

M.A.I.A. Intergroup Representative Meeting

Sunday, September 13, 2026

The monthly Intergroup Representative meeting was held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm, at Leawood Baptist Church and an online platform. The meeting opened at 1:01 pm by the MAIA Chairperson Tony S. with the Serenity Prayer, the reading of the 12 Traditions by Gayle (Alternate IG Rep Traditions), the Voting Disclaimer by Tony (Treasurer), and roll call.

There were 31 groups represented, which included in person and the online platforms:

Phil, Cherokee Group; Floyd, Downtown Nooners; Mark, Early Risers; Tammy, Friends of Bill; John, Germantown Happy; Eric, Germantown Noon ;Pat, Grace in the Grove; Sharon, Into Action Midtown; Butch, Lakeland; Terry, Morning Glories; Thomas, Mustard Seed; Larry, New Start; Linda, On Awakening; Debra, Out of Towners; Mike, Pleasant Hill; Raymond, Primary Purpose; Yvonne, Queerbees & Wanna Bees; Kennedy, Rule 62; Ernestine, SOS Group; Kelly C, Serenity; Barb, Shipwreck; Jim, Sober Journey; Robert, Somerville Triangle; Dwayne ,The Four Absolutes; Laurie, Three Legged Stool; Gayle, Traditions; Vicki, Two Doors Down; Mary, Unity; Corey, WAAGL; Melanie, Winchester; Gina, Women of WAAGL.

Tony (Chair) asked if there were any new groups petitioning for membership. There were no new groups.

Tony (Chair) asked if there were any new Intergroup Reps. present who would like to be introduced. There were no new Intergroup Reps.

Roll Call- 28 present at 1st Roll Call

M.A.I.A. Intergroup Representative Meeting Minutes

Tony (Chair) asked for the reading of the Intergroup Rep Meeting Minutes. There was a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes by Kelly (Serenity) and a second by Gayle (Alternate IG Rep Traditions). Tony asked if there were any discussion or questions. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

M.A.I.A. Steering Committee Report

Stacy (Executive Secretary) read the report.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) stated that there is incorrect information in the report when it says... she stopped and said that she did not know why this made her so nervous as she did not like contention but...in the next to last paragraph on page three, Brenda noted historically and structurally that the target range for the reserve fund is intended to provide approximately 9 to 12 months of operating expenses. Gina stated that this is incorrect, that is 6 months. In a Steering Committee report from December 5th, 2023, in the Treasure's report discussion, Tony asked if the line item for the 6

months percentage should be removed and Brenda stated that it was voted on years ago to be included in the report. So, we have always had 6 months, back when she worked there before then and now.

Someone asked if the minutes needed to be corrected and Tony (Chair) said that there needed to be a motion to be amended.

Brenda (Office Manager) came to the microphone to clarify what she had said and what was reflected in the Steering Committee Meeting report. She stated that the information that she shared came from the General Service Office and Concept XII that it is suggested that any office or group should keep a prudent reserve for 9 to 12 months. That is the information that she was sharing about. She shared that she was stating what the General Service Office said, not what the Intergroup has.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) said you (Brenda) said historically and structurally the target reserve fund, and we are not talking about the AA World Services in New York City. We are the Memphis Area Intergroup Association. We have our own bylaws, we follow the 12 traditions, not the 12 Concepts of World Services. We are a separate association so ours is 6 months.

Tony (Chair) said that before we go any further into debate that we have a motion to amend but we need a second and there was a second from the floor.

Hank (At Large Steering Committee Member) said he has been involved in the financial side of Intergroup for many years as the Past Treasurer and as an Intergroup Rep. He shared that we used to have the 9 to 12 months as our objective, but during COVID we had no choice but to lower that to 6 months, but the objective is to go back to 9 to 12 months to keep us safe and functioning. Twenty years ago, the State got greedy and used sales tax to hit non-profits hard and that almost brought Intergroup to its end. The Chairman at that time had to go around to groups and ask for help and at any time that could happen again. He said he believes that we need the reserve and that a 9 to 12 months reserve should be the objective.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) brought a Treasure's Report from August 2011, and it says that prudent reserve 6 months \$30,000. She pulled reports as far back as 2011, she pulled one from 2018, 2023, and she said she has many more and the reserve has been 6 months and it does not matter what our opinion is of what it should be and she wants clarification in this Steering Committee Report that the current Prudent Reserve Goal is 6 months.

