

# Lancaster Area Intergroup Of Alcoholic's Anonymous

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**STEP SEVEN**

Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings.

**TRADITION SEVEN**

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

**CONCEPT SEVEN**

The conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments. It is further understood that the Conference charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead on the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purpose for its final effectiveness

**Seventh Step Prayer:**

*"My creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen."*

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**STEP EIGHT**

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

**TRADITION EIGHT**

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**CONCEPT EIGHT**

The Trustees of the G.S.B. act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of custodial oversight which they exercise through election.

## LAI OFFICE NEWS:

### TO ALL SECRETARIES

**Please keep the LAI informed of addresses and current secretaries for your group.**

This is to ensure that you receive this newsletter and more to come. If you want the newsletter emailed to you please email the Interoffice at [lai111@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lai111@sbcglobal.net) Information Change form is available in the office. Membership Confirmation forms are also available and will confirm your current/future participation in the Lancaster Area Intergroup.

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 16th at 2:00 p.m.** All group secretaries and alternates are encouraged to attend. Office is open for donations and literature purchases following the meetings.

The LAI office can only stay open with donations from the groups. Please make sure your group is donating!

### OFFICER MANAGER'S REPORT

All World Service literature prices increased on July 1, 2009. Don't forget to visit our website at <http://www.lancasterareaintergroup-aa.com/>

You can request schedules, pricing and so much more. Just a reminder that our new email address is [lai111@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lai111@sbcglobal.net) and our office hours are Monday—Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

As you may have noticed this newsletter is combined for the months of July and August. We appreciate your patience as we adjust to a change of editor. Would you like to plug a meeting? Share Experience, Strength and Hope? Submit you're A.A. related news, info or ideas to [karigarner@ymail.com](mailto:karigarner@ymail.com) or leave in the Newsletter box in the LAI office. If you want it in the following month's newsletter please submit by end of current month.

## June 2009 Treasurer's Report

	<u>June</u>	<u>2009 FYTD*</u>
Beginning Balance	\$1,938.65	\$1,051.89
Total Income	\$1,360.71	\$14,617.49
Sub Total	\$3,299.36	\$15,669.38
Total Expenses	\$1,555.99	\$13,926.01
Ending Balance	\$1,743.37	\$1,743.37
Prudent Reserve	Cash	\$1,121.84
	Literature	\$466.40
	Total	\$1,588.24

\*Fiscal Year = July 1 – June 30

# Lancaster Area Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting 28 June 2009

Cherie S. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm; acting as Chairperson in Loraine S. absence.

The Serenity Prayer was said.

All present were:

Group Secretaries

Gary D. (Ya Gotta Want It)-Alt.

Patti W. (Sisters in Sobriety)

Mike F. (Foundation Group)

Chip S. (Friday Night 8:00)

Jim W. (Ashville 12&12)

Kari G. (Experience, Strength, Hope)

Scott G. (Hope is Found Here)

Officers

Amy Y. (Secretary) excused absence

Kathy S. (Office Manager)

Cherie S. (Co-Chair)

Loraine S. (Chairperson) excused absence

John K. (Trustee) excused absence

Ron S. (Trustee)

Linda L. (Treasurer)

Lynny P. (Assistance Office Manager)

There were 7 voting members and 5 officers present at today's meeting.

Twelve Tradition, Unity Statement and Responsibility Statements were read.

June's Minutes: Ron S moved to accept May's minutes as written; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike F. The motion was approved; minutes were accepted

June's Treasurer's Report: Linda L. gave the report. Lynny P. moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike F. Hearing no objections the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Office Manager's Report: Kathy S gave a verbal report. Donations are down again this month. Kathy asked that secretaries talk to their groups. All world service literature prices increase on July 1, 2009.

Membership Committee: No report.

Newsletter Editor: The office received the editor's resignation late this month.

LAI Picnic: Patti W. submitted a written final report which is attached. Kathy S. suggested that we ask for a volunteer for next year's picnic. We will take this request to meetings.

Old Business:

- Elections: Previous nominations had been received for:

Chairperson - Loraine S.

Assistant Office Manager - Lynny P.

Treasurer's - Linda L.

Odd Year Trustee - John K.

The floor was opened for additional nomination. None were received. It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to close nominations.

Each office was voted for and all those nominated were elected 7-0.

New Business: Patti W. moved to transfer all money from the picnic account, except for \$100.00 to the LAI checking account; Kari G. 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion was approved 7-0. Kathy S. asked for a volunteer to serve as the Newsletter editor. Kari G. agreed to serve; no objections were made. Thanks Kari!

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 2:00 PM – July 19, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. and Lord's Prayer was said.

## **LAI UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **SOUTH PERRY ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**

Saturday **AUGUST 15, 2009**

4:00—FELLOWSHIP

5:00—MEAL

6:30— OPEN LEAD

The group will provide meat, table service, and tea/coffee.

Lawn chairs for personal seating.

Please bring a covered dish and drinks.

### **PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**

Sunday **August 16, 2009**

4:00— FELLOWSHIP

6:00— MEAL

7:30—OPEN LEAD

The group will provide meat, table service, and tea/coffee.

Please bring a covered dish and drinks.

## **May 2009 Treasurer's Report**

	<u>May</u>	<u>2009 FYTD*</u>
Beginning Balance	\$1,471.47	\$1,051.89
Total Income	\$1,400.71	\$13,256.78
Sub Total	\$2,872.18	\$14,308.67
Total Expenses	\$933.53	\$12,370.02
Ending Balance	\$1,938.65	\$1,938.65
Prudent Reserve		
	Cash	\$1,121.56
	Literature	\$466.40
	Total	\$1,587.96

\*Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30

# Lancaster Area Intergroup

## Steering Committee Meeting 17 May 2009

Loraine S. called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Loraine S. was a few minutes late. The Serenity Prayer was said.

