.26	\$ 1,936.34
	Rent	\$ 188.96	\$ 1,700.64	\$ 3,844.19
	Renter transaction Fee	\$ 3.17	\$ 26.77	\$ 53.32
	Zoom Licence (Started 3/22/2020)	\$ 11.99	\$ 107.91	\$ 251.79
	Office Supplies/Stamps/Sanitizers		\$ -	\$ 19.14
	Insurance Rider - All Renew March Annually		\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00
	Renters Insurance - March Annual Renewal		\$ 229.00	\$ 458.00
	Go Daddy Domain Name Renewals Oct Annually		\$ -	\$ 21.17
	Go Daddy-Annual Hosting March		\$ 107.88	\$ 215.76
	Literature Purchases July Assembly Ck#1185		\$ 765.03	\$ 1,242.66
	Printing - Ink & Paper (2cs Paper & 2 Toner)		\$ 263.26	\$ 302.57
	Grapevine		\$ -	\$ -
	Archives		\$ -	\$ -
	PI/CPC		\$ -	\$ -
	Treatment		\$ -	\$ -
	Corrections		\$ -	\$ -
	Moved to Savings - Prudent Reserve		\$ -	\$ 75.13
	Total Expenses	\$ 297.32	\$ 4,057.75	\$ 8,490.07
	Ending Balance (ceiling \$1500)	\$ 875.90		
	Prudent Reserve Goal \$1500			
	Prudent Reserve Savings Account		\$ 0.02	\$ 75.15

- Greg reviewed the report and highlighted selected items. There were no questions or corrections. Dawn N. made a **MOTION** to accept the report as presented. This was **SECONDED** by Laura F. and passed unanimously.

WEBSERVANT REPORT

Webservant Report 10/01/22 Donald Eckert

- Replaced monthly grapevine podcast with Season 1, episode 6: "Getting comfortable with the second step"
- Updated 4 of 6 plugins • Copied backups • Altered the 'printable meeting list' to: (intergroup at 123 franklin st) from previous (online intergroup) listing
- Removed Intergroup online meeting, removed online aspect of the intergroup database meeting listing
- Added potluck dinner to Living sober group meeting database listing as well as on the printable meeting list
- removed Wednesday Watertown big book meeting from announcements page as the meeting has been discontinued • Deleted announcement for first Watertown group anniversary meeting as it had occurred and passed.
- Added Todd D. to list of Administrators on WordPress for aajci.org
- Added "Carry the message project" video embed to announcements page

HELPLINE:

- Laura F., Helpline chair reported that she has been helping Debbie B., Helpline Chair-elect to become acclimated to the new position and is helping train her for this.
- Laura reports that all slots are filled on the Helpline but continues to seek volunteers as backup and also individuals for the 12-Step call list.

ARCHIVES:

Here is Tim Archives Report - The only things I have to report are That I received the voice recorder from Sean, and I am reviewing the interview with Charlie to see how we can edit it As it's hours long. And also, I have set up a time tomorrow to get with Dave C to get some ideas and download some things off of his computer. So next month should be more informative. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make it tonight I may be the last Yankees game of the season and I told my mom I'd watch it with her. Have a great meeting.

Yours in service,
Tim Skinner

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Greg R. provided the following report:

- **October 17 th, 2022 JCI Treatment Report**
- ➤ Things are going well in both facilities.
- ➤ I am slowly transitioning some duties to Dana Y
- ➤ I am looking for coverage at the Farm on the following two Wednesdays: o Wednesday, October 26th o Wednesday, November 16th

- ➤ I am creating a new list of groups that are interested in continuing their commitment to the Credo Farm in 2023. If you are an intergroup rep, please speak with your group and let me know if you can continue your service in this facility.
- ➤ More information is to come about how the calendar for the Credo Women's House will be handled in 2023.

Yours in service, Greg Roslonowski

Dale W. inquired as to whether women were invited to join the weekly meetings at the Credo Farm. Debbie B. chairperson-elect will get clarity on this issue for Dale.

CORRECTIONS:

- Sarah B., chair reports that she will be needing more volunteers for both the Cape Vincent and the Gouverneur facilities. Jim, a recent volunteer for Cape Vincent is no longer participating with the program. Sarah also reports that she will be looking into the Jefferson County jail facility to inquire as to whether that AA visitor program will be restarting.
- She notes that the vetting and application process for both of these facilities can take weeks to months to complete and encourages anyone interested in volunteering to get in touch with her promptly. She can be contacted through email or text and her contact information is on the most recent Trusted Servants list.

