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### **Area 45 Spring Assembly 2018 Minutes**

The spring assembly was held on May 20, 2018 at Elmer Grange in Elmer, New Jersey.

GSR/DCM orientation was held at 9AM.

#### **Assembly Meeting**

- The assembly meeting began at 10AM and was opened with the serenity prayer and a reading.
- After roll call was taken, GSRs, DCMs, Section Leaders, and Committee Chairs were organized for an emergency election for a new Treasurer.

Panel, Section Leaders, DCMs, and GSRs voted

Nomination: Mark , Larry , George 63 total voters 2/3 42 people

1<sup>st</sup> Round of Voting: Mark - 10, Larry - 15, George- 37

2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Voting Mark – 2, Larry – 15, George- 47

George was elected as the new Treasurer for Area 45.

- Motion to Dispense the Minutes - Motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed
- The report from the General Service Conference was given by the Delegate
- Lunch break was taken
- Assembly Meeting Reports were given as follows:

#### **Intergroup Chairs**

**Cape Atlantic Intergroup** - 1- Our CAYPAA Committee is hosting their third annual Pig Roast on June 16th, 5pm-9pm @ Lake Lenape. Food Fun & Fellowship, ALL are welcome. 2- Our Unity Breakfast is scheduled for [Sept. 30th](#) @ The Grand Hotel in Cape May @ 9am. 3-We are pleased to be hosting the Day of Sharing on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> location to be announced. 4-Our Round Up will be held on Nov. 9,10 & 11 @ The Seaview Country Club in Galloway. Thank You.

**South Jersey Intergroup**– We, at SJIG, have a lot going on.

Founders Day Celebration June 9

District 14 Function

GOYA group held traditions workshop.

And many Anniversaries for the home groups coming up this summer.

**Central Jersey Intergroup** - Good Morning and thank you for hosting the Area 45 Spring Assembly. I am very excited and proud to be representing Central Jersey Intergroup here today and am truly grateful for the privilege to serve as the Chairman for Central Jersey Intergroup. I am very excited for 2018 and happy with all the progress we have made thus far with the start of the new terms for all committee chairs. We have had a lot going on in Central Jersey.

For starters, we recently moved our office to a much nicer, more professional facility and more centralized location which has resulted in more service and volunteers from our AA community. Our office is now open 6 days a week, Monday, through Saturday with volunteers there to answer phones, sell literature, and fill commitments and other daily activities. We are extremely proud of what our office has become. We now have a computer and printer available to all Committee Chairs to use to fulfill their duties. We have filled some very important chair positions that lacked the last term such as prisons and newsletter chair. We have a wonderful quarterly newsletter now going out to Central Jersey and our Prison Chair has stepped up to try and get as many meetings as possibly into the facilities that need them very much. Central Jersey now has a quarterly Bookers Meeting which all are welcome to attend, next one being June 7<sup>th</sup> at our CJI Office. Our Public Information Chair has some wonderful things in the works that I will report on next quarter. Our "Lit on Wheels" continues to be a huge success, bringing literature to events, picnics and anniversaries and making all literature readily and easily available to anyone and everyone that need them.

One big discussion that we are currently having, the issue is being voted on at our June body meeting is Anniversary Coins. We have had lengthy discussions as Steering Committee as well as the body meeting on the pros and cons of selling anniversary coins at the CJI office. There was a motion presented that has gone back to the home groups to make a decision. I will advise on the outcome at the next Assembly.

We have a new Social Events Committee that puts together our Unity Picnic, Day of Sharing, and Gratitude breakfast. They have also set up bowling tournaments, corn hole tournaments, hiking trips, beach trips, miniature golf, etc. This committee has been a huge success in getting people to have a ton of sober fun. They even put on a dance this past year. I am extremely proud of what they have been able to do to get people involved and showing young people that they can socialize and have fun without Alcohol.

Again, I am very exciting for what the rest of 2018 has in store for all of us.

## **Section Leaders and DCMs**

**Section 1** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 3** - District 3 meets the second Sunday of every month at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beverly at 3:30. Attendance has been down the past two months and GSR's from only 4 or 5 groups have been able to attend. The Alternate DCM and DCM attended NERAASA in February. The roundtable sessions provided information about GSR outreach. District 3 will implement some of these ideas in the next quarter in an attempt to get more GSR's involved at the district and area level. District 3 hosted a workshop on March 24th. A panel of five individuals shared their service experience keeping with the workshop theme, Growing Spiritually Through Service. The event was well attended and was followed by a dance. District 3 will host a workshop in cooperation with the Corrections Committee on Sunday, August 5th, 3:30pm, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beverly. As of May 13th, the treasury balance was \$710.02. Thank you.

