The High & Dry

August 2019



AUGUST IN OUR HISTORY

Aug 1

1943 - Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect anonymity withholds address.

Aug 3

1954 – Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hospital after 50th detox.

Aug 8

1879 – Dr. Bob born in St. Johnsbury, VT.

Aug 9

1943 – LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups.

Aug 11

1938 – Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book.

Aug 15

1890 – E. M. Jellinek is born, author of "The Disease Concept of Alcoholism" and the "Jellinek Curve".

Aug 16

1939 – Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit first alcoholic to St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

Aug 18

1988 – 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Aug 19

1941 – 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver.

Aug 25

1943 – AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA.

Aug 26

1941 – Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated.

Aug 28

1954 –24 Hours a Day is published by Richmond W.

Other significant events in August for which we do not have a specific date:

1934: Rowland H and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.
1939: Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.
1941: 1st meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim.
1981: Sales of the Big Book passes 3 million.

FUTURE TRIPPING

AUGUST

8-11 Step Ashore VI, Ocean Shores Convention Center, 120 W Chance a La Mer NW, Ocean Shores, WA 98569.
9-10 WA State Conference of Young People in A.A., Ruby River Hotel, 700 N Division, Spokane, WA 99202
18 Greater Seattle Intergroup Annual Summer Picnic, Lower Woodland Park, 1000 N 50th Street, Seattle 98103
22-25 Northwest Fellowship of the Spirit, Warm Beach Camp, 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292

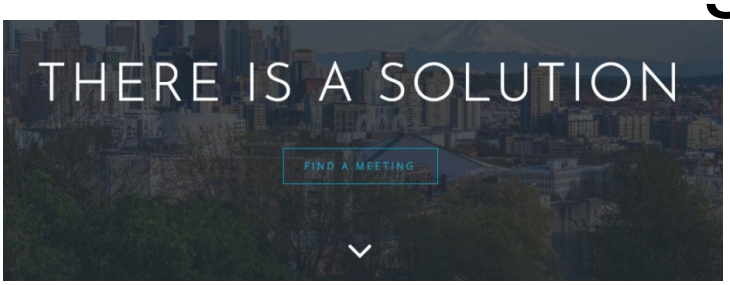
SEPTEMBER

21 Car Show at Seattle Intergroup Office, 5507 6th Ave South, Seattle WA 98108
27-29 Three Rivers Big Book Weekend II, Shilo Riverside Inn, 50 Comstock Street, Richland, WA 99352

OCTOBER

5 Seattle Fall Conference St. Alphonsus Church, 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle WA 98107

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Thanks to Our Awesome Daytime Office Volunteers

MONDAY	Morning	Sharon B and Diane L
	Afternoon	Bill S and Freda T
TUESDAY	Morning	Gary H and Susan D
	Afternoon	Marci W and Fred P
WEDNESDAY	Morning	Joe M and Dan G

	Afternoon	Geoff G
THURSDAY	Morning	Vito M and Steve B
	Afternoon	Joe B and Bird
FRIDAY	Morning	Jon C
	Afternoon	Doug C
SATURDAY	Morning	Fred P and Jon C

SEATTLE SUBSTITUTES: Carolyn B

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEER MANAGER: Jim H.
VOLUNTEERS: : Chuck G., Carolyn B., Rick L., Cliff M., Bernice, Matt & TJ M.

SOUTHEND BOOKSTORE PHONE NUMBER: 253 288 2237

BIRTHDAY CLUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE JULY CELEBRANTS IN THE HOW DRY I AM CLUB!!!

Sheryl H	Sober Sisters of Seattle	7/29/1982	37 years
Karla L			17 years
Russ W	Spiritual Line	7/3/2013,	6 years
Patricia D	Women Coming Home	7/10/2012,	7 years
Anonymous			12 years
Ursula E	PTP	7/22/2007	12 years
Kathleen D	Our Primary Purpose	1/24/2014	5 years
Edith B			20 years
Lara R	A New Purpose Group		33 years
Cynthia			25 years

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Board—JULY 16, 2019

Snapshot

- **Assistant office manager position available. Please apply online.**
- **Intergroup Picnic Aug. 18th – Lower Woodland Park (Farewell Norm)**

- **Intergroup Car Show Sep. 21st – At Intergroup (Welcome Dennis)**
- **Corrections has provided over $5000 in donated literature so far this year! Way to Go!**
- **Newsletter has a new editor, Peeps. Please submit those articles and other content. newsletter@seattleaa.org**

Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

AA birthdays

Darci L. – 2
Delia F. – 7
Ron E. - 35

Quorum Count

Active Zones Present	Active Zones Absent
108, 112, 114, 116, 117, 124, 132, 140, 141, 142	115, 118(2), 131

Reports

Chair (Mike M.):

Nothing to report.

