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July 2022

# Syracuse Meeting Times

*Neal B.*

*Our trusted servant and friend*

*Born August 13, 1944*

*Died June 25th 2022*

It's with great sadness that we say goodbye to Neal B, a long-time staff member at the Service Center who's helped countless numbers of people throughout his 37 years of sobriety. Neal was a calm, steady, knowledgeable and empathetic influence on all he met. His capacity for kindness, patience and humility was endless. His knowledge of the history of our fellowship was unmatched. Our world and our community have lost a singular example of what it means to be sober.

Condolences to us all.



Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes  
June 15th, 2022

**Thaddeus L.** opened the meeting at 5:37 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

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

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

**Financial Report:**

	<u>04/30/2022</u>	<u>05/31/2022</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 61,246.94	\$ 60,093.91	(\$ 1,153.03)
Less Sales Tax Payables	(\$ 252.54)	(\$ 325.81)	(\$ 73.27)
Available Funds:	\$ 60,994.40	\$ 59,768.10	(\$ 1,226.30)

**Tom** presented the May financial report:

**Current Month:** Checking and savings accounts are reconciled – total cash as of 5/31/22 is \$60,093.91. Net of \$325.81 of sales tax payable leaves \$59,768.10 of available cash at 5/31/22. Monthly revenues were \$5,061.28 (sharp trend downward) and monthly expenses were \$6,287.58 (consistent) resulting in a net loss of (\$1,226.30). Contributions were \$4,116.33 (sharp trend downward) and literature sales were \$915.83 (continuing to trending downwards).

**Year to Date:** As of 5/31/22, with the year 41.67% complete total revenues are \$28,864.24 which is 35.74% of the budgeted amount (well below the budgeted amount). Total contributions are at 34.26% of the budgeted amount, group contributions are at 40.68% of the budgeted amount (continuing to trend at or near the budget) and individual contributions are at 20.43% of the budgeted amount. Literature sales are at 37.61% of the budgeted amount. The year-to-date expenses are \$32,512.45 which is 40.25% of the budgeted amount (continuing to trend at or near the budget) The year-to-date loss is (\$3,648.21) vs the year-to-date loss of (\$1,262.27) as of 5/31/21.

**Comparison Year to Date May 2022 vs May 2021:** The year-to-date revenues are minimally greater than the prior year - \$28,864.26 for year to date as of 5/31/22 versus \$27,826.78 for year to date as of 5/31/21 (up 3.72%). The year-to-date expenses are also greater than the prior year - \$32,512.45 for year to date as of 5/31/22 versus \$29,089.05 for year to date as of 5/31/21 (up 11.76%). Noteworthy line items payroll up ~\$1,500 and inventory purchases are also up ~\$1,500

**Service Center:** There were 176 total calls in May, up 17% from April, and 91 total office visits, down 5% from the previous month. Service Center staff responded to 158 email inquiries, up 33% from April. (See graph below.)

**Intergroup: Thaddeus** summarized the May Intergroup meeting. There were no new I.R.'s; 10 eligible voters were present. **James** presented the financial report. District/Area Liaison **Chuck M** reported on the May G.S.R. Workshop meeting; **Jeff S** (Literature), **Lance C** (Grapevine) and **Stacey H** (Picnic) reported on their committees. There were no reports for Corrections, Treatment, PI/CPC or Web/Archives. Sally reported on the May Steering Committee. April Intergroup minutes were unanimously approved. Under Old Business, **Thaddeus** reported on **Matt H's** conversation with Syracuse group regarding Intergroup's request that they remove "AA" from their online group listing. They did not agree to do so. Our next step is to ask our Area Delegate to write a letter to G.S.O., asking them to consider our request to have Syracuse Group remove the AA designation from their web presence. G.S.O. would then evaluate how they want to proceed. Motion was made to bring the issue back to our home groups for their group conscience, to be voted on next month. Motion carried. No New Business. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM

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June 15th, 2022

**Old Business:**

Painting is completed; **Leonard Adams** will now refinish the meeting room floor and shampoo the office carpet the week of 06/17 - 06/19. Also, **Jeff K** is going to Akron for Founder's Day and will see if he can find a photo of the Bill Wilson House in East Dorset, VT to complement the framed photos he previously donated.