**District 4** – Absent, no written report submitted

**District 22/23** - Thank you for letting me be in service. I'm the DCM for district 22/23. Our meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at the Divine Word Seminary in Bordentown on Park Street. Since the last area assembly, we sent 4 GSRs to NERASSA in February. We hosted an AA jeopardy game

in April and we are currently working with other groups and DCMs in section 1 to Plan a Unity Picnic for this summer. Thank you.

**District 24** – Absent, no written report submitted

**District 25** – District 25 continues to meet at St. David’s Church in Cranbury the first Monday of each month. We are excited to announce that the open positions have been filled for Secretary and Treasurer. Transition is underway. We held our first workshop in 2018 and it was on Sponsorship and we had two speakers who spoke on the traditional role of Sponsorship and on Service Sponsorship. Service Sponsorship is not well known in this District and it got people talking and asking questions. One person has never been involved with Service outside of the Group level and he is expressing an interest in taking a GSR position. Another has been away from Service in Area and is interested in returning to it. A success all round. Planning for the Unity Picnic with CJI and District 22/23 is well on the way. It will be held on Sunday, July 8 from noon-5:00 pm. Mercer County Park has upgraded the Pavilion and added an outdoor kitchen. Our District has one or two other Events in very early stages of planning. I look forward to sharing more about that in our Summer Assembly.

**Section II** – Verbal report given at assembly, no written report submitted.

**District 7** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 8** – District 8 joined efforts with District 26 and will be having a workshop at the Brooklawn Senior Center in Brooklawn NJ on June 2 from 10-2pm (registration at 9:00am); it is titled *Your World in AA* and will have areas of service presented by our past Area Chair and current alt delegate, past delegate, along with others, and will be hosted by our newly elected Section II leader. We will be providing a Continental Breakfast and lunch. At the end of the presentation we will have 2 "families" play Family Feud. District 8 has approximately \$1200 in contributions and will be supporting 1/2 the cost of the workshop.

District 8 is increasing in GSR support from the groups and is active in recruiting GSRs for the groups not currently participating. We are lighting up the District and spreading the importance of service word!

**District 10** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 26** - Discussions continue on the subject, how to wake, “Dark Sections. How can we help other districts and meetings that are not currently represented in the area? How can we help them become active in service? Some Groups are asking where contributions are going when there isn’t an active GSR, DCM, or Section leader? District 26 and 8 have come together to present YOUR WORLD IN AA work shop. Thank you if you filled out an AA Family Feud survey this morning. Join us, Districts 26 and 8 on Saturday, June 02, at the Senior Center in Brooklawn, NJ. Address is on flyers. It will be a morning of fun, food, information and hopefully inspiration to become more active. An opportunity to learn of “Your World in AA”. Topics include, History of AA world service, How you can become active within AA and Introduction to the AA Service Manual!. Continental breakfast and registration start at 9 am, Kick off at 10am. Lunch will be served right before an exciting game of “AA Family Feud.” Flyers on the tables, please take some and pass them around. District treasury balance as of this date is \$3513.87 which should be substantially lower after the upcoming workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

DCM, District 25

**District 27** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**Section III** - Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 12** - Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 13** – Verbal report given at assembly, no written report submitted.

**District 14** – Monthly meetings were held at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pine in Millville. Attendance is 10 to 6. District meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:45pm. Held workshop on “Getting Involved.” Attendance was 25. Added 3 new GSRs. The DCM and alt DCM began visiting groups. 5 groups have no interest in GSRs due to low attendance (3 or less members) Started printing a list of meetings needing support to be read by GSRs visiting groups in District 14. Planned activities: August 28<sup>th</sup> District 14 picnic – Parvin’s State Park, September 15<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3:30pm Prison workshop (tentative), October Unity Dance (TBD)