Tony (Chair) for clarification said that we are not debating where it should be, we are debating the correction to the minutes.

Gayle (AI IG Rep Traditions) said that it is her understanding that these are minutes of a meeting that has been held in the past and she understands correcting it because you disagree but that is what was said in the Steering Committee meeting and that is what was reflected. Just like we get our minutes from our past meetings, and it is not saying that everyone is correct when they say something, but the minutes reflect what is said.

Mark (IG Rep Early Risers) said it is not about being right or wrong, but he knows these are the minutes and we are reading a clarification of the minutes and once they are read and they are accepted it means something. It is important. Mark says that it says 130% prudent reserve and George said that it is about 7 months so if it is 6 months 130% it would be impossible to be 6 months.

Holly (Treasurer) came up for clarification and shared that when George said that he was working off the report from August and that we are at 114% today and that puts us at the 7 months not the 130% which would have been about 9 months. Mark said thank you for the clarification.

Tony (Chair) said that he had a motion to amend the minutes to reflect a 6-month goal and that there is a second. There was a call to vote. The vote in favor was three and opposed was many. The motion failed by majority.

Office Report

Brenda (Office Manager) read the office report.

Brenda (Office Manager) asked for any questions. No questions.

Treasurer Report

George (Alternate Treasurer) read the Treasure's report.

Holly (Treasure) had a few comments. The question about the interest in the savings account is that it is 1.5% on First Horizon where the Savings Account exists. This interest is not high. The interest income from the account has not previously been on the report but it will now be a line item. Right now, it is in other income, and this will be changed to interest income and the taxes and insurance expenses that come along with the rental agreement that we paid this year will be listed as a separate line item. One other line will be added for legal and professional fees for the accounting fees.

Holly (Treasurer) then spoke about the Reserve and stated that it is currently 6 months and that at the end of August we did not have enough money in the bank to pay for the merchandise that we ordered, the rent, and other bills so she withdrew enough money out of the reserve to pay those bills. Throughout the month, if there is enough money from sales and group contributions the money will be put back, but there is no guarantee. Our 6-month goal is still met.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) asked, "What dollar amount is the prudent reserve goal? "

Holly (Treasurer) said that there is no dollar amount but that the estimated 6 months is about \$7500. This is approximately because expenses change periodically.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) said that the new limited edition Big Books are coming out and are \$20. The question is, are we going to get a discount if we buy in bulk? Brenda (Office Manager) said yes to the question, but the discount has not been publicized yet.

Mark IG Rep (Early Risers) said he had asked a question last month about the cost of literature and the profit last year we netted was \$18,000 and that was said to be 35% for literature only. He said that last year he thought it was 27% and Holly said it was 24% and that 10% is a big deal. He said that looking at the \$18,000 on the income on literature and that being the only profit that Intergroup incurred from literature and monies spent that is pretty good profit. Literature is really the only thing that we make profit in any way. Mark's question is when we are going to sell literature at cost as he has heard that it is going to be done for years, not just from Intergroup. Holly (Treasurer) stated that the books last year was kind of messy and all of the cost of goods were not right and when everything was moved to QuickBooks online, they doubled the items and whatever last year ended up as was as close to right as Holly could get it after straightening everything up and she said she budgeted for 35% for literature. Mark said thank you.

2nd ROLL CALL- 1:44 (31)

M.A.I.A. Sub Committees:

Phone Watch

Kay (Past Phone Committee Chair) gave the report. She said that Friends of Bill has October, Winchester has November, and Collierville and Crossroads are splitting the month of December. Kay apologized to Unity because they did not contact them in time for their month. All other groups have been contacted. Please contact the Phone Watch Committee if you would like to have a workshop with your group. Their next meeting is December 15th at 4:00 at the Intergroup Office.

Special Events

Kelly (Special Events Chair) shared that we are all excited because GRATITUDE DINNER is going to be November 7, 2026, at White Station Church of Christ, 1106 Colonial Road 38117. The flyers were approved and are on the table to pick up. Please take them and spread the word. There is also another flyer for signing up for baskets and cakes to be taken back to homegroups so please grab those and know that all contributions are greatly appreciated to make this Gratitude Dinner Bigger and Better than ever!!! T-shirts designs and printing are in discussion and almost finished as the Committee is working on numbers and finances.

