



# Syracuse Meeting Times

## The Boisterous Bunch

Hey, it was the 80s. We were rowdy and having fun. But we stayed sober and we had each other's backs

When a friend recently asked me to speak at a sober seniors' conference last October on the eve of my 38th year of sobriety, I was a little disappointed. Was I really a senior now? That I might end up as an oldtimer in AA had never occurred to me. I did not intend to grow old in sobriety. And I certainly did not want to represent the "graying of AA." But here I am. And yes, I dye my hair.

It was brought to my attention that about 40% of the membership in AA today are over 50 years old and many of these people have been sober for over 30 years. In my home group, it seems like the percentage is even higher.

The truth is, those of us who got sober in the 80s have more to share about when it comes to changes in AA over the years than, "We used to smoke cigarettes in meetings." To be honest, what was important to me when I first got sober was not the Steps, Traditions or the Big Book. I was interested in dances, boys and not drinking or drugging.

It became quite a feat to stay sober with these kinds of interests. But I got invested and involved with our local Young People's AA groups and doggedly worked toward bringing the fun to AA in any way I could. This meant meetups for coffee, beach time, movies and bands. Before the meeting, after the meeting, it didn't matter. I had a flyer for it. We were a noisy and boisterous group without apology. We had sponsors who shook their heads at us and told us to "pipe down" and "get a commitment." Though untamed, we knew how to show up. Our lives depended on it.

We ran in packs, dressed inappropriately, smoked cigarettes, drank coffee and used foul language. But we had each other's backs—and we carried the message. Newcomers did not stand a chance against us. We carried a message so loud and powerful you would be compelled to check us out.

Here's the deal: We stayed sober. And if someone did drink in a moment of weakness, we reeled them back into the fold and helped them understand the nature of our fatal disease.

Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes  
May 12th, 2022

**Kelly S.** opened the meeting at 5:37 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

**Present:** Kelly S (chair), James M, Sally C, Thaddeus L, Tim G, Tom K (Zoom) and Will M

**Last Month's minutes:** The committee reviewed the April 2022 minutes. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes, James seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

	<u>03/31/2022</u>	<u>04/30/2022</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 60,162.79	\$ 61,246.94	(\$ 1,084.15)
Less Sales Tax Payables	<u>(\$ 145.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 252.54)</u>	<u>(\$ 107.54)</u>
Available Funds:	\$ 60,017.79	\$ 60,994.40	(\$ 976.61)

Tom presented the April financial report:

**Current Month:** Checking and savings accounts are reconciled – total cash as of 4/30/22 is \$61,246.94. Net of \$252.54 of sales tax payable leaves \$60,994.40 of available cash at 4/30/22. Monthly revenues were \$7,199.42 and monthly expenses were \$6,222.81 (consistent) resulting in net income of \$976.61. Contributions were \$5,845.76 (trending upwards) and literature sales were \$1,344.16 (trending downwards).

**Year to Date:** As of 4/30/22, with the year 33.33% complete, total revenues are \$23,802.96 which is 29.47% of the budgeted amount (an improvement over last month). Total contributions are at 27.03% of the budgeted amount, group contributions are at 32.04 % (a significant improvement over last month) of the budgeted amount and individual contributions are at 18.93% of the budgeted amount. Literature sales are at 33.46% of the budgeted amount. The year-to-date expenses are \$26,224.87 which is 32.47% of the budgeted amount (right on budget). The year-to-date loss is (\$2,421.91) vs the year-to-date loss of (\$1,583.52) as of 4/30/21

**Comparison Year to Date April 2022 vs April 2021:** The year-to-date revenues are a significantly greater than the prior year - \$23,802.96 for year to date as of 4/30/22 versus \$21,560.46 for year to date as of 4/30/21 (up 10.40%). The year-to-date expenses are also significantly greater than the prior year - \$26,224.87 for year to date as of 4/30/22 versus \$23,143.98 for year to date as of 4/30/21 (up 13.31%).

**Service Center:** There were 150 total calls in April, down 10% from March, and 96 total office visits, down 2% from the previous month. Service Center staff responded to 119 email inquiries, down 24% from March. Note: March statistics were abnormally high and April represents a return to more normal levels. (See graph below.)