**District 20** – Absent, no written report submitted.

**District 21** – Background: District 21 encompasses the southern communities of Gloucester County including Malaga, Franklinville, Newfield/Porchtown, Glassboro, Pitman, Swedesboro and Clarksboro. District 21 has been inactive and dark for an extended period of time. The first order of business was to elect leadership for the district. Available GSRs participated in the election of DCM and Alternate DCM for District 21. A copy of the database of meetings for District 21 was provided by the Area Registrar. As per a review of this database, it was determined that 24 of the listed 36 meetings were active. Further initial review indicated that there were two current GSRs in District 21. No records were able to be located for District 21 treasury or reports. The DCM and Alternate DCM began visiting each group in District 21 to establish initial contact. As of this date, attempts were initially made to contact each group and 14 of the 24 groups have been visited. 4 of these groups had business meetings during this period and were attended by the DCM and/or AltDCM. The importance of the group’s voice in AA matters was encouraged, fellowship with group members took place, and an interest was shown in reestablishing District 21. Two additional GSRs were elected and a group contact was established for a group that is not able to provide a GSR at this time. The second Friday of the month at 6:00pm has been established as the District 21 meeting. Meetings will be held in Malaga, NJ at Faith Fellowship Ministries, 226 Old Dutch Mill Road, Malaga, prior to the regular Friday night meeting at this location. It is anticipated that the first District 21 meeting will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at this location and time. Please add the District 21 meeting to the Area 45 calendar.

Future Endeavors: The AltDCM will begin the process of updating the group information for the Area Registrar including GSR and meeting contacts. Additionally, a group has changed its meeting location and that will be updated as well. Much interest has been shown for establishing a committee for the purpose of building up and attracting young people in this District. Future activities suggested including cook-outs, camping trips, and other social activities. Leadership for this projected endeavor has been established. District 21 meetings will begin to reestablish district level service positions including a district treasurer and district secretary. A budget will be determined with encouragement from each group to begin contributing to the District 21 Treasury. Workshops are currently under consideration and will be further developed with increased participation and funding streams. District 21 anticipates

being an active participant with Section III Districts in preparation for the next Area Assembly assigned to Section III.

**District 28-** Absent, no written report submitted

**District 29** – Absent, no written report submitted

**Section IV** - Absent, no written report submitted

**District 15** – Hello. I am honored and privileged to serve as DCM of district 15. We hold our district meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on Route 9 in Tuckerton. We generally have 6 to 8 GSRs in attendance along with myself, the alternate DCM, secretary, and treasurer. Our current treasury balance is around \$1600.00. Our district recently held a sponsorship workshop on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are currently planning a corrections workshop and hope to start bringing a meeting to a prison soon. I want to express my gratitude for all who have assisted or guided me in this service position.

**District 16 & 17** – **Treasurer's Report**-\$3,292.73 (Monies have not been deducted for our Bus Trip)

**State of the District**-Since our last assembly meeting, our attendance has seen consistent performance with respect to attendance, in the amount of 8-10 GSR's. A direct result of this attendance and commitment has resulted in the planning and implementation of 2 upcoming events.

**Founders Day Local Legacies**-This event will be held on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 pm at 351 Cincinnati Ave Under the Water Tower in Egg Harbor City, with coffee starting at 9:15 am. Very often through our literature, we learn about AA from the national level, which indeed is extremely important. But what about in your own backyard? What was it like to try to find a meeting around here? Who were the Ol' Timers? Come, sit back, relax and listen, as our Panel Members share their experiences in AA in South NJ, followed by a Sobriety Countdown. All Panel Members, as well as members of Area of 45 are invited to attend.

**Bus Trip To the General Service Office**-This event will be held on Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Bus trip, fellowship, and a meeting will be had by all as we make our way up to New York for the day. Trip has been sold out, and requests for a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus trip have already been made. We look to do another at the end of the year or early 2019.

**District 18** - I'm the DCM for District 18. I'd like to thank Section 3 for hosting and Districts 13 and 14 for providing this nice food and beverage. District 18 held a workshop on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Sea Isle City, it was a Cinco de Mayo theme. We had 12 speakers from 12 different groups in the district, they spoke on the 7 deadly sins or life saving slogans. I'm told that around 60 -70 people showed up for great food, fellowship, and fun! Thank you to the Area 45 Audio chair for coming in to record the event. We're looking into a bus trip to GSO in late fall or this winter. We meet on the first Sunday of the month at Holy Trinity Church, 30<sup>th</sup> and Bay Avenue in Ocean City. Our current bank balance is \$2320.00.

**District 19** – Verbal report given at assembly, no written report submitted.

## **Panel**

**Delegate** – Welcome. Good morning everyone. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 68 Delegate to the General Service Conference and I am an Alcoholic. I want to extend a warm welcome

to all the new GSRs/DCMs and anyone else new to the Assembly this morning. I am glad you are all here. Additionally, I want to thank Section 3 and all the Districts for hosting today's Assembly and Committee meetings.