Vice Chair (Astri T.):

June 21-23 I attended the Pacific Northwest Conference in Portland, Oregon where we were treated to Delegate Reports from current Delegates from all participating areas (WWA72, Washington East Area92, Oregon Area 58, as well as Idaho Area18). Area officers presented on topics, which were also subjects at this year's General Service Conference. As PNC is not held in years when the International Convention occurs, PNC will next be hosted by Washington East in 2021. (The International Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan in 2020).

June 30th I visited By the Book, and on the 4th of July I attended “The Meeting at the Tree”. July 7th I participated in the Service Manual Study at GSIG and invite you all to join us (the first Sunday of every month at 11:00AM).

At the Office Committee meeting on July 9th, Norm reported we are still short volunteers to cover phone shifts. Financially June came in at a loss. It appears, Dennis, our new Office Manager is scheduled to begin his duties on July 10th. The Assistant Office Manager position is still open, and we encourage you to keep passing that information on to fellow members, in hopes of getting a significant application pool.

By the time of this Board meeting I will also have attended the Area 72 Quarterly.

I’m looking forward to visiting the Lake City Monday Night group on August 5th and Empire Way on August 14th. Then, of course, the Intergroup Picnic at Lower Woodland Park (stoves 1, 2 & 3) on August 18th!

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours
Astri

Chair Emeritus (Dawna H.):

Nothing reported

Treasurer (Allison B.):

Quick look at June financials (rounded to thousands):

Group Contributions: $9K (down $2K to budget)
Other Contributions: $1K (at budget)
Retail Sales: $9K (down $2K to budget)

Expenses: $15K (down $1K to budget)

Net Income: $2K loss (budgeted loss: $1K)

Cash and CDs: $63K

Non-restricted cash: $51K (GSIG prudent reserve: $46K)

Summary

-Operating costs did continue to come in under budget for the month of June, despite a large bill due to Seattle City Light due to catch-up billing caused by faulty metering.

-We will not continue to enjoy so much from the payroll savings, as our new office manager Dennis E. is starting in July; thus we will have two payrolls while he and Norm are working together, and we are hoping to be able to hire a new assistant office manager soon as well!

-The savings in operating costs for the first half of the year have not made up for the lag in group contributions and retail sales. Year to date, GSIG is at a loss of $7K, versus a budgeted gain of $2K.

-If this trend continues this year, we will dip below our prudent reserve.

Other

-GSO just voted to increase the yearly personal donation cap from $3K to $5K, and the one-time gift (will) from $5K to $10K.

Greater Seattle Intergroup
Condensed Financial Statements
June 2019

CONDENSED PROFIT & LOSS

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jun-19	June Budget	YTD Jan-Jun 2019	YTD Budget	Jan-Dec 2018
Income					
Total Retail Sales	9,396	11,280	61,588	69,680	133,906
Total COGS	6,345	7,700	42,565	44,470	87,483
Gross Profit from Retail Sales	3,051	3,580	19,023	25,210	46,423
Gross Profit %	32.5%	31.7%	30.9%	36.2%	34.7%
Group Contributions	8,602	10,980	55,940	64,210	111,561
Personal and Other Contributions	897	880	4,454	5,290	9,615
Meeting Room Rent; Birthday Club	972	740	4,275	4,460	7,995
Special Events Income	78	300	288	1,400	4,810
Total Items to Cover Fixed Expenses	13,600	16,480	83,980	100,570	180,404
Expenses					
Expenses--Other	262	390	2,567	2,900	5,133
Paid Staff	6,124	8,850	44,755	53,100	91,963
Rent and Office	8,464	6,420	41,265	38,520	78,392
Standing Committees	458	650	2,913	3,900	7,616

Travel and Meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Expenses	15,308	16,310	91,499	98,420	183,104
Net Ordinary Income (Loss)	(1,708)	170	(7,520)	2,150	(2,700)
Net Other Income, Chiefly Interest Income	-	-	313	200	362
Net Income	**(1,708)**	**170**	**(7,207)**	**2,350**	**(2,338)**

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	**Jun 30, 19**	**May 31, 19**	**Dec 31,18**
Current Assets			
Checking	12,580	10,816	16,635
CD's--Prudent Reserve *	50,469	50,469	50,269
Accounts Receivable	807	10,869	1,040
Inventory and Other	37,412	29,010	37,365
Total Current Assets	101,269	101,165	105,309
Total Fixed Assets	2,484	2,554	2,764
TOTAL ASSETS	**103,753**	**103,719**	**108,073**

* ***Per bylaws, prudent reserve is calculated to be 3x average monthly expenses, approx. $46,000.***

LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	3,826	62	318
Payroll & Sales Tax Liabilities	(3,571)	(2,719)	(1,560)
Committee Earmarked Funds Total	11,853	13,024	10,463
Total Liabilities	12,108	10,366	9,221
Equity			
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	694	694	694
3101 · Retained Earnings	98,158	98,158	100,496
Net Income	(7,207)	(5,500)	(2,338)

Total Equity	91,645	93,352		98,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**103,753**	**103,719**		**108,073**

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Standing Committee Earmarked Funds (Pink Can, Blue Can, etc.)