**Intergroup: Thaddeus** summarized the April Intergroup meeting. There were four new IRs: Mia Q (Faith Without Works), Bruce L (Noon Traditions), Philip L (Primary Purpose) and Stephanie I (Young at Heart); 15 eligible voters were present. Will presented the financial report. District/Area Liaison Ben B reported on the April GSR Workshop meeting; Matt H (Corrections), Phil L (PI/CPC), Jeff S (Literature), Lance C (Grapevine) and Stacey H (Picnic) reported on their committees. There were no reports for Treatment or Web/Archives. Sally reported on the April Steering Committee. March Intergroup minutes were unanimously approved. Under Old Business, Ben reported on his conversation with a former Area Delegate, regarding the issue of having Syracuse Group remove “AA” from their online group listing, and the former Area Delegate’s response that if Syracuse Group refuses Intergroup’s request, it has no power to compel them. Sally clarified that the process from our GSO liaison was to ask our Area Delegate to write a letter to GSO to consider our request to have Syracuse Group remove the AA designation from their web presence, and GSO would evaluate how they want to proceed. Matt H volunteered to talk with members of Syracuse Group first to ask them to voluntarily remove the designation, as discussed in March, and report back to Intergroup in May. Motion carried. Under New Business, Danny and Mia made announcements pertaining to their groups. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes continued...  
May 12th, 2022

**Old Business:** Painting has begun!

**New Business:**

**Jeff K** offered 10 framed photos he acquired in Akron, depicting people and places important to AA's history. The committee discussed asking a member of the fellowship with design skills to group them on the north wall of the meeting room. Will moved to accept and display the photos, Tim seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

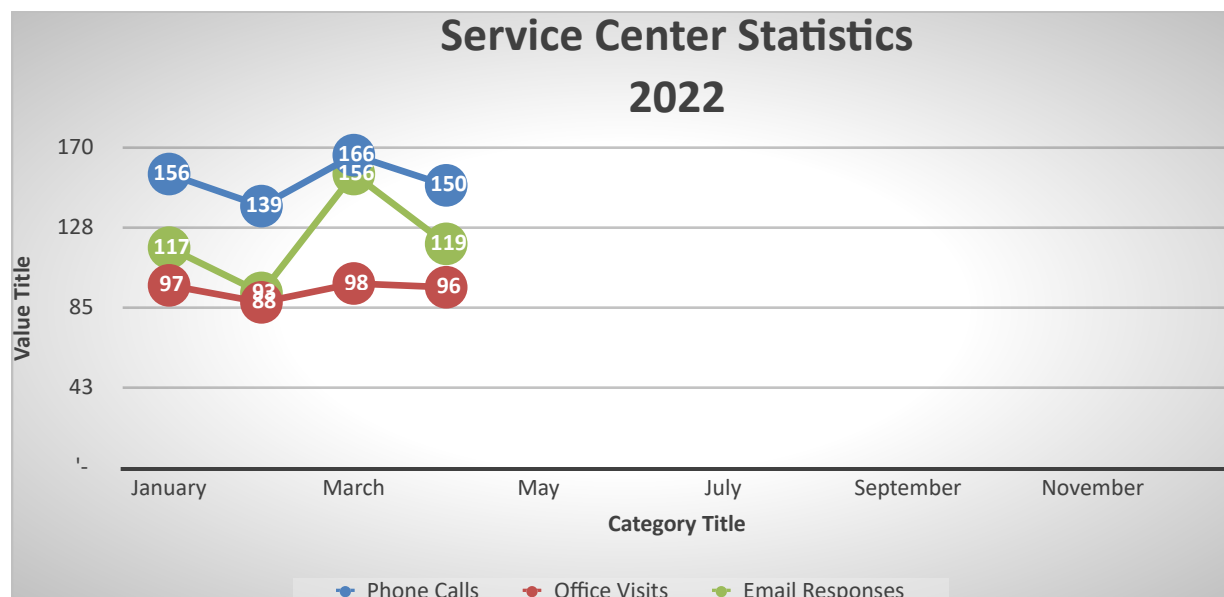
Will made a motion to close, which was seconded by Tim; meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

**Steering Committee Members**

Member	Intergroup Officer Position	Paid Position	Term Expires
Kelly S	No	No	12/31/2022
Thaddeus L	Yes – Intergroup Chair	No	12/31/2023
James M	No	No	12/31/2022
Tim G	No	No	12/31/2021
Will M	Yes – Financial Chair	No	12/31/2023
Sally C	No	Yes	Non-rotating
Tom K (Accountant)	No	Yes	Non-rotating

