

# Syracuse Meeting Times



JANUARY 2026

SYRACUSE INTERGROUP | SERVICE CENTER | 2513 JAMES ST. | 13206-2824 | [AASYRACUSE.ORG](http://AASYRACUSE.ORG) | 315-463-5011

## What's Best for the Group

### *A member in Oregon shares her thoughts about one of our most important Traditions*

**Tradition One:** *Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.*

After seven years in AA, I finally feel like I'm starting to acquire a working knowledge of this vital principle, Tradition One. This Tradition makes clear that the welfare of the group should come before any one member. The group comes before me, before you, before the old-timer, and yes, even before the newcomer. Who knew? Not me.

Even though I thought I had been practicing the First Tradition for a while now, I was actually only understanding it in my head. The principle was not yet in my heart. Because I knew the AA literature and could even recite the long form, I was following the technicalities of the Tradition—the “letter of the law,” rather than the spirit of the principle. Over time, I found I was never truly able to practice any of the other Traditions until this particular principle really had sunk into my heart.

I'll give an example. I voted at my home group that the secretary position only have a 90-day sobriety requirement. Why? Because service keeps us sober, and the newcomer could benefit most from getting into service. Seems logical, no?

Then for years following that group conscience decision, whenever our group had an election and there were two members standing for the same position, I would always, always vote for the person who I thought needed a service position the most. I would support the person who I believed could benefit the most from the position, rather than the person who I thought could be of the most benefit to the group as a whole, the person who was the most qualified.

As a result, more often than not it was the whole group that suffered when we voted that way, when we elected someone who might not be qualified.

Today I see that when the AA group isn't strong, we lose effectiveness. I learned that we are able to help more people when we have an effective meeting.

So once again, more has been revealed to me. Today I will vote for someone who I feel has a strong working knowledge of the Twelve Traditions, the one who is best qualified and who I think will be the most responsible and reliable for the job. Because ultimately, that is the way everyone else will best be served—including the newcomer.

*C.B. | Bend, Ore.*

The Syracuse Intergroup serves the AA groups in and around Syracuse, NY—districts in the 300s and 400s. Intergroup Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Intergroup Officers meet once a month on the **third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.** at the Service Center, 2513 James St. All are welcome.

### **NEW** Service Center Hours

Monday	8:30 – 4:30
Tuesday	8:30 – 6:00
Wednesday	8:30 – 6:00
Thursday	8:30 – 4:30

**NEW** Closed 12:30 – 1:30 for lunch

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### **Tradition One in Practice**

*From the Traditions Checklist, a publication of the the AA Grapevine—*

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person? Am I sometimes divisive? Do I ever gossip or take another member's inventory?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I foster arguments with statements such as “just for the sake of discussion”?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I sometimes abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I ever put down some AA activities for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support AA as a whole in every way I can, or just the parts that I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?

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**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Members:**

Jason D.	12/31/2026
Andrew M.	12/31/0227
Jeff K.	12/31/2027
Chris P.	12/31/2027
Andy C.	12/31/2027
Colleen K.	12/31/2027

**Non Rotating Positions:**

Accountant: Tom K.  
Office Manager: Lee P.

The Steering Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Service Center.

**DECEMBER 11, 2025  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

# Service Center Report

**Service Center Office Statistics:**

- ▶ 51 total calls
- ▶ 6 after-hours calls
- ▶ 56 total office visits
- ▶ 61 email responses
- ▶ Total contacts thus far in 2025 is 2,960, compared to 3,534 for the same time period in 2024 (difference of -16%)
- ▶ New Hire started 12/2
- ▶ Sales and office visits are way down
- ▶ GSO is hurting for funds, report will be sent to Intergroup
- ▶ **4 committees meet at the Service Center monthly:**

**ESCYPAA** (formerly SYRYPAA)—2nd and 4th Tuesdays

**Intergroup**—3rd Wednesday

**Salt City Mid Winter Roundup**—1st Wednesday

**Steering Committee**—2nd Thursday

# Steering Committee Minutes

**DECEMBER 11, 2025 | BRANDY C. OPENED 5:30 PM**

**Present were:** Chris P, Jeff K, Jason D, Colleen K, Andy C, Lee P, Brandy

**Via Zoom:** Tom K

**Also Present:** James M

**Minutes:** Motion to approve made by: Jeff K, Seconded by: Jason D  
Minutes Approved

## Committee Reports

**Financial Report:** Tom K (see attached, page 3)

**Service Center:** Lee P (see below)

**Intergroup:** Jason D

Syracuse Group is seeking to be put back on the schedule.  
New Finance chair and Tech chair still needed.