**New Business:**

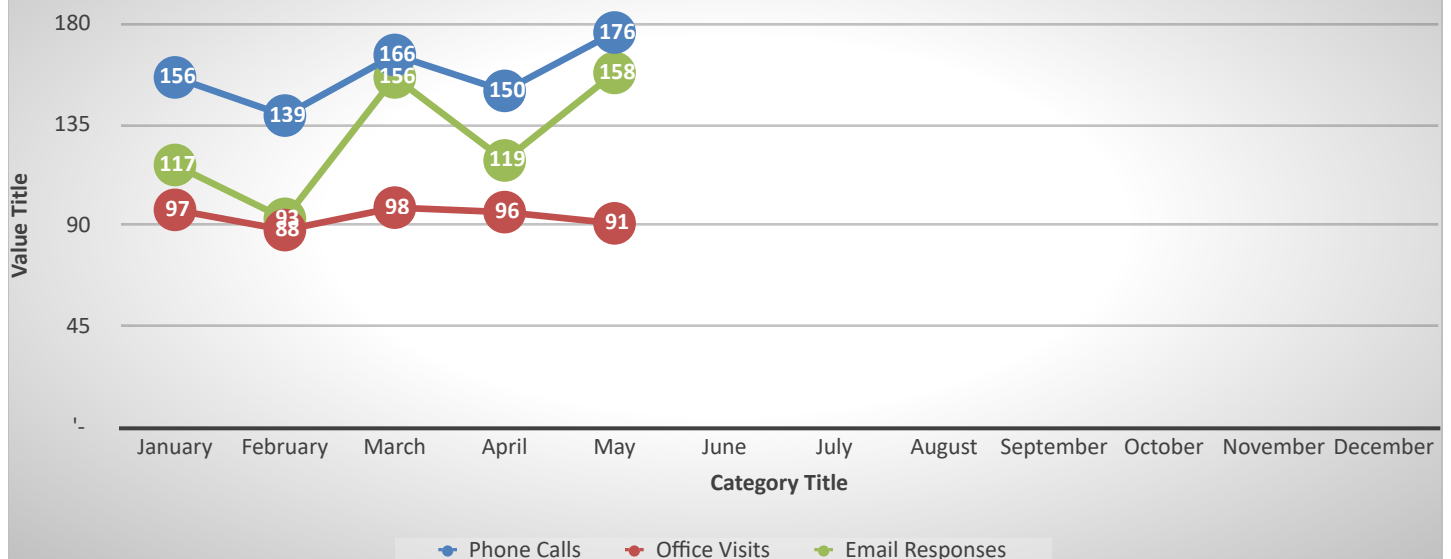
E.S.C.Y.P.A.A. requested to provide a presentation to Intergroup; the Service Center received a letter from AAWS re: literature back orders.

Will made a motion to close, which was seconded by **Tim**; meeting adjourned at 6:08 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

**Service Center Statistics  
2022**



**Next meeting: Next meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Service Center. All are welcome!**

Syracuse Intergroup Minutes

June 15th, 2022

Intergroup Vice Chair : Tom H opened the meeting with Serenity prayer @ 6:00 PM  
Secretary Rachael V. Read the 12 Traditions

**New intergroup reps / group representatives:**

None

**Monthly Reports:**

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

**Current Month:**

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

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

The Syracuse G.S.R. Workshop meets the first Monday of each month of each month in person at 135 Walters Dr. Syracuse or you can join us virtually on zoom ID: 880 317 2885 PW: 046567. This month there were 5 people in attendance. **Chuck** received the list of (14) active G.S.R.'s with emails in the 0300 & 0400 districts from **Carrie**, the area 47 registrar. The workshop decided to write a letter and email it to each of the G.S.R.'s on the list to let them know when we meet and that the workshop could really use their support. A motion was made to send \$125.00 to the AA Service Center earmarked for the Intergroup picnic. Motion passed. The next G.S.R. Workshop meeting would be July 4<sup>th</sup>. Because it is a holiday the decision was made to hold our July meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July.