GSO - AA has dropped its lawsuit to stop the public auction of the original Printer's Manuscript of the Big Book and settled out of court. In addition the Manuscript was sold at Auction in the middle of May. I received the following communication from the General Manager of GSO: "As reported by Associated Press, the new owner stated he plans to share the Manuscript publicly, including a display at "Alcoholics Anonymous' headquarters in New York." This is all the information available to us at this time: only what has been reported in the press. As of this date, we have not received any communication regarding the Manuscript from the current owner. There has been no discussion or consideration of a loan to or exhibit by G.S.O. Archives of the Manuscript. If the owner were to contact us in this regard, the Board will be informed immediately. Please direct all queries regarding the Printer's Copy Manuscript to the Public Information desk at G.S.O."

Finance - Both the General Service Office and Grapevine have exceeded budgeted profit margins for last year. Nevertheless, the offices still encourage all members to give either directly or through their groups as we are getting closer to fully self-supporting the services provided by the General Service Office. The year-end Quarterly Contribution Reports provided by General Service Office were sent to all DCMs on February 5 to share with GSRs. These reports provide an opportunity to discuss the importance of self-support in maintaining our services. Total Area 45 Group contributions reported in 2017 were \$80,422.41, with 280 (48.36% of all) groups contributing, an improvement over 47.84% of groups in 2016. The 2018 1st Quarter Quarterly Contribution Report was sent on April 19. Total Area 45 Group contributions for 1st Quarter 2018 is \$16,129.12 with 111 (19.27% of all) groups contributing, a decline from 21.01% in 1st Quarter 2017. I received a thank you letter from GSO for the generous contribution of \$2,200 over the established amount of \$1,800 towards the Area 45 delegate expenses as a splendid example of the principles embodied in Tradition Seven. Thank you, Area 45, for approving that increase last year.

North East Region - I attended NERAASA, the NE Regional A.A. Service Assembly in Cromwell, CT. It was really great with the panel and other members of Area 45 along with 2 intergroups chairs to all be able to ride in the same Van up and back. Thank you so much Area Chair for providing us such a great Van. Area 29 will be hosting NERAASA in Hunt Valley, MD from February 22- 24, 2019. Hope to see you at NERAASA 2019 to learn about service work in Alcoholics Anonymous and meet hundreds of new friends from the Northeast Region. I attended NERD, NE Regional Delegate Weekend in Tarrytown, NY on March 9-11. This really helps to prepare me for the General Service Conference NERD 2019 will be in Somerset, NJ, and NERDs will meet again in Sturbridge, MA in 2020.

Area 45 - I participated in District 19 Unity Event in Wildwood Crest on March 24. Thank you, District 19, for asking me. This gave me a chance to review and share my experience on Step 10. I attended the Mini Conference on Saturday April 7. It was the most attended one I have ever attended. Thank you so much for getting the word out and participating. The feedback I received from this really helped to prepare me for the conference. So, thank you Area 45. Our theme is coming together: "Participation is the Key to Harmony". Lastly thank you so much for your trust to allow me to represent Area 45 at the 68th General Service Conference and to serve this wonderful fellowship.

Delegate Area 45 Southern New Jersey, Panel 68

**Alternate Delegate** - Since our last assembly in Feb, I've been busy visiting the three intergroups to report to them on Area activities. In addition to NERAASA and NERD in March, I attended the mini

conference on April 7 and Rose invited me to the opening AA meeting of the GSO Conference on April 22 in NYC. I was grateful that I had this opportunity and even more grateful that I got to go home after instead of having to stay and work all week. I appreciate the opportunity to be of some small service to this fellowship that saved my life.

In love & service,

Alt. Del. Area 45 Panel 68

**Registrar** - Hello, I am the Registrar and I am an alcoholic. I'd like to thank Section III for hosting our Spring Assembly and providing such a sumptuous repast. Here is my report from last assembly until now. From my first assembly orientation, I entered all the new GSR data into the FNV data base to enroll the new GSR's. This enables the GSR's to get their welcome packets and communication from the General Service Office. Next, I formulated a print out of all groups that were unknown as to whether they were active or inactive in the Area 45. I wrote to these group's respective DCM's, and sent them the print outs. I asked for updates on their group's status. DCM's please hand these back to me today. From February 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup> I attended NERASSA in Cromwell, Connecticut. I had a wonderful time. I participated in the Registrars workshop where registrars gathered from the 13 states. There we exchanged information on how to do the registrar job. It was very helpful and included a membership in a follow-up Goggle group to continue the communication. On Sunday March 18, I attended a mailing stuffing party in Southampton for five hours. Put together all the mailings to advertise the Mini-conference. Previous to this, it was my job to prepare all the mailing labels sorted by zip code. On April 7, I attended the Mini Conference in Manahawkin, where I sat at the Corrections table, and added my opinion on the conference agenda items. On May 17, I traveled to Riverton to attend a panel meeting, graciously hosted by our alternate delegate. I continue to sponsor my four sponsees, do my maximum-security prison commitment and my personal intergroup phones commitment.