Website:

No report.

Technology:

No report.

Social Media

No report. Tony (Chair) stated that we are looking for a new Social Media person so if anyone is interested, please see him after the meeting or give him a call.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tony (Chair) read the Standing Committee Disclaimer.

Accessibility

No report

Archives

Jeffery said that Archives is getting ready for a few events coming up: SoberPalooza, Bluff City, and Gratitude Dinner. They are considering a zoom option for the events but that is still in thought. One main thing that they want to do is to GROW ARCHIVES so if anyone is interested in joining, they meet the last Sunday of the month at 3:45 at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church at the corner of Shady Grove and Yates. Jeffery can be reached at 901-728-8951.

Corrections

Pat reported that the Corrections committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the ALANO CLUB at 6:45. Steven K. (Chairperson) can be reached at (901) 643-7919. Pat (Grace in the Grove) can be reached for general information on (901) 216-3011. Things are going good at Jail East, and they are doing a reach out in Fayette County. Pat and George are getting ready for their picture because 201 is letting them and others back in the facility in one month. It's been a while, but they are super excited. They are still pressing on with the Feds. They are having a supportive event soon and he will have more information on that next month!

Grapevine

Ezra (Alternate Grapevine Chair) said if you do not know what the Grapevine is. It is a magazine for alcoholics, written by alcoholics, published by alcoholics, edited by alcoholics, all for us! The Grapevine Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1106 Colonial at 6:00 pm. They had a GAME NIGHT supportive Event at 2doors Down last night with 62 people in attendance and it was a BLAST with so much fun, fellowship, and Grapevine games and jokes. October 3rd will EAT AND PASS OUT where the Grapevine will meet for breakfast and then go to Serenity Treatment Center to bring a Grapevine Meeting. All are welcome. If you do not have a Grapevine rep, they are willing to come to your business meeting and explain how reps work and how they can get involved. To call Ezra his number is 901-317-9603. Sarah P is the chair so you can call her as well. Ezra also spoke about ordering the Grapevines as well as the history side and memberships as well as the grapevine APP and the YouTube podcasts. There is SO MUCH TO DO and access to the Grapevine. Ezra says thank you for allowing him to be at the Intergroup meeting. We thank you too Ezra!

Treatment

No report

Old Business:

Tony (Chair) called for Old Business and the First item of Old Business is that he needs a group to volunteer to host the Quarterly Speaker meeting. No groups volunteered so Tony (Chair) asked that Groups take this back to their home groups and ask them to host.

Jim (IG Rep Sober Journey) asked where these meetings would be hosted. Tony (Chair) responded, right after the Intergroup Meeting.

Brenda (Office Manager) brought Tony the guidelines for the Quarterly Speaker Meetings that Intergroup previously had and she also gave a quick summary of what the meetings were about saying that it is a Memphis Area Wide Speaker Meeting and that two groups can combine themselves and get a speaker and provide the light snacks. It is suggested that the speaker be from 50 miles away or more. The meeting happens right after the Intergroup Meeting once every Quarter. The guidelines will be posted on the website, and Brenda will have them available upon request.

Tony (Chair) asked that this discussion be taken back to the groups and that we would sort this out. He then stated that there is a motion to come off the table and that we would follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) came to the microphone and stated that last month she proposed that for the upcoming Gratitude Dinner since we do have 114% of our prudent reserve goal which means we have an extra \$5000 before we even have the event that we show Gratitude because the event has grown and grown and from her understanding there are like 250 to 300 people there at each event. Her idea is that we show gratitude for the Memphis community by having no door charge, no suggested donation, at this one event. She brings the motion off the table.

Tony (Chair) stated just to be clear the motion is to not charge \$10 at the door at the upcoming Gratitude Dinner. There has already been a second.

Laurie (IG Rep Three-Legged Stool) said that she understands that as soon as we get enough money the idea is to spend it. She said that we get a bunch of money from one event and then it dwindles down and then we get a bunch of money from the next event, and it dwindles down so she feels like cutting out that large sum of money coming into

Intergroup seems a little extreme. This was discussed at her home group, and the discussion was to make the Big Books a dollar cheaper to make it not seem so extreme over time.

Mary (Alt IG Rep Unity) said her group had discussion and their group said to leave it as is. She said what we are doing already is teaching the newcomers gratitude because a lot of us are paying for them to get into the events and no one is ever turned away.