GRAPEVINE:

- Chairperson, Joanne N-W is absent and there is no report.
- Vicky S. reported that she receives considerable information from the Grapevine office regularly and wants JCI members to know that shipping costs will be increasing later this year and she encourages anyone interested in books or subscription to contact the Grapevine office or consider subscribing electronically.
- Dawn N. and Vicky Report that the Grapevine Podcast, currently embedded in our website, is well worth viewing.

LITERATURE:

Donald E., chairperson-elect, no report at this time.

DISTRICT 0700:

- Liaison David C. provided the following report:

District 0700 Liaison Report To J. C. Intergroup

District 0700 met on 10/3/22. There were 8 members in attendance. District 0700 needs these service positions filled: DCM, Alternate DCM.

We discussed hosting a General Service Day of Sharing. District members felt a need for this service. We decided 12/10/22 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm would fit the bill. After much discussion we agreed to a round table format with 5 topics. They include.

- 1. Sponsorship**
- 2. Service**
- 3. What does a GSR do?**
- 4. Why so much apathy concerning General Service**
- 5. Bigshots, politicians, & service geeks**

District 0700 will provide lunch. The menu includes homemade soup and sandwich board.

At 2:00 pm this event features an ask it basket panel.

Area 47 met 10/9/22 in Liverpool, NY. Franklin, Bryce, and I attended in person. Jim attended virtually. Area 47 will continue paying for S & H for literature and Grapevine. After much discussion the literature & Grapevine chairs will purchase 2 “Clover Go” devices. This will allow both to accept plastic for sales. Many people do not carry cash.

District 0700 will meet 11/7/22 at 5:00 pm at 123 Franklin Street. There will be service opportunities planning the upcoming event.

Area 47 will meet 11/13/22. The hybrid meeting is at the Conklin Ave. First Baptist Church / 91 Baldwin St. / Binghamton, NY from 1:00 – 5:00.

Come Join Us!

Yours in service,

David T. Coleman, District 0700 Chairman

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dawn N., chair of the ad hoc Committee on JCI Guidelines updating and revision presented a slide show to the JCI tonight.
- She began her presentation with examples of guideline handbooks from other Intergroups. She highlighted the fact that all of these are quite different with some having the organizational structure written into the functional description of each element of the group's guidelines whereas other Intergroups (such as ours) have generated a more formal document with explicit delineation of each element and function of the Intergroup.

- Dawn N. had specific questions to be answered tonight by the Intergroup concerning the content of the **PURPOSE** section guidelines and explained that the JCI members will be presented with elements of the section that the committee recommends be updated or changed and then will be asked to vote the changes either up or down. She anticipates that this general procedure may be repeated at each future monthly JCI business meeting until we work our way through our guidelines and revise them.
- 1. Recommend that there be the least amount of formatting changes throughout the guideline document. The JCI agreed by consensus with this recommendation
- 2. Strike "local telephone directory listing for the Intergroup" from Purpose 2. The JCI agreed by consensus with this recommendation
- 3. Eliminate Purpose 4. as written, as this is a function of the Literature Committee of the JCI. The JCI agreed with this change by consensus.
- 4. Strike out from Purpose 5. "about alcoholism and" so that these reads: "seeking information about Alcoholics Anonymous". The JCI agreed with this change by consensus.
- 5. Strike from Purpose 10 "not inconsistent" and replace with "consistent". The JCI agreed with this change by consensus.
- Dawn N. distributed copies of A.A. Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Offices to JCI members for their review so that we can be well informed as the JCI makes these updates to our Guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Franklin H., GSR of the Black River Group and a guest at tonight's meeting, presented information that he has been developing on Service Sponsorship.
- Franklin handed out pages of information on Service Sponsorship taken from AA pamphlet #15 on Sponsorship. He asked JCI members to review this information in order to be able to present background on this project when our members are announcing it at meetings.
- Franklin has produced a handout "**SEEKING SERVICE SPONSORS**" that should be available and announced at all our meetings. This document will explain to prospective Service Sponsors the information that Franklin is seeking. He is requesting that it be distributed and announced at home groups within District 0700. Franklin also produced an application form so that prospective Service Sponsors can fill this out and thus provide their credentials to those A.A. members seeking Service Sponsorship. Franklin will maintain each application and keep a list of sponsors as more interest in this project is generated.
- JCI members thanked Franklin for this effort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- District 0700 General Service Day of Sharing to be held at St. John's Church 143 W. Remington Street, Black River, NY 13612 on December 10, 2022, starting at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Jefferson County Intergroup, Dawn N., Chairperson requested adjournment of this meeting by consensus, and this was agreed upon by all

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be in person at 123 Franklin Street Office of JCI at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted

Jim Marron
JCI Secretary