Respectfully Submitted, **Ben B.** Syracuse G.S.R. Workshop Treasurer

Standing Committee Reports

**Corrections: (Matt H)**

Justice center is dealing with a COVID situation, so no one is going in anytime soon. Any literature donations see **Matt H**.

**Treatment: (Andy C.) :**

**Andy C** is the new Treatment Chair. No other updates.

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

No Report

**Literature: (Jeff S)** This month, **Ben B** of the Pioneer Group has shared his experience with the book **Dr. Bob And The Good Old Timers**.

***Hardcover, \$10.50. 384 pages.***

I have received so many gifts in recovery. Family, true friends, work, and peace of mind. One of the best gifts was the discovery of our literature. Through this gift I was introduced to the history of A.A. and our founders, **Bill**, and **Dr. Bob** and how so many things had to come together to bring them together and how their experience holds us together today in a way that only we as alcoholics can understand. One of the first books of our history that I read was **Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers**. I think more because I had read and heard a lot about **Bill**, but I didn't really know much about **Dr. Bob**. I was intrigued to read of his childhood, his college years, and his drinking during that time. How he became a doctor, husband, father, and the troubled years of his alcoholic life. His meeting with **Bill** and the story of his recovery was amazing, but what struck me most was **Dr. Bob's** personality. His simple perspectives about recovery, his quiet strength and humility which endeared him to the many alcoholics that he helped and associated with. How different he was from **Bill** and how that difference was so crucial in the survival of our society. There are many gems in this book that I could go on and on about. Instead, I encourage you to read it. One of my favorite stories is about the plaque that sat on **Dr. Bob's** desk about humility.

Humility is: Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable, or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble.

**Ben B, Pioneer Group of A.A.**

Standing Committee Reports

**Grapevine: (Lance C)**

No Report

**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)**

Presented by **Tim G**: The Steering Committee met on June 9, 2022. **Thaddeus L** opened the meeting at 5:37 PM. May 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously. **Tom K** presented the May Finance report, and **Sally C** went over May Service Center statistics. **Thaddeus L** reported on the May Intergroup meeting and also reported that **Andy G** will be taking over as Treatment Committee chair.

Under Old Business, the office painting is completed, and **Leonard Adams** will be here to refinish the meeting room floor and shampoo the office carpet the weekend of 06/17 – 06/19. Also, **Jeff K** is going to Akron for Founder's Day and will see if he can find a photo of the **Bill Wilson** House to complement the framed photos he recently donated to the Service Center.

Under New Business, we received a letter from A.A.W.S. regarding literature back orders, particularly as they pertain to Big Books (hardcover), which are currently out of stock. They expect them to be available for reorder by the end of June. A number of other books are also out of stock, with availability ranging from mid-June to early September.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

**Picnic: (Stacy C)**

A lot of nice donations from groups. Have some games together like corn hole. Good food donations (from Chef **Brian** from Early Birds). Could use a few more people for set up and tear down.

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

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June 15th, 2022

Syracuse Intergroup Officers & Standing Committee Chairs

Table 2

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
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>Andy C.</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>
Corrections Chair	<b>Matt H.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.corrections@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.corrections@gmail.com</a>
Grapevine Chair	<b>Lance C</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.grapevine@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.grapevine@gmail.com</a>
Literature Chair	<b>Jeff S</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com</a>
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:** N/A

**Approval of Prior Month's minutes:** N/A

**Danny A** made a motion which passed for Intergroup Representatives get our home group consciences if we should reach out to our district Area 47 Delegate and request the Syracuse Group's AA designation be removed.

