



# Syracuse Meeting Times: Digital edition

## I just said yes

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"Many times, I have gone to my old hospital in despair. On talking to a man there, I would be amazingly lifted up and set on my feet. It is a design for living that works in rough going."—"Bill's Story," Alcoholics Anonymous. This passage describes my experience every time I leave an AA meeting at a correctional facility. I feel "amazingly lifted up and set on my feet."

I have been carrying the message to incarcerated people for more than 18 years now. When I first got sober, I remember Sy T., now deceased, would announce upcoming corrections service opportunities at our meetings. Sometimes he'd pass me a note about signing up to go to a prison meeting. Sy often talked about how such meetings added to the quality of his sobriety. He felt this type of service was insurance against a slip. A few years later I was sitting in a meeting, and I was whining about stuff going on in my head and someone announced that volunteers were needed to carry the message into a juvenile detention center. I raised my hand and said yes. I did as my sponsor told me to do. I just said yes.

I hit bottom during my kids' teenage years. I held on to some guilt about that even after making amends to them. Going into juvenile detention centers has been a way of giving back and showing up for teenagers. My purpose there is simply to plant a seed of hope. What I get back is so much more—healing and forgiveness. I did not expect this. God did for me what I could not do for myself.

Each time we go to the county jail and clear the metal detector, the guard hands us a key to the room where the AA literature is kept. My heart is filled with gratitude when the guard hands me the key because I remember going to jail in handcuffs. Now the guard is handing me a key!

No matter where the meeting is—jail, juvenile detention, work release or prison—the women are so grateful for our visit. When the meeting starts and we share our experience, strength and hope, the language of the heart seems to take over the meeting. The honest sharing and gratitude of the women (some in prison for years) is a beautiful thing to experience.

I'm so grateful that I've said yes to carry our message to correction facilities. When life on life's terms gets hard, a regular commitment to these corrections meetings (going into the trenches) has not only helped me stay sober, but grateful. I really look forward to returning to in-person prison meetings when this COVID-19 finally ends!

Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes  
February 9th, 2023

**Thaddeus L** opened the meeting at 5:36 PM.

**Present: Thaddeus L, Josh C, Sally C, Tim G, Tom H and Tom K**

**Last Month's minutes:** January Steering Committee meeting was cancelled, so there were no minutes to review.

**Financial Report:**

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>01/31/2023</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Beginning Cash	\$ 66,940.69	\$ 65,683.83	(\$ 1,256.86)
Less Sales Tax Payables	(\$ 1,050.32)	(\$ 1,162.35)	\$ 112.03
Available Funds	\$ 65,890.37	\$ 64,521.48	(\$ 1,368.89)

**Tom K** presented the January financial report:

**Current Month:** Checking and savings accounts are reconciled – total cash as of 1.31.23 is \$65,683.83. Net of \$1,162.35 of sales tax leaves \$64,521.48 of available cash at 1.31.23. Monthly revenues were \$5,221.33 and monthly expenses were \$6,590.22 resulting in a net loss of (\$1,368.89). Contributions were \$3,686.45 and literature sales were \$1,534.38.

**Year to Date:** As of January 31, 2023 with the year 8.33% complete total revenues are \$5,221.33 which is 6.58% of the budgeted amount. Total contributions are at 6.51% of the budgeted amount, group contributions are at 7.64% of the budgeted amount and individual contributions are at 2.92% of the budgeted amount. Literature sales are at 7.1% of the budgeted amount. The year-to-date expenses are \$6,590.22 which is 10.30% of the budgeted amount. The year-to-date loss is (\$1,368.89) vs the year-to-date loss of (\$1,020.23) as of 1.31.22.

**Comparison Year to Date January 2023 vs January 2022:** The year-to-date revenues are flat as compared to last year - \$5,221.33 vs \$5,311.23. The year-to-date expenses are up (4.09%) as compared to last year - \$6,590.22 vs \$6,331.46. National Grid bill was \$465.12 vs \$157.07 last December.