**Next meeting:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Service Center. All are welcome!

In Service: Neal, Irene, Jim and Sally



Syracuse Intergroup Minutes

May 18th, 2022

Intergroup Chair: Thaddeus L. opened the meeting with Serenity prayer @ 6:02 PM

Vice Chair Tom H read the. the 12 Traditions

**New intergroup reps / group representatives:**

None

**Monthly Reports:**

**Financial Report: (James M.)**

***Current Month:***

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**Financial Report: (James M.) continued...**

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**District / Area Liaison: (Ben B-G.S.R.)**

Submitted and presented by **Chuck M:**

Group met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fellowship Hall in a Hybrid format. No eligible voters present. In old business, after submitting a request on May 16<sup>th</sup> the GSR workshop correct contact info is on AACNY.org meeting app. Will also conduct a survey for a better day of the week or time for the workshop by finding open dates and times on the Fellowship Hall backroom meeting schedule and will consider a rotating schedule among the club houses. In new business, will conduct a Big Book outreach as a vehicle to connect with the ~199<sup>1</sup> 300 and 400 cluster home groups to assemble enough eligible voters to carry a motion to spend the funds (1 D340-PI-International-06-24-19).

Standing Committee Reports

**Corrections: (Matt H)**

No Report

**Treatment: (Nick G) :**

No report

**PI / CPC: (Phil L)**

No Report

**Literature: (Jeff S)**

I am pleased to announce that **Robert C.** has agreed to be my Literature Co Chair. For those of you who haven't noticed the Literature displays at the three Syracuse Area clubhouses, know that they are financed by the Syracuse GSR workshop. If you see things of interest you can talk to **Robert** or myself, pick them up at the Service Center, or get them online at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org>.

We've decided to use the Literature Committee's monthly Intergroup report as a venue for people with some time in AA, who have fond recollections of or have been impacted by a particular piece of AA literature, to write brief reflections on that literature with the hope that maybe someone else discovers it. Any of you who have experiences with a particular AA conference approved piece, are encouraged to send them to me at [jdsimmon@syr.edu](mailto:jdsimmon@syr.edu). or **Robert** at [rcurriden@gmail.com](mailto:rcurriden@gmail.com)

This month, the focus is on the book Living Sober. As of February 2022, Softcover, \$5.50. 90 pages

When I first got sober, while I did attend Big Book and 12 & 12 studies, I found the Big Book itself dense and hard to read on my own. Someone recommended this book, which was perfect for where I was at the time. It is basically a user's guide for early sobriety, with little reflective chapters related to slogans ("First Things First," "Easy Does It.) and the kind of emotional experiences most of us are still familiar with (Loneliness, Anger, Resentment). And it addresses questions about sponsorship, remembering your last drunk, relationships, other substances, professional help, and cravings. It rather deliberately does not address the instructions contained in the Big Book or in the 12 & 12. It's not the kind of book you read all at once but might want to leave in your car or in the bathroom. And, honestly, it has some of the best one-liners. "Self pity is an enticing swamp." It also has some revealing bits of AA history, such as the fact that sponsorship evolved because a few hospitals in Akron, Ohio and New York began to accept alcoholics as patients "if a sober AA member would agree to 'sponsor' the sick man or woman."

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Standing Committee Reports

**Grapevine: (Lance C)**

Received a package from Grapevine with information about Grapevine. Has been going to various groups to put up a Grapevine display.

**Web / Archives: (Neal B)** No report

**Picnic: (Stacey H) : Sally C** relayed that anyone who wants to make a contribution to the upcoming picnic can make out a check payable to Syracuse Intergroup and put Picnic on the memo line to make sure it goes to the picnic.

**Steering Committee Report: (Sally C)**

The Steering Committee met on May 12, 2022. **Kelly S** opened the meeting at 5:37 PM. April 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously. **Tom K** presented the April Finance report, and **Sally C** went over April Service Center statistics. **Thaddeus L** reported on the April Intergroup meeting.

Under Old Business, painting is underway! Under New Business, **Sally C** reported that **Jeff K** offered 10 framed photos he acquired in Akron, depicting people and places important to AA's history. The committee discussed asking a member of the fellowship with design skills to group them on the north wall of the meeting room. **Will M** moved to accept and display the photos, **Tim G** seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

**Ad hoc committee(s):** None

Intergroup Officers & Standing Committee Chairs

Position	Name	E-Mail
Chairperson	<b>Thaddeus L.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com</a>
Vice-Chairperson	<b>Thomas H.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.vicechair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.vicechair@gmail.com</a>
Financial Chair	<b>Will M.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.financialchair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.financialchair@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	<b>Rachel V.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.secretary@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.secretary@gmail.com</a>
Treatment Chair	<b>Nick G.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.treatment.chair@gmail.com">syr.treatment.chair@gmail.com</a>
P.I./C.P.C. Chair *	<b>Phil L.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.picpc@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.picpc@gmail.com</a>
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Web / Archive Chair	<b>Neal B.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.webarchive@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.webarchive@gmail.com</a>
District / Area 47 Liaison	<b>Chuck M.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.districtarea@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.districtarea@gmail.com</a>
Picnic Chair	<b>Stacy H.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.picnic@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.picnic@gmail.com</a>

Old Business

**Eligible Votes: 10**

**Approval of Prior Month's minutes: Sally C** moved to accept the minutes and **Tim G** seconded. April minutes were approved unanimously.