In love and service,

Your Registrar

**Secretary** - Thank you section 3 for hosting today's event. And thank you again for allowing me to be in service as the secretary for Area 45. Since the last assembly in February, I was able attend NERASSA with the panel, the mini-conference in April, and meet with the panel this past week. We had a great turnout at the mini-conference. I sat at the policy and charter table and learned a great deal. Everyone did a great job discussing the agenda items and presenting them to us all. NERASSA was also very informative this year. I met with secretaries from other areas and discussed writing up minutes from the assemblies and effective and anonymous ways to get them out to all members. Starting from this assembly, our minutes will be posted quarterly on both the area website and emailed out to all GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, and the Panel. The minutes are purged of any personal identifiers and members are only identified by their service position to protect anonymity as the Area 45 website is public. I was also grateful to participate in two service workshops with District 3 and 25 on what service is and sponsorship and service. Both workshops were well attended and had delicious food too! Thanks so much to all who helped put on these events. I have a new email address which is also listed on the contact sheet: [jessicaschuyler81@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaschuyler81@gmail.com). Please email me a copy of your report by the end of the month so that it can be included in the minutes. If an electronic report is not received, it will be noted as a verbal report in the minutes. Thank you all again for allowing me to serve. I hope you all have a great summer! Hope to see you at the assembly in August in Bordentown!

**Treasurer** – The current Area balances are as follows. As of today, May 20th, the operating account balance is \$22,326.94, and the prudent reserve balance is \$30,198.43.

In addition to continuing to receive and deposit all contributions made through the Area's mailbox, I worked with an accountant to ensure the Area's 2017 taxes were filed, processed reimbursements for NERAASA, NERD and the General Service Conference, and participated in the most recent Panel meeting on [May 17th](#). Thank you all for your service, and for allowing me to serve.

Sincerely,  
Your Area 45 Treasurer

**Chair** – Greetings from your Panel 68 Chair:

Thank you Section 3 for hosting this assembly! Thank you all Panel members, and committee chairs for your valuable service since the last assembly, and thank you to all the GSRs, DCMs, and Section leaders in attendance here today! Since our last assembly, I had the privilege of attending NRAASA in Cromwell Ct. The opportunity to network with Trusted Servants from our region is always a rich experience. The reports from GSO were detailed, and inspired healthy discussion, as usual. The Chairpersons Round Table was very informative, and I had the opportunity to learn how other areas handle and share how Area 45 handles our many service procedures and challenges. I attended our Mini Conference in April which was well attended, and a great event supporting our Delegate to the GSC. I also attended a couple of Area Convention Committee meetings. I participated in a Traditions event in Ventnor hosted by EASYPAA. I've had 3 speaking commitments, and attended the Area 45 Panel Meeting this past Thursday. I'm looking forward to electing a new Treasurer and want to thank our outgoing Treasurer for his willingness and dedication to the Area, and for continuing his responsibilities above and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Panel 68 Chair

### **Committee Chairs**

**Archives** – I have the honor and privilege to serve as Archives chair for area 45. We continue to go through our materials and separate what is and isn't archive related. We separated a pile of materials that we think have no archive value and forwarded to the panel Chair and alt Delegate for their opinion as well. We are going to dispose of the unrelated materials. We purchased and assembled two shelving units to better organize and sort our archive materials. This makes the process much easier as we no longer have to empty the boxes into the hallways of the storage unit each time we work on doing so. I have a few written history forms with questions pertaining to the formation of groups. If anyone has any information about the history of any groups in their area, please take one and help us to gather as much information as we can. I was kindly forward some information about the start of some groups in the Trenton and central Jersey area. We are happy to display some of our materials at today's Spring Assembly and look forward to doing so in the future. I like to thank everyone for their help and serving on our Archives committee.

In Love and Service,



Archives chair, Area 45

**Audio** – No report.

**Budget & Finance** – I would like to thank Area 45 Chairman for asking me to serve as the Budget and Finance Chairperson, and I eagerly look forward to being of service and carrying out my responsibilities as a trusted servant of the Area/Panel and groups.

As outgoing treasurer reported at the recent spring assembly, the proposed budget for the Area over the next two years has been submitted for review and input by all. I would ask that if there any questions, comments, and/or concerns, that they be forwarded to me via email prior to the next Area Assembly scheduled for August. I will do my utmost to respond as quickly as possible.