Ernie (IG Rep SOS) said that she thinks this is not a very good idea and that she supports the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. She said that no one is turned away and she does not support the idea of MAIA paying for the event. She says it does not seem purposeful to pay for the event.

Kelly (IG Rep Serenity/Special Events Chair) said that it was discussed, and she said that she had been trying to get the code number of people that can be in the building as a free event could bring a whole lot more people. There is a concern about not having enough food and not being able to give a headcount to Jeff. Also, there is a fear that this might set a precedent for the events to be free in the future. No one is ever turned away, and most people are ok with the \$10 suggested donation.

Stacy (Past Special Events Chair/Executive Secretary) shared that as a past special event chairperson. She said that driving down the road, she got the call to be Special Events Chairperson and was told of the importance of these events to MAIA. She stated that she had been an Intergroup for a while, and this really meant something to her. This was right after Covid and the prudent reserve was not thriving. She took this very personal and serious and then a wonderful committee just started showing up and was formed and they all started working with the purpose of what was shared: that these events help to keep Memphis Area Intergroup Alive and in turn help the sick and suffering alcoholic. The money is used to buy literature, so that we can take phone calls, so that we can reach out to groups, but most importantly for the sick and suffering alcoholic. The 10\$ suggested contribution was what she was told to have, and she was told that people will come and if they don't have the 10\$ that they will come anyway and are welcome no matter what... treatment centers\, newcomers, all are welcome. She stated that she knows that the motion on the floor is to thank Memphis, but Memphis and all that are involved are thanked. Those that volunteer, that contribute baskets, that make cakes, that perform, that cook, that speak, that come and fellowship and show up, treatment centers. Everyone is thanked and loved. She said that the last event was helped by a \$7500 anonymous contribution by an individual and they were thanked. It is not about money; it is about the gathering and the Unity and being supportive of MAIA. Like she was told in the beginning, these two events are important in helping MAIA stay alive and these events prove that it is about being grateful for being sober and being able to give that back to the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

Corey (WAAGL) said that trying something different and trusting something different is hard for us. He said that what we do down the road if this does not work out is that if we make 30% more this year coming up, we give that to the Standing Committees. What if we continue to make 30% more each year, where is that money going, to just put stuff in the pocket? AA is for fun and for free. He knows that he is going against the grain and it talks about the altruistic plane and that AA works out because of God and that Gina (Women of WAGAAL) has a bad reputation in this and why do not we just try something different.

Holly (Treasurer) appreciates what everyone has said. She said to look at the financial packet from today and merchandise sales are \$13,000 less than budgeted and you can also see that group contributions, individual contributions and high five contributions which are grouped together are right on budget. We made more than \$400 more on these combined. The \$7500 anonymous contribution that Stacy said was part of Founders Day came in after Founders Day so that was not counted in the Founders Day earnings. We made \$3900 more than budgeted for Founders Day so truly that net is not huge. She just wanted everything to be considered and all pieces are considered.

Gina (Alt IG Rep Women of WAAGL) said she had a question. She asked about the coding of the individual contribution of \$7500 and said "Talking about the individual contribution that was listed as an individual contribution that was not listed as Special Events, so it is coded that way, correct? Holly said this was correct. She said that that made her think of her time as Office Manager at Intergroup during Covid so she is aware of how things can go south on a moment's notice. That was a frightening time, and everything was shut down. She said that they did fine, they did not go in the hole, everyone supported Intergroup because that is what we do. We did fine. At that time, Stacy's home group, Two Doors Down, was contributing, or after we came out of COVID, and she became Special Events Chair, Two Doors Down started contributing thousands of dollars to Special events, and it was coded under group contributions at that point. The LLC is called Kurb Incorporated. Gina said that Stacy is on that Board as well. She directly asked Stacy if she is the secretary/treasurer of the Board. Stacy responded no ma'am. Gina responded to say you are listed there. Stacy responded yes, I am on the board and am an officer but not Treasurer or Secretary. Gina then asked Stacy how much money Kurb LLC, Two Doors Down, has given to Special Events since you have been on the Special Events Chair. Stacy responded that she had no idea off the top of her head. Gina responded but thousands and thousands and thousands. Right? Gina said that we know that we will always have enough money because if you (Stacy) are around, Kurb LLC, Two Doors Down, will always give money to make sure of that. Brenda (Office Manager) tried to intervene to tell Tony (Chair) that this conversation should be addressed to the Intergroup and not directly to Stacy. Gina responded that the question is directly to Stacy about how much money Two Doors Down through Kurb INC has contributed to Special Events when you (Stacy) were Special Events Chair. Stacy stated that that is a question for her group, not her as an individual. Gina said to Stacy, well you are on both boards. Holly said that this is a question that could be addressed to the Treasurer. Holly said if she would like to address it to the Treasurer that she would