**Matt H** volunteered last month to go to Syracuse Group to discuss removing AA logo and report back in May 2022 meeting. **Thaddeus L** reported on behalf of **Matt H** and the response from Syracuse Group was a hard no.

**Sally C** pointed out that the next step would be to reach out to the Area 47 liaison to write a letter on our Intergroup's behalf to GSO to consider taking steps to ensure that the AA designation is removed from Syracuse Group's online presence.

**Nick G** brought up any entity using a trademark is infringing on the trademark. **Andrew M** brought up we would need to contact every search engine if this is the case. **Sally C** brought up that Syracuse Service Center has had individuals call with frustration that, when trying to contact Syracuse Intergroup they do not get to Syracuse Intergroup but different entities, not just Syracuse Group, but Syracuse Group is the most prevalent one to come up. **Sally C** clarified changing the name from AA Syracuse Group to just Syracuse Group so that AA does not come before the name.

**Chuck M** brought up that in his searches it is only when "group" is part of the name that Syracuse Group comes up. Suggested AA Comes of Age book may hit on this and that continuing to have meetings and discussing this is fueling resentment. **Sally C** said issue was an infringement of AA's trademark and requesting Syracuse Group to change their name to just Syracuse Group instead of AA Syracuse Group. *Continued on next column...*

Old Business continued

**Danny A** clarified that it was likely not purposeful but now they are not willing to change their name to benefit AA. **Phil L** brought up that the lone way to move forward with having the name removed was to reach out to the Area 47 Delegate and request the Syracuse Group's AA designation be removed.

**Danny A** made a motion to take to take this back to our groups to get a group conscience if we should reach out to our district Area 47 liaison to write a letter to GSO to pursue this further. **Jeff K** seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed.

**New business**

None

Motion to close Sally C, Tim G 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting ended with the Declaration of Unity:  
6:41 PM

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The following committees at our **Syracuse intergroup** need your support...

The **Treatment Committee** needs members to carry the message.

The **Correction's Committee** needs members to carry the message.

The **A.A. Grapevine Committee** members to carry the message.

The **Literature Committee** needs members to carry the message.

The **P.I./C.P.C. (Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional community)**, needs members to carry the message.

To join one of these committees or, for more information, please contact : **Thaddeus L.**  
[syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com](mailto:syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com)  
or call **315 463 5011.**

# Syracuse Meeting Times Announcements

PLEASE SEE **AASYRACUSE.ORG** OR THE **MEETING GUIDE APP** FOR THE MOST CURRENT LISTING OF MEETINGS AND THEIR STATUS (IN PERSON, ONLINE/ ZOOM).

Please contact the Service center at 315-463-5011 or [syracuseservicecenter@gmail.com](mailto:syracuseservicecenter@gmail.com) with any changes to the status of your group/ meeting, so we can ensure we're providing accurate information to our fellowship. We sincerely appreciate your help.

## New Meetings:

- Sunday: Sober Sisters Big Book Study, 1:30 PM; Fellowship Hall, 135 Walter Dr, Syracuse, 13206; O, NS, H
- Friday: Faith Without Works, 8:00 PM; Holy Cross Church, 4112 E Genesee St, DeWitt 13214; O, NS, H