## Old Business

- Office manager will remain in position, new support staff will be hired
- Hours will remain M-Th, with two days offering extended hours to 6pm.
- Van Duyn has been trying to contact someone re: starting a new meeting. No one is responding; Jason will reply.
- Colleen presented a preview of the Newsletter.
- Deb C interviewed for Accountant Position
- 2nd Candidate will be reviewed

## New Business

- November After hour calls: 6
- Accountant search will continue — Tom can stay till March
- Budget Reviewed — shows a potential loss of ~3k. Budget will be submitted to Intergroup for approval.
- Green Self Support card will be given out with every transaction at the Service Center
- Gift Cards for Staff approved ~ \$600

**Close:** Chris P (motion ) Andy (second) @\_ 6:40 \_PM

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

# Monthly Financial Summary

**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

## Current Month:

Checking, savings and credit card accounts are reconciled — total cash as of 12/31/25 is \$77,790 net of \$1,305 of credit card charges payable (reconciled as of 12/24/2025) and \$1,105 of sales tax payable, leaving \$75,380 of available cash at 12/31/25. Monthly revenues were \$6,253 — right at the average, and monthly expenses were \$8,456 (including \$600 for employee gratuities, \$150 increase in rent, \$200 for two annual computer subscriptions, and \$300 of office supplies from Amazon) — trending significantly greater than monthly average resulting in a net loss of (\$2,203).

## Year to Date:

As of December 31, 2025, with the year 100% complete, total revenues are \$85,241 which is 89.5% of the budgeted amount. Total contributions are at 93% of the budgeted amount and group contributions are at 91.6% of the budgeted amount. Literature sales are at 74.5% of the budget. Total revenues, contributions and literature sales are all way below the budget amount.

The year-to-date expenses are \$88,142 which is 92.6% of the budget amount. The year-to-date net loss is (\$2,902) vs the year-to-date net income \$2,845 as of 12/31/24.

# Syracuse Intergroup, Inc.

BALANCE SHEET | AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

#### Bank Accounts

Key Checking	8,250.41
Key Savings	69,468.31
Cash Fund	-1,111.25

**Total for Bank Accounts \$76,607.47**

### OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Undeposited Funds	1,183.00
Inventory	21,725.83
Inventory Asset	1,230.82

**Total for Other Current Assets \$24,139.65**

**Total for Current Assets \$100,747.12**

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## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

### LIABILITIES

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

##### CREDIT CARDS

Key Bank - Mastercard	1,304.76
<b>Total for Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$1,304.76</b>

##### OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Sales Tax Payable	1,105.12
<b>Total for Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,105.12</b>

**Total for Current Liabilities \$2,409.88**

**Total Liabilities \$2,409.88**

### EQUITY

Retained Earnings	101,238.81
Net Income	-2,901.57
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$98,337.24</b>

**Total Liabilities and Equity \$100,747.12**

## PROFIT AND LOSS | DECEMBER 2025

### INCOME

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

##### Group Contributions

Cazenovia Group	114.25
Early Birds	573.05
Early Birds Zoom	143.42
Free Thinkers	35.00
Happy Hour	1,156.00
Just Today	654.90
Manlius	20.00
Noon Traditions	540.00
Sober Buffalos	100.00
Stockbridge	25.00