do the research and find out. Gina said that would be great, thanks so much. Gina then addressed Stacy again saying that the 990s are available and Stacy said that Gina has that information already and questioned so why is she mentioning this when she already knows the information? Gina stated that is how she is bringing this and told Stacy that those monies are coming into Special Events and MAIA whether there is a charge for the event or not because she is on the board of both groups and it will not stop coming as long as she is present on the committees so there is nothing to worry about. Brenda stated that this is out of order and she and Holly were trying to calm the discussion and Tony (Chair) stated that we are not going to argue. Gina stated she had made her point and continued to say look at the 990s. Tony (Chair) said please address your comments to the chair.

Dwayne (IG Rep the Four Absolutes) asked if we could take a 15-minute break due to the tension in the room. Tony (Chair) said that we could not set that precedence and that he wants to make sure everyone gets a chance to share what they need to share.

Debbie (IG Rep House of Hope) stated that there is a lot of tension in the room and a lot of hostility in the room and it is not just this side and that side it is all of y'all. She was thinking that what is wrong with splitting the difference and having it just be a donation only event. People might donate more than \$10 dollars. At the last event she said she did not pay the last \$10 and she could have bought the ticket but that we let people in free anyway. If we did a free event and just made it a donation only, there might be more money raised. Kelly (Serenity) said it is just a \$10 suggested contribution, and others were chiming in as well and Tony (Chair) said we are not going to ask questions we are going to let people share and then if something needs to be said, come to the microphone. Debbie also stated that there is much more screaming in the room and comments under our breath and that means that we are not a controlled group and organized together and that is disturbing. As a new Intergroup Rep, she said that makes her not want to be here. As a young Intergroup Rep with seven years of sobriety she feels concerned with the divide, especially when new Reps come in and all this is going on.

Raymond (IG Rep Primary Purpose) said he sees hostility and he does not believe it. He feels that we are to help people and help people do something for people. The flyer says suggested, suggested. Anyone will come and have a good time. He said if it ain't broke don't fix it. He said since he has been in AA, he has let go of all his resentments and given it to HIM and if you do not, WHEW, it will destroy you. He said he is like Debbie, he is a new Rep, and he came here to help people.

Sharon (IG Into Action) called for a vote. Tony (Chair) said it is ok if no one else has anything to say. There is a motion to call a question and a second which means to close the debate. Unanimously passes. Now we will go straight to a vote on the motion that states we will waive the entry fee to the Gratitude Dinner one time. Tony stated that

because we are talking about money, it will take a 2/3rds vote. All in favor. 4 yes and 21 no. Motion failed.

Corey (IG Rep WAGAAL) made a motion to create a committee, Events Committee, to do things for fun and for free because Intergroup is the best representation of our meetings around Memphis. This is to provide Unity.

Tony (Chair) said he must rule this motion out of order based on the fact that the Intergroup body, a little over a year ago, said that we did not have anything to do with Standing Committees. So, he does not feel right that it is not in the purpose of MAIA in our bylaws. However, if it were started Tony would allow reports and flyers to be brought in.

New Business

Tony (Chair) called for New Business.

Robert (IG Rep Somerville Triangle) said that we are still on the Spiritual Inventory and there is still no action on question 2. He said that supposed changes to the bylaws come from the Spiritual Inventory and these changes have not been brought up and voted on. He would like to make a motion to table the questions we are addressing now and bring the proposed changes and questions to be voted on. Mark (Early Risers) said he was not understanding what Robert was trying to say. Tony (Chair) asked Robert if he was referring to the AD HOC Committee's proposed changes and Robert said yes. Tony (Chair) shared that the AD HOC Committee cannot make a motion to change the bylaws that they reported what they saw and what they thought and that only groups and the Steering Committee can make a motion to change the bylaws. Groups need to bring up a motion to the table if any changes need to be made concerning the AD HOC Committee report. The Steering Committee's position is that we would rather it come from the groups. Unless the group makes a motion, the AD Hoc Committees report is just a report. Tony stated that we are going through the questions one at a time and we are not moving through them very fast. Robert asked if we were going through the questions one at a time and Tony said yes and that we were going to go through them until it is complete. Robert is still concerned that there have been no changes made due to the AD HOC Committee Report. Robert made a motion to address the proposed changes made by the Ad Hoc Committee. Tony called for a second and there was not a second.