**Service Center:** There were 125 total calls in January, down 11% from December and 88 total office visits, up 2% from the previous month. Service Center staff responded to 93 email inquiries, down 24% from December. In 2022, between office visits, phone calls and email responses, Service Center staff have managed a total of 4,555 contacts for the year. (See graph below.) 2022 online donations totaled \$696.20, of which the Service Center netted \$673.21. In addition, we redeemed \$430.17 in Rewards points on our credit card, which was used to reduce our credit card balance.

**Intergroup: Tom H** summarized the January Intergroup meeting. There was one new IR, **Tom B** (Pioneer Group). **Will M** presented the financial report. **Ben B** reported on Archives (appointed to this new committee by **Tom H**), **Josh C** reported on Technology, **Andy C** reported on Treatment, and **Robert C** reported on Literature. There were no reports for District/Area, Corrections, PI/CPC, Grapevine and Picnic and Steering committees. December minutes were unanimously approved. Under Old Business, **Tom H** nominated **Adina S** for 2023 Recording Secretary; passed unanimously. There was no New Business. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM

**Old Business:**

The plaque in **Neal B's** memory is completed.

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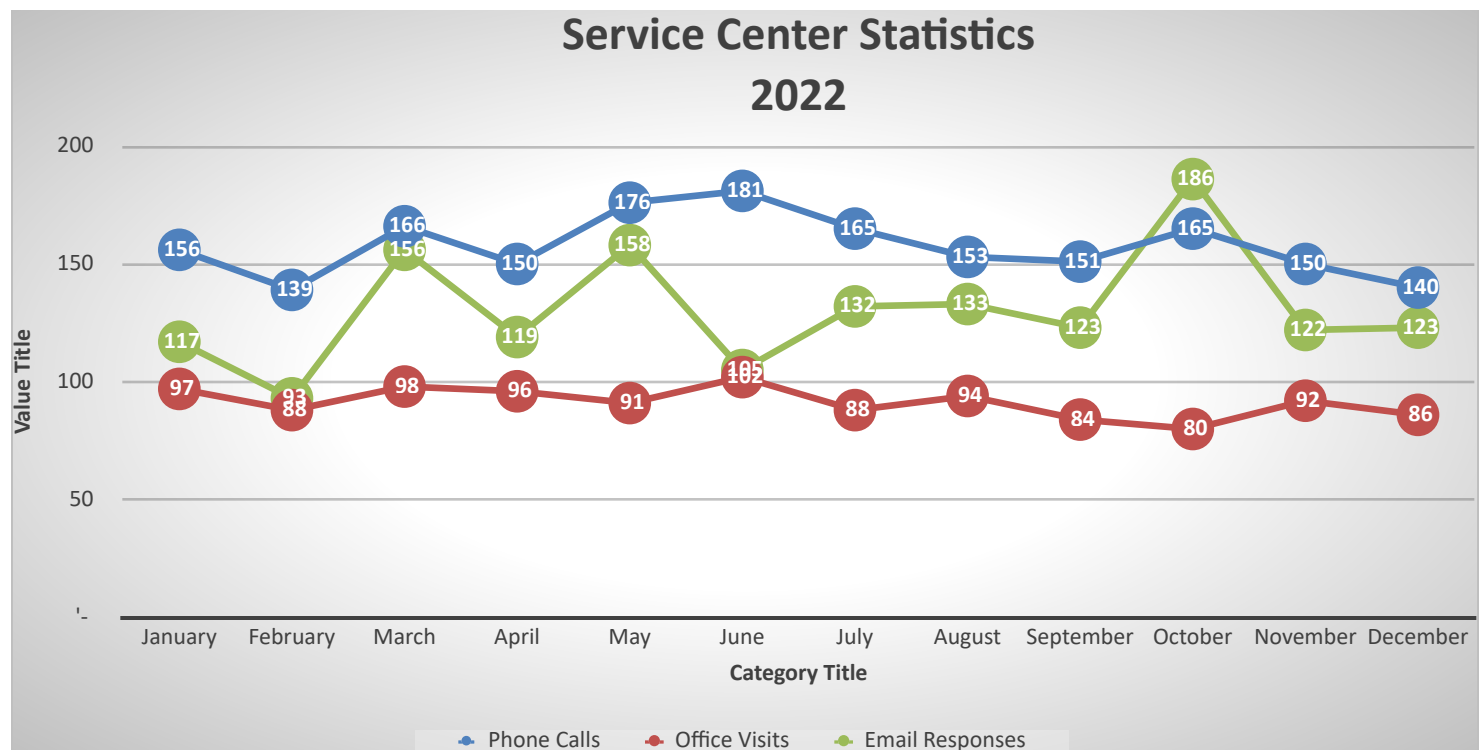
Syracuse Intergroup Steering Committee Minutes - continued  
February 9th, 2023