All present were:

### Group Secretaries

Dave S. (Ya Gotta Want It)  
Patti W. (Sisters in Sobriety)  
Mike F. (Foundation Group)  
Darl S. (Brothers in Sobriety)  
Marcia W. (Monday Big Book)  
Chip S. (Friday Night 8:00)  
Jim W. (Ashville 12&12)  
Hank H. (Sunday Discussion)  
Tim K. (Spiritual Steps to Freedom)

### Officers

Amy (Secretary)  
Kathy (Office Manager)  
Cherie S. (Co-Chair) (excused absence)  
Loraine S. (Chairperson)  
John K. (Trustee)  
Ron S. (Trustee)  
Linda L. (Treasurer) (Excused absence)  
Lynny P. (Assistance Office Manager) (excused absence)

There were 9 voting members and 5 officers present at today's meeting.

Marcia W. read the 12 Traditions and Dave S. read the Responsibility and Unity Statements.

May's Minutes: Dave S. motioned to accept the April's Minutes and was seconded by Patti W. There was no vote taken and since there were no objections the minutes were accepted.

May's Treasurer's Report: Ron S. gave the report in the absence of Linda L. Hank S. motioned to accept the April's Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Dave S. There was no vote taken and since there were no objections the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Office Manager's Report: Kathy S. gave a verbal report. Donations are down and it was a slow month.

Membership Committee: Tim K. gave a written report which can be found in the Steering Committee meetings' binder.

Newsletter Editor: Dave S. suggested putting the Membership Committee form online on the LAI website.

LAI Picnic: Patti W. has a list of volunteers and an items list for purchase pertaining to the silent auction. Bob K. and Tim K. have the old signs and are in the process of making new ones for the picnic.

### Old Business :

Tuesday Jailhouse Meeting: Loraine S. spoke to Steve Williams about Phil Johnson and said that the requirements can be made since it is a corrections facility. Loraine S. reported that there is a woman who has volunteered with the required 7 years of sobriety to continue the women's meeting.

Locks for LAI: There was an attempt to contact Bob Competti but he has not called back. Ron S. suggested we table this motion until a later time for further discussion.

### New Business

Next Meeting: The next steering committee is scheduled for Father's Day in June. There was discussion to either hold the next meeting on June 13, 2009, or June 28, 2009. Amy Y. suggested that the next meeting be held on June 28, 2009 due to she will not be able to attend on June 13 and also the bank statements will not have been sent and the Treasurer's Report cannot be completed properly. A vote was taken to have the next Steering Committee on June 28, 2009. Vote was unanimous and approved.

Elections: Ron S. motioned to open the floor for nominations which are now open for the following officer positions:

Chairperson: Tim K. nominated Loraine S. and she accepted the nomination.

Assistant Office Manager: Kathy S. nominated Lynny P.

Treasurer: Ron S. nominated Linda L.

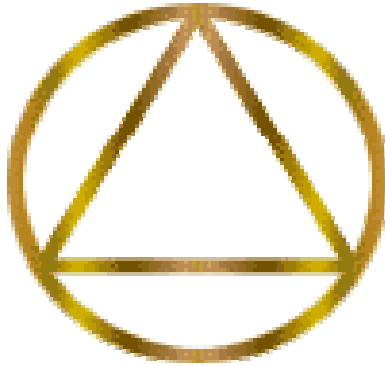
Odd-Year Trustee: Kathy S. nominated John K. and was seconded by Dave S. John K. accepted the nomination.

There will be votes on nominees at the next steering committee meeting.

Next meeting will on June 28, 2009, at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm. and Lord's Prayer was said.

Submitted by Amy Y.



**FAITHFUL FIVER**

*Susan B, Kathy S, Loraine S, Anonymous X 4, Bob K, Lynny P, Lyle*

*Make sure your name is listed here next month!*

*What are "Faithful Fivers"?*

*They are AA members who pledge at least \$5.00 per month toward the support of their local Intergroup office to "carry the message. This idea is catching around the country. In Just For Today, a story noted that plan came about when we remembered that many of us had spent far more than \$5.00 on alcohol during our drinking days.*

I agree to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Heard in Meetings**

*" I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes three or four gang up on me at once"*

**Thought from Hazeldon**

***"The foolish and the dead never change their opinions"*** — James Russel Lowell

We need to stay fresh in our program. We need to be open to new ideas. We need change. The ways we work the Steps should change for us as the years go by. And as we grow, more of the fog of our denial clears away. Then we see the world and our program in different ways. We need to allow this to happen. At times, it's scary to give up old ways and old opinions, but this is what allows new growth. Every day we wake up to a new world. Being alive means changes, Opinions and ideas are like a strong tree: the base is strong, but the leaves change with the seasons.

**GRATITUDE LIST**  
**June 17 thru August 10, 2009**

**Group Donations**

Friday Nite Happy Hour

Foundation Stone

Bare Bones

Coffee Can Donation

Spiritual Steps to Freedom

Millersport Big Book

Hocking Hills Group

Thurs. Chairman's Choice

Primary Purpose

Steering Committee Donation

Circleville Big Book

District 16

Sober Voices

Logan Sunday Open Lead

LAI Picnic Meeting

Brothers in Sobriety

Picnic Committee

Ya Gotta Want It

Baltimore Discussion Group

Spiritual Life is Not a Theory

Friday Late Happy Hour

Miracles Happen

Sisters in Sobriety

Miracles Happen

**Individual Donations**

Anonymous x 3

Paul

Kathleen D.

Jay B.

**Faithful Fivers**

Lorraine S.

Bob K.

Lyle

Anonymous x 4

Susan B.

Kathy S.

Lynny P

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**NEWSLETTER**

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