Sunrise Sobriety 383.86

Way of Life 700.00

You're in the Righi Place (B'ville) 600.00

**Total Group Contributions \$5,045.48**

Individual Contributions 11.50

Intergroup Contributions 21.00

**Total Contributions \$5,077.98**

### SALES

Literature Sales 734.03

Chip Sales 192.36

Misc. Literature Sales 52.60

**Total Sales \$978.99**

Interest Income 108.88

Miscellaneous Revenue 28.83

Sales of Product Income 58.00

**Total Income \$6,252.68**

**GROSS PROFIT \$6,252.88**

### EXPENSES

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

##### Disbursements

Payroll and Related 2,711.41

Salaries and Wages 605.21

Payroll Taxes 159.80

Employee Gratuities 600.00

**Total Payroll and Related \$4,076.42**

Rent 1,050.00

Office Utilities 127.19

Technology Related Expense 347.97

Merchant Service Fees 19.45

Office Supplies 433.47

Telephone 60.60

Janitorial 210.00

Accounting Services 400.00

##### Purchases

Literature Purchases 1,719.03

**Total Purchases \$1,719.03**

Postage 11.97

**Total Disbursements \$8,456.10**

**Total Expenses \$8,456.10**

**Net Operating Income \$-2,203.42**

**Net Income \$-2,203.42**

# Syracuse Intergroup Minutes: December

Meeting Date:	December 17, 2025
Chairperson:	Jason D
Vice Chair:	Andrew M
Secretary:	Joe T
Meeting Opened With:	Serenity Prayer, traditions read by Andrew M

## Announcements

- Round up fliers available

## New Intergroup Reps

- Christian — Tuesday night group

## Monthly Reports

### ● Finance Report—Frank V (Read by Jason)

- ▲ Finance report sent via Email to members (if you know of people who aren't receiving these, they should contact the Service Center or a member of the Intergroup board to get signed up)
- ▲ Contributions from groups are down and literature sales are down. Revenue is down, but income is also down in general.

### ● District Liaison / Area Report:

- ▲ No official report.

## Standing Committee Reports

### ● Corrections—Jeff T

- ▲ The team is still the same, four men, four women. New applications for the justice center are still on hold. Three applications for men on hold, due to Fingerprints not being taken yet.

### ● Treatment: Bruce

- ▲ Finally have a contact inside of Van Duyn. Helio meeting flier was released, and Bruce will contact Colleen to further investigate fliers for other groups. Noon Traditions has been sponsoring the Commonwealth meeting, but request other groups step in.
- ▲ Jason's call to action: for the January meeting we are hoping members will bring this back to home groups, and decide if your group will sponsor a recovery meeting. The hope is that individual groups would sponsor each of the months for the year.
- ▲ Jason will talk with Bruce about getting the chart sent out to members to sign up.

### ● PI / CPC (Hugh):

- ▲ No report — *position will be vacant next month*

### ● Literature / Grapevine:

- ▲ *Open position (Bring back to groups)*

### ● Technology (Bruce/Josh):

- ▲ Open Position (no updates) Hugh will rotate in as vice chair, and will help out with this position.

### ● Archives (Ben B.):

- ▲ No report

### ● Steering Committee Report:

- ▲ Report read by Jason: actively searching for an accountant; two folks applied; one person withdrew; another individual interviewed, but had been retired for quite some time and didn't have modern skills. We are asking that a new accountant would have relevant experience. (All located in job description)
- ▲ Currently bylaws dictate that Accountant must be a member of AA, but if this position does not get filled we may want to consider making this a position that doesn't need to be held by a member of AA. (This would require updating to the bylaws)
- ▲ New hire started Dec. 2nd in office
- ▲ GSO is also in a poor position for funding currently.

### ● Ad Hoc Committee—Intergroup Manual

- ▲ Hugh reported that the committee met and was postponed this week, and will have a presentation ready for January. Work still underway on updating the manual.

## Voter Eligibility

- 15 eligible voters

## Approval of Previous Minutes

- ▲ Hugh corrected time
- ▲ Motion passed: 15 yayas 0 nayes

## Old Business

- ▲ Finance chair needed for Intergroup. Currently this job would work with the accountant to advise the Intergroup with all fiscal matters. The summary of each month's financials should be written by the Finance Chair and brought back to the Intergroup each month.