June 2019

Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Earmarked Funds
Beginning Balance	$ 6,518.03	$ 34.00	$ 3,817.17	$ (16.00)	$ 6,642.85
YTD Contributions	$ 2,929.79	$ -	$ 2,731.92	$ -	$ 5,661.71
YTD Use of Funds	$ (3,673.68)	$ (34.00)	$ (470.00)	$ 16.00	$ (4,161.68)
YTD Ending Balance	$ 5,774.14	$ -	$ 6,079.09	$ -	$ 11,853.23

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Standing Committee Expenditures Against Budgets

June 2019

Committee	Corrections	Hospital & Treatment	Accessibility	PI / CPC	Total Expenses Against Budget --Standing Committees
Expenses to Date	$ (10.37)	$ 114.64	$ 210.00	$ 187.74	$ 502.01
Budget to Date	$ 180.00	$ 780.00	$ 800.00	$ 900.00	$ 2,660.00

Budget -- Full Year	$ 360.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 5,160.00

Recording Secretary (Aaron C.):

June 2019 minutes approved unanimously.

Please use the below to submit your reports. Alternatively send them directly to secretary@seattleaa.org.

https://www.seattleaa.org/intergroup/intergroup-board/intergroup-board-report-form

With love and gratitude,
Aaron C.

Archives Committee (Teresa S.):

Nothing reported

Corrections Committee (Tami B.):

Verbal Report Given

Dist. 31 Corrections chair is rocking.

CPC/PI Committee (Ali H.):

Verbal Report Given

Newsletter (John P.):

Verbal Report Given

Hospitals & Treatment Committee (Erin G.):

--Union Gospel Mission women's treatment center is requesting a meeting in their Kent facility Saturday mornings. Will be looking for groups to take on one Saturday a month in the next couple of months.

--Have made or attempted to make around a dozen BTG connections

--All are welcome to attend the H&T Committee meeting at 10 am at GSIG the first Saturday of the month

Office Committee (Richard I.):

Attendees: Norm, Jeff U (from Finance Committee), Richard, Allison, Astri)
Norm provided the Committee with his usual monthly report.

Assistant Office Mgr – open position: We need to gear the search for this position up.

Mike will : help us get the website updated so that it reflects that fact that we have hired the Office Manager and are now actively seeking the Assistant Office Manager candidates.

Please announce the renewed search for the Assistance Office Manager at the Board meeting.

Our goal is to complete the search for the Assistant Office Manager by 9/1/2019.

Intergroup Sustainers Program

Jeff U came to the meeting to tell us about an idea that the Finance Committee has been discussing. They would like to foster an Intergroup Sustainers Program that to encourage members of the GSIG community to sign up for monthly recurring donations to GSIG. This would provide even revenue flows monthly. It might create NEW revenue flows
.
To implement the program the Finance Committee would:

Create materials describing the program

Enable the our GSIG website to encourage recurring donations. Knowing that the site already DOES allow this, the Committee may examine technological ways to enhance and take advantage of this technology and capability.

Visit AA meetings to introduce the idea of the Sustainers Program and to encourage individuals to give it a try.

Members of the Office Committee indicated that they supported the idea of the Sustainers Program.

Jeff said that the Finance Committee will take our feedback and move the idea forward. They will take from here.

New Business: Security Issue

Norm reported that there was an unusual, security problem at the office. When he came into the office to open (on Monday?) he found the office open. Doors weren't locked etc. Norm is investigating how the security breach occurred. It does appear that no inventory or cash is missing.

end of report

Office Manager (Norm S.):

I am pleased and grateful to submit this Office Manager Report for June 2019.

Inventory—Inventory levels are considered adequate.

Process/Organization—
Office/phone weekday volunteer coverage: Current office volunteer openings are as follows: Saturday mornings, 10-2 p.m.

Weekday evening and weekend shifts: There are now seven openings for group phone answering evenings and weekends—1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., 1st and 2nd Saturdays, 6-10 p.m., 2nd and 3rd Sundays, 6-10 p.m. Please communicate these group service opportunities to your groups! These seven openings are right now being handled by only one volunteer!