**New Business:**

**Sally** reported that the 2023 NYS Fair application window has opened. In addition, the committee discussed placement of the photos **Jeff K** donated to the Service Center, as well as the numbered print of the Wilson House **Jeff** donated, and **Neal's** plaque.

**Tim** made a motion to close, which was seconded by **Tom H**; meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Member	Intergroup Officer Position	Paid Position	Term Expires
Thaddeus L	No	No	12/31/2023
Tom H	Yes – Intergroup Chair	No	12/31/2024
Tim G	No	No	12/31/2023
Will M	Yes – Financial Chair	No	12/31/2023
Josh C	Yes – Technology Chair	No	12/31/2024
Sally C	No	Yes	Non-rotating
Tom K (Accountant)	No	Yes	Non-rotating



**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Service Center. All are welcome!

In Service: **Irene, James, Jim and Sally**

## Syracuse Intergroup Minutes

February 15th, 2023

**Intergroup Chair : Tom H.** opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer at 6:03 PM.

**Intergroup Vice-Chair: Brandy C.** Read the 12 Traditions

### New intergroup reps / group representatives:

**Mary W** (New Women), **Alisha W** (Sober Sisters)

### Monthly Reports:

### Financial Report: (Will M.)

#### **Current Month:**

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#### **Noteworthy line items are:**

Group Contributions up ~\$450

Literature Sales down ~ (\$400)

Payroll expenses down ~\$300

Utilities expenses up ~ \$300

Office supplies up ~ \$50

Accounting down ~ \$150

Purchases up ~ \$500

**Net decrease ~ (\$350)**

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### Standing Committee Reports:

**District / Area: (Chuck M)** No report.  
*Will not meet until April 2023.*

**Corrections: (Vacant)** No report

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

Will resume as of march 2023, No report at this time.

**Grapevine: (Lance C.)** No report.

**Picnic: (Stacy C)** Nothing to report until 2023.

**Archives: (Ben B)** is the archives chair at this time. The Archives Committee met at the AA Service Center on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The committee plans to start sorting and organizing through the archives and will be sending reports going forward. The committee will be meeting again on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2pm.

**Technology: (Josh C)** No report

**Steering committee report: (Sally C.)**

The Steering Committee met on February 9, 2023. **Thaddeus S** opened the meeting at 5:36 PM. **Tom K** presented the January Finance report, which showed that January total income was slightly below budget, and total expenses slightly above budget, due to ordering additional literature for the Roundup as well as higher than usual utilities costs. **Sally C** went over January Service Center statistics, and also noted that in 2022, between office visits, phone calls and email responses, Service Center staff managed 4,555 contacts. **Tom H** reported on the January Intergroup meeting.

Under Old Business, the plaque in **Neal B's** memory has been completed.

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Standing Committee Reports continued

**Treatment: (Andy C)**

Continuing to bring meetings to a local long term inpatient facility, Elements Helio Health. Looking for group(s) interested in a month long commitment of carrying out meetings. Currently has included one male and one female bringing a speaker/discussion meeting to the patients in the facility every Monday at 6 PM. The Treatment Committee has fulfilled commitments through the month of April 2023. Committee was contacted by Desen's House a women's halfway house in Oswego; however, Desen's House will not be open until May. At that time they will be looking for a meeting to be brought there. Tully Hill is open but no contact at the time they are currently holding a Saturday meeting. **Andy C.** is going to work with the committee to create a flyer with all of the information for Elements.