## New Business

- ▲ Budget items discussed by Jason. Please see your email for full budget information. (Jason also included talking about requesting donations from groups, and this should be brought back to groups for further discussion.) Further discussion was brought up regarding lack of participation in Intergroup.
- ▲ Hugh made a motion to amend the budget to increase the amount of Committees to restore the previous amount from 2025 per committee and add it to the 2026 budget.
  - Seconded by Tim
  - 15 yays — unanimous
- ▲ Motion made by Tim M. seconded by Julie, to pass budget
  - Motion passed 12 yes, 2 no. (See page 6)

- Julie brought up discussion regarding adding the Syracuse group back to the schedule.
- ▲ Some further concerns were brought up and the asks regarding the housing situation was addressed and the city shows no concern with these individuals as the building is privately owned. The concerns regarding medication were brought up at the Syracuse group business meeting and this was addressed as hearsay and not factual in nature.
- ▲ Julie S. made a motion to add group back to schedule seconded by Ngor N.
  - 5 yes, 7 no's. Motion failed
- ▲ Motion made to close meeting by Tim, seconded by Julie.

**Meeting adjourned**

- ▲ Closed with the Declaration of Unity led by Jason D.

**SYRACUSE INTERGROUP TRUSTED SERVANTS**

Chair:	<b>Andrew</b>
Vice Chair:	<b>Hugh B</b>
Recording Secretary:	<b>Matt S</b>
Finance Chair:	

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

PI/CPC:	
Technology/Website:	
Archives/Archivist:	<b>Ben B</b>
Picnic Chair:	
Treatment Chair:	<b>Bruce L.</b>
Corrections Chair:	<b>Jeff T.</b>
Literature/Grapevine:	

*The miracle of service is this:  
when I use what I have,  
I find there is more available to  
me than I realized before.*

—Daily Reflections, January 24

*Dear Syracuse Alcoholics Anonymous Members,*

Happy New Year, and thank you for allowing me to serve as your Syracuse Intergroup Chairperson in 2025. Since the beginning of my sobriety, service work has been invaluable to staying sober and giving back what was freely given to me.

The Syracuse Intergroup provides vital services to our community, including operating and staffing a service center, facilitating meetings in treatment and correctional facilities, answering phone calls around the clock, and much more.

Ensuring we can continue offering these services is of paramount importance to our membership and to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Provision of these services and operation of our service center both require funding. We ended 2025 with a deficit due to decreased revenue. Our expenses are as lean as possible. We are forecasting a deficit for 2026 as well and, without increased revenue this will become a reality.

For this reason, I've chosen to make an individual donation and encourage you to join me in supporting our Intergroup—whether through financial contributions or by volunteering your time on committees or becoming an Intergroup Representative if your group doesn't have one. Time dedicated to supporting our community is just as valuable as money when it comes to our collective sobriety. And please encourage your groups to observe our Seventh Tradition regularly.

All are invited to attend Intergroup meetings at the Service Center every third Wednesday at 6 PM to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

In fellowship,  
Jason D.

**SEVENTH TRADITION:**

*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.*

*Groups and individuals may make Seventh Tradition contributions to the Syracuse Intergroup online by clicking the "Dontate" button at [aasyracuse.org](http://aasyracuse.org) or by mailing a check to the Service Center at 2513 James St., Syracuse, NY 13206-2824.*

# Approved 2026 Budget

<b>INCOME:</b>	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
Group Contributions	\$42,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 2,000.00
Intergroup Contributions	\$100.00
Intergroup Picnic	\$500.00
Golf Tournament	\$11,000.00
State Fair Donations	\$3,100.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$58,700.00</b>
<b>SALES</b>	
Literature Sales	\$20,000.00
Chip Sales	
Schedule Sales	
Misc. Literature Sales	
Postage Reimbursement	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	
Area 47 Storage Rental	\$360.00
Roundup Room Rental	\$550.00
Roundup Storage Rental	\$175.00
SYRYPAA Room Rental	\$240.00
Interest Income	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,325.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$82,025.00</b>