Nightwatch shifts: Please let your GSR's know that they should e-mail nightwatch@seattleaa.org to express interest and for an updated list of openings.

Physical Plant: No current issues.

Financial Statements—The financial result for June was a loss of ($1,700). Group contributions of $8,600 fell short of the budgeted $11,000 by $2,400. Retail sales of $9,400 were $2,900 short of the budgeted $11,300. Gross profit, therefore, of $13,600 was $2,900 short of the budgeted $16,500. Operating costs for June were under budget by $1,000 as we continued to see staff wage and health care cost savings. Two extraordinarily large June expenses were a Seattle City Light catch-up billing after correcting an erroneous meter. The plumbing expense was also higher than normal.
Year-to-date, or for the first 2 quarters, our net loss stands at ($7,200). The effect of under-budget group contributions and retail sales has been only partially offset by expenses being lower than budget.

Personnel—Welcome, Dennis E.! July 10 was our new Office Manager's first day. It was a pleasure to move over into as the co-pilot's seat to 'pass it on' as best I can. The assistant office manager position will be a high priority project now that Dennis is on board. Interviewing will take place for those candidates who submitted professional resumes and service resumes earlier in the Spring. We have not forgotten you. We just decided to get an office manager on board first.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm S.
norm@seattleaa.org

Night Watch Coordinator (Bird G.):

Nightwatch continues to trundle its way through with the hard work of its many volunteers and the folks in the office at Intergroup. We've added four volunteers this month. We've also added a new Daily Coordinator for Sundays, Meghan T.

Nightwatch is working with Parnassus Heights Exchange to simplify the call forwarding procedure. We are also working with Intergroup as they modify their phone scheduling needs.

Special Events Committee (Allan C.):

Verbal report given. Meeting on the Second Thursday 6pm at Intergroup.

Finance Committee (Carl G.):

Finance Committee Report Sunday, July 14, 2019 by Carl G

Allison B. Treasurer; Carl G, Jeff U, Pete K. meeting by phone conference

We reviewed June financial statements. These show: groups' contributions are behind budget 2,400 for the month and are behind ytd by 8,300. We seem to be returning to the trend of years prior to 2016 when GSIG was behind about 10k per year. The financial projections are particularly difficult with Norm leaving and Dennis coming. The compensation for both of them will be in flux so that the needs of running GSIG continue to be well organized. The Finance Committee is confident the groups will do as they have in the past to sustain the services GSIG offers to groups and carrying the message to the Seattle area.

We also discussed how this committee could assist other committees in getting the message of the importance for group contributions and perhaps have an additional category of income for those individuals or groups who would want to commit to a regular contribution. As ideas related to possibly stabilizint income become more fully developed they will be presented to the Office Committee, the Board, and the groups.

New members to the Finance Committee are welcome. Be in service from your home or office- join the committee by phone conference 6pm on the Sunday of the month after the Office Committee.

Web & Technology Committee (Noah B.):

Nothing reported

Third Legacy (James R.):

Nothing reported

Zone 115 (Jordan B.)

-We got our PO box!

-The meeting, By the Book, has moved locations. It's been updated online but not in the meeting booklet.

- Looking into making a website and also researching taking online contributions.

-Broadway group now has paid parking due to the church; they're looking for any feedback or experience on that.

- Two open positions: Accessibility, Grapevine/Literature

- Had 2 people show up to head up the organizing of the gratitude banquet which is held at Garfield Community Center, usually in November, and we're also collaborating on that with District 40 and District 41

- Discussed what to do about people in elected positions not reporting or showing up and decided that if you no call/no show/dont check in for 2 consecutive meetings then that is considered your resignation.

Zone 118 (Carol Ann G.)

Preassembly Aug 25th 10-4 Renton Masonic hall.

Zone 141 (Laura C.)

The booth at Pride Fest was well staffed and attended.

One group brought up concern of excess funds accumulating in their account. Discussion was held regarding importance of appropriate funds distribution.

A vote was held to elect a Young Persons Chair. Deanna M was elected, and travel expenses were approved for Deanna to attend the Washington State Young Peoples Conference in Spokane in August.

Next GSIG Board meeting: August 20th, 2019 at 7 PM at GSIG Office.

GREATER SEATTLE INTERGROUP ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Save the date, August 18, 2019



Lower Woodland Park, Shelters 1, 2, & 3.

Volunteer openings on the committee

Please contact Al C (Bird), specialevents@seattleaa.org

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We would love to see your event flyers, letters, stories, photos, drawings, poetry, interviews, and whatever else you would like to share with other AAs in and around Seattle.

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