**Andrew M** made a motion to vote on tis. **Chris M** second 8 in favor, opposed, and 1 abstention.

**Minority opinion:** **Andrew M** mentioned waste of resources to continue down this rabbit hole. **Heather K** not up to G.S.O. to pursue it. This has nothing to do with if we like Syracuse Group again. Vote stands. Motion passed.

**Ben B** asked who is going to ask a delegate to do this. **Ben B** talked with delegate about this specific issue. Delegate said he has no problem doing this but wants to meet with body of intergroup and provide information. Likely nothing would happen as they do not have any power to enter into litigation. We can do this, but result will be no action taken. **Ben B** will call and ask if delegate is available to speak next month.

New Business

**Tom H** brought up that E.S.C.Y.P.A.A. wants to rejuvenate presence in the area. Is requesting to come speak with intergroup with information about who they are. **Chris M** made a motion we invite them to speak at an intergroup meeting and **Andrew M** seconded it. 7 in favor 2 opposed, 3 abstaining. Minority opinion heard. **James M** unsure what they would want to accomplish through presenting. Would like to know what kind of presentation they are going to make. **Kayla G** reached out via email on behalf of E.S.C.Y.P.A.A. No votes changed. Motion passed.

**Motion to close Andrew M, Rachael V** 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Meeting ended with the Declaration of Unity: 6:26 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
- Wednesday: Folding Chairs, 4:00 PM; Lions Community Park, 1 Lions Pkwy, Baldwinsville 13027; late Spring to late Fall; bring a chair; O, NS, H
- Friday: Faith Without Works, 8:00 PM; Holy Cross Church, 4112 E Genesee St, DeWitt 13214; O, NS, H
- Saturday: Folding Chairs, 11:00 AM; Lions Community Park, 1 Lions Pkwy, Baldwinsville 13027; late Spring to late Fall; bring a chair; O, NS, H

## Meeting Changes:

- Sunday: **Higher Onondaga**, 9:00 AM; has moved to Onondaga Park Firebarn, 500 Summit Ave, Syracuse 13207
- 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.
- 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, Liverpool1, 13088 is now Discussion only
- Tuesday: **New Women**, 7:00 PM, St. David's Church, 14 Jamar Dr, DeWitt 13214 has resumed meeting in person and is no longer meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday: **First Things First**, 6:30 PM; St Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 Hazel St, Liverpool 13088 now has a **12 & 12** meeting the last Wednesday of each month
- Wednesday: **Midweek Breather**, 7:00 PM; New Woodstock Free Library, 2106 Main St, New Woodstock 13122 is now meeting in person

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- **Meeting Changes: *continued..***
- Wednesday: **Camillus Group**, 8:00 PM; Holy Family School, 127 Chapel Dr, Camillus 13219 is now meeting in person only, and is no longer meeting on Zoom
- Thursday: **Keeping It Simple**, 2:00 PM; Helio, 714 Hickory St, Syracuse, 13202 is ***temporarily suspended***
- Thursday: **A Woman's Way Through the 12 Steps (Zoom)**, 7:00 PM is ***temporarily suspended*** until **September 8, 2022**
- Thursday: **Village Green**, 7:30 PM is moving to
- 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 MEETS**
- Monday – Friday: **Why We're Here**, 12:00 PM; Park Central Presbyterian Church, 504 E. Fayette St, Syracuse 13202
- 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**
  
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- **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..

\* Looking for an **already established group** wanting to move their meeting location. This is **NOT FOR ANY newly formed group / meeting, or persons wanting to start a group / meeting.**

Contact **Brian C.**, 315-303-0649 (Pioneer Group member)

Location: Park Central Church @ 504 E. Fayette, Syracuse, 13202

Available meeting time(s):

One or more days, Monday - Friday between 8am-5pm, *preferably @ 12:00 noon.*

Free 25 space parking lot and free on-street parking. *There are no parking meters at this location.*

Seating capacity is 30-40, kitchen privileges, handicap accessible.

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 **July 20th, @ 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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***We will provide you with a letter of receipt for the I.R.S.***

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