*As individuals and as a Fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a kind Providence. God has endowed us human beings with considerable capability for foresight and he evidently expects us to use it. Therefore we must needs distinguish between wishful dreaming for a happy tomorrow and today's use of our powers of thoughtful estimate — estimate of the kind which we trust will bring future progress rather than unforeseen woe.*

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1959, "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need," The Language of the Heart

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
<b>PAYROLL AND RELATED</b>	
Salaries and Wages	\$37,024.00
Payroll Taxes	\$5,554.00
Payroll Service Fees	\$2,200.00
Employee Gratuities	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL AND RELATED</b>	<b>\$45,378.00</b>
<b>OFFICE RELATED</b>	
Rent	\$11,400.00
Office Utilities	\$2,100.00
Technology-Related Expense	\$1,500.00
Merchant Service Fees	\$400.00
Office Supplies	\$1,200.00
Telephone	\$720.00
Answering Service	\$0.00
Janitorial	
Facilities Maintenance & Repair	\$840.00
Accounting Services	\$850.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE RELATED</b>	<b>\$19,010.00</b>
<b>PURCHASES</b>	
Literature Purchases	\$16,100.00
Chip Purchases	
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>	<b>\$16,100.00</b>
Postage	\$250.00
Insurance	\$1,225.00
Public Information & CPC Committee	\$150.00
Institutional Literature Correctional Facilities	\$150.00
Institutional Literature (Treatment)	\$150.00
NY State Fair	\$2,800.00
Technology Committee (included in Technology-Related)	
Intergroup Archives Committee	\$300.00
Grapevine Committee	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	
Bank Charges	
Intergroup Picnic	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$86,613.00</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$-4,588.00</b>

# Announcements

## GROUP UPDATES AND EVENTS

### Meeting Updates

#### **Peculiar Mental Twist**

7:00PM | Tuesday

In-Person Only Now | Open

135 Walter Drive, Syracuse, NY 13206

*The Friday 7:30PM Peculiar Mental Twist meeting will now be on Tuesday night at 7:00pm at Fellowship Hall.*

#### **The Basics/Beginners**

7:00PM | Tuesday

In-Person Only | Open

Syracuse Open House, 1947 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

*For 2026: Meets Tuesdays in ODD months beginning in January (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov). Meets on the first four Tuesdays of a given month; if a month has a fifth Tuesday, there is NO meeting.*

#### **New Meeting: Highbridge Thankful**

7:30PM | Friday

In-Person Only

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7248 Highbridge Rd. Fayetteville, NY 13066

#### **Oswego Serenity Virtual (Zoom)**

12:00 PM | Monday

Oswego, NY 13126

*Only meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday now.*

#### **Early Birds Virtual (Zoom)**

Venmo Change

*The Venmo should read @earlybirdsz.*

### Anniversaries & Events

#### **ESCYPAA (formerly SYRPAA)**

Super Bowl Watch Party | Sunday, February 8 at King of Kings Church, 8278 Oswego Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090

Doors open at 4:00 | Speaker Panel at 4:30

Three speakers on the topic of "Staying Sober Through Wins and Losses"

Send announcements to:  
[syracuseservicecenter@gmail.com](mailto:syracuseservicecenter@gmail.com)

Please keep your group's contact and meeting information up-to-date.

For the Syracuse Intergroup:

[www.aasyracuse.org/meeting-schedule-update-request/](http://www.aasyracuse.org/meeting-schedule-update-request/)

For AA Central New York Area 47:

<https://www.aacny.org/wordpress/contact/> or email: [registrar@aacny.org](mailto:registrar@aacny.org) for more information

#### **Salt City Mid-winter Roundup**

February 20–22, 2026

Marriott Syracuse Downtown

[Click for more information and to register.](#)

#### **New York State Fair Public Information Exhibit**

If your group or committee would like to sign-up to staff the 2026 New York State Fair AA PI booth for one day, please visit: <https://forms.gle/teidpJp17F8UeKvt6> or scan the QR code. The only way to sign-up is online. For more details, you can [download a .pdf of the flier here.](#)