For any questions or concerns contact Andy C treatment chair at (315) 263-3511.

**Literature: (Robert C) No Report**

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**Old Business:**

No old business

**New Business:**

**Ben B.** brought up for discussion the suggestion that the monthly financial report might be streamlined to include less detail, and possibly include the full level of detail on a quarterly basis. This was discussed briefly before being tabled to discuss at next month's Steering Committee meeting.

**Tom H. closed the meeting at 6:31 PM with the Declaration of Unity.**



## Syracuse Intergroup Officers & Standing Committee Chairs

<b><u>2023 Intergroup Servants</u></b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Chairperson	<b>Thomas H.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.chair@gmail.com</a>
Vice-Chairperson	<b>Brandy C.</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>
Recording Secretary	<b>Adina S.</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>Vacant</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>Robert C.</b>	<a href="mailto:syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com">syr.intergroup.literature@gmail.com</a>
Web / Technology Chair	<b>Josh C.</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>
Archive Chair	<b>Ben B.</b>	

# Syracuse Meeting Times Announcements

PLEASE SEE [AASYRACUSE.ORG](http://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:

- Monday, **Main Street**, 7:30 PM; is meeting on Zoom; meeting ID: 988 427 9302, PW 187667. O
- Tuesday, **Sober Mission**, 7:00 PM; Rescue Mission, 155 Gifford St Chapel, Syracuse 13202; Open
- Tuesday: **It's Not Complicated**, 7:30 PM; Zoom only, meeting ID: 897 8695 6066, PW 225250. C
- Thursday: **It's Not Complicated**, 7:30 PM; Zoom only, meeting ID: 859 8651 6066 PW 117464. C
- Friday,

## Meeting Changes:

- Sunday: **Higher Onondaga**, 9:00 AM; has moved to Ukrainian National Home, 1317 W Fayette St, Syracuse 13204
- Tuesday: **Jordan Group**, St Patrick's Church, 28 N Main St, Jordan 13080 has changed its meeting time from 8:00 PM to **7:00 PM**, effective 12/6/2022
- Tuesday: **Fair Haven Group**, Fair Haven Fire Hall, Fair Haven 13156 has changed its meeting time from 8:00 PM to **7:30 PM**
- Tuesday: **Into Action**, 7:30 PM, is now meeting on Zoom only; meeting ID: 813 1301 2024, PW: 13036
- Tuesday: **New Women**, 7:30 PM, has resumed meeting on Zoom; meeting ID: 669757357, PW: 062182
- Wednesday: **Clinton's Ditch**, First United Methodist Church, 2744 E Brutus St, Weedsport 13166 has changed its meeting time from 8:00 PM to **7:00 PM**, effective 12/7/2022
- Friday: **New Women**, 10:00 AM; St David's Church, 14 Jamar Dr, DeWitt 13066 has resumed meeting in person
- Friday: **Lost And Found**, 8:00 PM; has moved to St. Malachy's Roman Catholic Church Parish House, 33 E State St, Sherburne 13460
- Saturday: **Saturday Night Serenity**, 6:30 PM; has moved to Faith Lutheran Church, 6142 State Rte 31, Cicero 13039

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## **No Longer Meeting:**

- Sunday: **Chasing Sobriety (Zoom)**, Big Book Study, 8:30 PM **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Monday: **Fresh Air (Zoom)**, 7:00 PM **NO LONGER MEETS**
- Saturday: **Valley Girls**, 11:00 AM; Unity Church, 300 W Seneca Tpk, Syracuse 13207 **NO LONGER MEETS**

## **Other:**

- 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.

- **Park Central Church** is 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. 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 Wednesday, March 22nd - 2023, @ 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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