In the meantime, I have reached out to the current and former treasurer's as well as the chairman and plan to meet with them soon. To that end, I am pleased to conclude my first report with "progress towards perfection".

**Convention** - The Convention Committee is heating up and preparing for online registrations targeted for June 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe. I met with the website committee several times, most recently this Thursday, to finalize and prepare the site for publication. Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> of several onsite registration events the registration committee will be holding. I hope to get invitation to all three intergroup to hold additional registration events in June. Future dates will be announced.

The steering committee met with our Sales Rep at the ML Hotel on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We were able to iron out some details for the upcoming convention. However we were notified that the Sale Rep no longer is working at the Hotel. We have a new point of contact and members of the steering committee will once again be meeting with the Hotel this Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be aware that we have a NEW convention website. It can be reach directly or thru the Area's website.

[area45convention.org](http://area45convention.org)

Sincerely,

Convention Chair

**Cooperation with Professional Communities/Public Information** – Verbal report given at assembly, no written report submitted.

**Corrections** - Good morning to the Panel and all Assembly attendees. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as Area 45's Corrections Committee Chair. I would like to thank all the corrections volunteers who have reached out to me since I have taken this position. They continue to provide valuable input as to how best move forward together as a committee. Anyone who is currently doing corrections work in Area 45 who has not done so already is encouraged to reach out to the Committee with any concerns or literature requests. Our committee will be meeting the last Saturday of the month at 12:30pm located downstairs in the Cinnaminson Library.

At this time can you please help me welcome our new committee Co-Chair and Secretary. Our committee continues to grow, and we would welcome any additional group members.

Our continued gratitude to all the groups who have been diligent about sending in LIPs donations. When your Group Conscience agrees to donate the can contents, send a check or money order payable to Area 45 Corrections Committee at P.O. Box 3724, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Please remember to include your group name, town, and GSO number on the check to ensure proper credit for your group. If your group needs a LIPs can, we have them available here today at the Corrections table.

Since my last report in February, contributions totaling \$3,055.64 have been made to the Corrections Committee and there have been two expenditures made totaling \$2,242.80 to South Jersey Intergroup for literature, which was distributed to correctional facility volunteers. Our corrections account balance as of 4/30/18 is \$3,304.89.

<b>Balance as of 1/31/18</b>	<b>\$2,498.05</b>
<b>Deposits 1/31/18-4/30/18</b>	<b>+\$3,055.64</b>
<b>Literature Purchases</b>	
<b>1/31/18-4/30/18</b>	<b>-\$2,242.80</b>
<b>Bank Fees 1/31/18-4/30/18</b>	<b>-\$6.00</b>
<b>Balance as of 4/30/18</b>	<b>= \$3,304.89</b>

There is an ongoing effort to plan Corrections Application Workshops throughout Area 45. Currently District 3 of Burlington County and District 14 of Cumberland County are finalizing plans to host workshops. We are also looking into a collaboration with Central NJ Intergroup Corrections Committee. If your group or district would like to host an Application Workshop, please contact the committee via email at [corrections@snjaa.org](mailto:corrections@snjaa.org).

In my role as chairman I attended the District 3 business meeting and Area 45 Convention meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> in the hopes of recruiting new volunteers for the Committee. The District 14 business meeting was also attended on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We met with members of the Committee in Egg Harbor City on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Then on April 28<sup>th</sup> I met with Central Intergroup Corrections Committee. I also attended the Mini Conference as the Corrections Moderator. It provided many new Corrections focal points to consider going forward as a group.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the co-chair, secretary, and myself attended the Northern New Jersey Intergroup and Area 44 2018 Corrections Workshop in South Plainfield. It was an excellent opportunity to network and get input and ideas on how to improve. We made several new contacts, including meeting with the Area 44 Corrections Chairman. We also met a representative of the NJ Hispanic Intergroup and District 42 Corrections Committee who has contacts willing to bring Spanish speaker meetings into the correctional facilities. We look forward to working much closer with the surrounding Area Corrections Committees in the near future.