## Meeting Changes:

- Sunday: **Upstate NY 12 & 12**, 7:30 AM (Zoom) has changed its online access info.  
New link: <https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F81627913981%3Fpwd%3DWDBQRGVUaDFNbT%2FhoUjVIM0tRTkRndz09&data=04%7C01%7Casparks%40visionserviceplan.mail.onmicrosoft.com%7Cea50d64a52cf4909382008da04e363d7%7C3510753d6c4048ae9b9e2fc672d5e5dd%7C0%7C0%7C637827671933321336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=AsaNjxRXsD94VbD96ce1UpNj9rhkZRwb%2Bgm3%2BbQzx%2B0%3D&reserved=0>  
Meeting ID: 816 2791 3981; Passcode: honesty
- Sunday: **Higher Onondaga**, 9:00 AM; has moved to Onondaga Park Firebarn, 500 Summit Ave, Syracuse 13207
- Sunday: **Fellowship by the Lake**, 6:00 PM; has moved to Wendall House, 21 Albany St, Cazenovia 13035
- Sunday: **Baldwinsville Big Book Study**, 6:30 PM; is meeting in person ONLY, and is no longer meeting on Zoom
- Sunday: **Live and Let Live (LGBTQ)**, 7:00 PM; has moved to University United Methodist Church, 1085 E Genesee St, Syracuse 13210. Entrance is on University Ave, parking is across the street; meeting will continue as hybrid.

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# Syracuse Meeting Times Announcements

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- **Meeting Changes: *continued..***
- Monday: **Baldwinsville Group**, 7:00 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, 110 Oswego St, Baldwinsville 13027 is now meeting in person ONLY as of April 4, 2022
- Tuesday and Thursday: **Serenity by the Lake**, 12:00 PM; has moved to Wendall House, 21 Albany St, Cazenovia 13035
- Tuesday: **Starting Over/Comfy Couch**, 7:00 PM, First United Methodist Church, 604 Oswego St, Liverpool, 13088 is now Discussion only
- Tuesday: **New Women**, 7:30 PM (Zoom), is changing its access info as of 04/05/2022 to: Meeting ID: 314 913 8612; Passcode: 13066
- Tuesday: **Into Action**, 7:30 PM; First Universalist Church, Central Square 13036 is now meeting in person ONLY and is no longer meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday: **Midweek Breather**, 7:00 PM; New Woodstock Free Library, 2106 Main St, New Woodstock 13122 is now meeting in person
- Thursday: **Keeping It Simple**, 2:00 PM; Helio, 714 Hickory St, Syracuse, 13202 is ***temporarily suspended***
- Thursday: **West End**, Ironworkers Union Hall, 500 W Genesee St, Syracuse, 13204 has changed its meeting time from 8:30 PM to **8:00 PM**.
- Friday: **Another Chance**, St Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 Hazel St, Liverpool 13088 has changed its meeting time from 7:35 PM to **7:30 PM**
- Saturday: **Valley Girls**, 11:00 AM; Unity Church, 300 W Seneca Tpk, Syracuse 13207 has resumed meeting in person and is now a hybrid meeting (Zoom info remains the same)
- Saturday: **Saturday Serenity**, Vineyard Church, 8262 Brewerton Rd, Cicero 13039 has changed its meeting time from 6:30 PM to **8:00 PM**
- Saturday: **Bottom of the Hill**, 7:00 PM; Onativia United Methodist Church, 6257 Dodge Rd, LaFayette 13084 has reopened. O, NS, H, candlelight **No Longer Meeting:**
- **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Monday – Friday: **Why We're Here**, 12:00 PM; Park Central Presbyterian Church, 504 E. Fayette St, Syracuse 13202

# Syracuse Meeting Times Announcements

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- **NO LONGER MEETS CONT'D...**
- Wednesday: **Fresh Start Big Book Study**, 6:45 PM; Episcopal Church, 437 James St, Syracuse 13203  
**NO LONGER MEETS**
- Wednesday: **Fresh Start** (discussion meeting), 8:00 PM; Episcopal Church, 437 James St, Syracuse 13203 **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Thursday: **Garden Variety**, 7:00 PM; Zoom meeting **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Saturday: **Upstate NY Beginners Meeting**, 7:30 AM; Zoom meeting **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Saturday: **Bottom of the Hill**, 8:00 PM; Zoom meeting **NO LONGER MEETS**
  
- **Other: continued..**
- Download the **free Meeting Guide app** from the App Store or Google Play to your smart phone or tablet, and our meeting schedule will always be as close as your mobile device.
- The Service Center is seeking Spanish-speaking and other bilingual members of AA for our 12 Step call list. If interested, please call 315-463-5011 or stop by the Service Center to pick up a 12 Step Call Sign Up Form..

The **Syracuse Intergroup** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

***All A.A. members are welcome to attend.***

**2513 James St., Syracuse, 13206**

Next intergroup meeting is on June 15th, @ 6PM

## **Attention!**

Individual members of A.A. may make charitable contributions up to \$5,000 per year, payable to "Syracuse Intergroup, Inc." **All contributions are tax deductible under Federal Code 501(c)(3).**

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