**DCM/GSR Orientation** – 14 attendees: 12 GSRs 2 Alternate DCMs

**Grapevine** – Good Morning, thank you Section III for hosting us today. Carrying the Message - "Our Meeting in Print" (Grapevine). Support Grapevine – AA Grapevine 2018 Subscription Challenge - Encourage each group to purchase a subscription for the group and also make available for purchase at

meetings. Buy a gift subscription or gift certificate to Grapevine, either of which are available by mail or online @aagrapevine.org. \$28.97. Grapevine Magazine App is also available for androids, iPhone & iPad @aagrapevine.org/app \$1.99 a month. Visit AAGRAPEVINE'S New Online Store [www.aagrapevine.org/store](http://www.aagrapevine.org/store) Coming soon: La Vina's Spanish language store pages. La Vina published 6 X's a year - 2019 Grapevine Wall Calendar - English & Spanish \$9.50 - 2019 Pocket Calendar - English & Spanish \$5.00. New Book Publications: *AA In The Military –stories of experience strength and hope* \$11.50. Spanish language books: Frente a Frente (One on One (Sponsorship book) \$11.50. [www.aagrapevine.org/store](http://www.aagrapevine.org/store): All above can also be purchased online at the Grapevine Online Store Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues – [www.grapevine.org/contribute](http://www.grapevine.org/contribute): Sober Holidays and Remote Communities (due June 5), Your (or your group's) experience on any Tradition (due anytime). Lots of events in our area in the next couple of months Grapevine is always looking for stories, photos and illustrations. Visit [www.grapevine.org/share](http://www.grapevine.org/share) to learn about how you can participate. To listen to a free La Vina audio story (in Spanish), visit: [www.aagrapevine.org/espanol](http://www.aagrapevine.org/espanol)

**JalCon** – Vacant

**Policy and Charter** – No report.

**Registration** - Our totals today on May 20th 2018 are as follows;

6 Panel members, 10 committee chairs, 2 past delegates, 1 section leader, 10 DCMs, 5 Alt DCMs, 46 GSRs, 5 Alt GSRs, 3 intergroup chairs, and 13 visitors. Leaving us with a total of 102 members here in attendance today.

**Accessibility** – Vacant

**Website** – No report.

**Workshop** – Vacant

**Newsletter** – Hi I am an alcoholic and Chairperson of the Newsletter Committee. Since last Assembly I have managed to produce a newsletter in a 4 page format on Publisher. As I was learning I was grateful that the previous newsletters were available on the Area website. If they are going to be removed I am grateful they were still there for me to use.

Those newsletters included the minutes and reports from the Assembly. Therefore I attempted to include that and it ended up lengthening the newsletter to 9 pages. As I was making copies I met the Area secretary at the Staples. It seems the previous evening it was a topic of discussion whether or not to include them in the newsletter and also that the minutes should not contain any names at all of members giving reports. The secretary has purged them. As soon as I know the correct procedure of including the minutes without names or not including the minutes I will submit the newsletter to the Chairperson to link on the website. If anyone has suggestions please feel free to contact me. My information is on the Assembly sheet from today.

I am lucky to be receiving help from a fellow member who has knowledge. For those who have emailed me to subscribe to the newsletter I have saved those and will definitely follow up once it is ready. I do have copies of this newsletter with me today. If you would like one please stop by this front table. And remember it is still a work in progress. Thank you for letting me serve in this new way. I look forward to my sobriety being enhanced as I navigate a new position.

Grateful in service.

**Adhoc Website** - Absent, no written report submitted

**Budget Proposal** - The following budget proposal was given by the area treasurer and topics such as NERASSA and Corrections were discussed. The budget was handed out to those at the assembly so it could be taken back to the groups and discussed. The budget will be discussed and voted on at the assembly in August. It also posted on the Area 45 website.

PREVIOUS BUDGET 2017-2018			PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020			BUDGET NOTES
	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018		January 1, 2019	January 1, 2020	
Starting Balance for the Year	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,322.00	Starting Balance (incl. Prudent Reserve)	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 41,500.00	Included reserve for better transparency.
<b>INCOME</b>						
	Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	BUDGET NOTES
Contributions	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	Contributions	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	Conservative estimate (30% below actual)
Spawning	\$ -	\$ -				
Convention	\$ -	\$ -				
Interest	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00				
<b>Income Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,012.00</b>	<b>Income Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,000.00</b>	
<b>Operating Assets</b>	<b>\$ 57,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,334.00</b>	<b>Expected Operating Assets for the Year</b>	<b>\$ 87,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,500.00</b>	

CORE EXPENSES			CORE EXPENSES			BUDGET NOTES
	Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	
Area Storage Space Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Area Storage Space Rental	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$200/month
Area Contact/Desk Telephone	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Area Contact/Desk Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$55/month
Area Handbook	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	Area Handbook	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	Update & print every other year
Assembly Hall Rentals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Assembly Hall Rentals	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$1000/quarter
Banking Fees & Accounting Software	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Accountant Professional Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$100/year
Bulk Mailing Permit	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Bulk Mailing Permit	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$250/year
Insurance	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$400 x 3/year
Newletter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Newletter			Depreciated
PO Box	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	PO Box	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$100/year
Technology Refurb	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	Technology Refurb	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Prudent reserve for equipment
<b>Core Expense Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,540.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,540.00</b>	<b>Core Expense Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,750.00</b>	

COMMITTEE EXPENSES			COMMITTEE EXPENSES			BUDGET NOTES
	Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	
Activities	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	Activities			Covered by Area Storage Space
Audio/Visual	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	Audio/Visual	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	Mileage to attend events
Budget & Finance	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Budget & Finance			Free Conference Calls in Place
Convention	\$ -	\$ -	Convention	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Reserve until self-supporting
Cooperation with Professional Council	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Cooperation with Professional Council	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Registrations, supplies, mileage
Public Information	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Public Information			Included with CPC
Connections	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Connections			Self-supporting thru LIFE
DCNR/OSR Orientation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	DCNR/OSR Orientation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Increased cost of materials
Dispositive	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	Dispositive			Covered by Intergroup
Ice/Cas	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	Ice/Cas	\$ -	\$ -	Nothing spent in last 2 years
Policy & Charter	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	Policy & Charter			Covered by Area Handbook
Registration	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Registration	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Materials and printing costs
Accessibility /Special Needs	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Accessibility /Special Needs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Reserve for all two events
Website	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	Website	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00	The approve for improvements
Workshop	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	Workshop	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	Hall rental and materials
Newletter	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	Newletter	\$ -	\$ -	Nothing spent in last 2 years
Young People	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Young People	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	Reserve for all two events
All Inc. - TBD	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00				
<b>Committee Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>	<b>Committee Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,800.00</b>	

EVENT EXPENSES		Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	EVENT EXPENSES		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	BUDGET NOTES		
Day of Sharing	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	Day of Sharing	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	Expect increase in costs
General Service Conference	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,200.00	General Service Conference	\$	4,200.00	\$	4,000.00	Suggest to maintain
Assembly	\$	-	\$	400.00	Assembly	\$	-	\$	400.00	Expect increase in costs
Mini-Conference	\$	800.00	\$	800.00	Mini-Conference	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	Expect increase in costs
NORAGA	\$	2,800.00	\$	2,800.00	NORAGA	\$	2,700.00	\$	2,800.00	Combined costs (Panel & Chairs)
NORAGA (travel, chair registration)	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00						
NRFO	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	NRFO	\$	1,900.00	\$	1,400.00	Expect increase in travel costs
ADPF	\$	3,400.00	\$	-	ADPF	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	Expect increase in travel costs
<b>Events Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,800.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>Events Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,200.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,400.00</b>	

  

TRAVEL EXPENSES		Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	TRAVEL EXPENSES		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	BUDGET NOTES		
Delegates	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	Printing Costs for Events & Meetings	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,200.00	Based on previous 2 years
Alternate Delegates	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,200.00	Power Meetings	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,000.00	Based on previous 2 years
Chaperones	\$	900.00	\$	900.00	Miscellaneous	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	(i.e. Delegates' meals)
Resumes	\$	400.00	\$	400.00						All of the panel's travel expenses are now included in a EVENTS budget for clarity.
Secretary	\$	300.00	\$	300.00						
Registrar	\$	300.00	\$	300.00						
<b>Travel Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,100.00</b>	<b>Travel Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	

  

TOTAL EXPENSES		Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	TOTAL EXPENSES		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	BUDGET NOTES		
Expenditures / Year	\$	24,890.00	\$	23,190.00	Expenditures / Year	\$	45,410.00	\$	42,310.00	Worst case estimate, likely far less
(Planned Spend Down) / Year	\$	(7,678.00)	\$	(6,178.00)	(Planned Spend Down) / Year	\$	(11,410.00)	\$	(10,210.00)	Continue spend down of excess funds
<b>FINAL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,212.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,144.00</b>	<b>FINAL BALANCE (incl. Prudent Reserve)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,390.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,200.00</b>	Target is to hold a strong balance for next year

There was no old business to attend to.

No motions were made to discuss or vote on.

The assembly meeting closed at 2pm with the responsibility pledge.

### Afternoon Committee Meeting

The afternoon committee was opened the serenity prayer.

There was no old business to attend to.

No motions were made to discuss or vote on.

The Area 45 Summer Assembly meeting will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at Carlslake Community Center in Bordentown.

The afternoon committee meeting was closed with the responsibility pledge.