Laurie (IG Rep Three-Legged Stool) stated that the Steering Committee came to visit their business meeting and there was a motion to form a committee or explore the options to create a list of people to provide rides for people. There was a second by Corey (IG Rep WAGGL). There was discussion that this could be something a little

simpler such as the phone watch committee taking this on, or a list being created with names and numbers of people willing to give rides, etc. Laurie (IG Rep Three-Legged Stool) amended her motion to say that at the next Intergroup meeting we will provide a list so that each group can go back and see who wants to participate and the list can be given to Brenda. Tony (Chair) suggested that people contact Brenda (Office Manager) and give her your name, number, and days and time that you are willing to give rides and the area where you are willing to travel. Brenda (Office Manager) said that would work.

Tony (Chair) asked for any more New Business.

Linda IG Rep IG Rep (On Awakening) brought a motion to clarify the prudent reserve goal so that there is no confusion going forward and to make sure that the Intergroup prudent reserve goal is clarified as the 6 months of current expenses whereas expenses can be adjusted as needed. Tony and Holly both agreed that this has been addressed thoroughly. There is a second to the motion by Corey. The motion passed unanimously.

Tony asked that the second inventory question be taken back to the groups: "How do the member groups/meetings feel that MAIA does informing the groups of its purpose and needs?"

Gina (IG Rep Women of WAAGL) asked if the question could be put on the FB book or somewhere for all to see and Tony answered saying that they are on the website and that copies were distributed and that she could call the office to get a copy if needed.

There was motion by Kelly (Serenity) to adjourn and a second by Laurie (Three-Legged Stool).

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 2:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Wheat, Executive Secretary

M.A.I.A. STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The monthly Steering Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the MAIA office and the online platform. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, the 12 Traditions, and the Purpose of M.A.I.A. In attendance were Stacy Wheat, Executive Secretary, and Brenda Brown, Office Manager. The At-Large members present were Hank Holtermann (acting Chairperson), Kay Hudkins, and Gabby French and George Moffit (Alternate Treasurer). Kelly C., Special Events Chair, was also present. Tony Shelby (Chair), Holly Harris (Treasurer), and At- Large member Gloria Hicks were absent.

MAIA SUBCOMMITTEES

Phone Watch:

Gabby F., Committee Chair, shared that they had a successful meeting last month and that a new member has joined. Unity has the phones this month, Friends of Bill has October phones, and Winchester Group will take November. The phone watch will have their next meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in December.

Special Events:

Kelly C., Special Events Chair, shared that the planning for the Gratitude Dinner is on track. They are working on having the flyers and T-shirts approved. The steering committee would like to see the current flyer brightened and another flyer created for comparison. It was agreed that these would be submitted. The theme for the event will be Grateful for the Journey. The committee is also super excited to welcome its 3 new members this year. Gratitude abounds!!!

Questions: Hank asked about how many T-shirts would be ordered and the cost of the T-shirts and Kelly responded that we would have those figures soon.

We do have zoom credentials for the Special Events Meetings and welcome all to join.

Social Media:

No report.

Information / Technology / Website:

Brenda, Office Manager, reported that Neil and our new friend have met are working to get the online bookstore up and running by the end of this year.

Treasurer's Report:

George, Alternate Treasurer, read the August Financial report.

Hank (acting Chair) asked questions.

There was a question from Hank (acting Chair) and that was how much interest is gained in savings account where the prudent reserve is kept. George (Alternate Treasurer) said he was uncertain but would find out and report back.

A motion was made to accept the Treasure's Report by Brenda, Gabby seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Steering Committee Meeting Report:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Brenda, the motion was seconded by Kay, the motion passed.

IG Rep Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Kay, George seconded the motion.

Hank (acting Chair) asked for any discussion. No discussion.

The motion passed.

Office Report:

Brenda read the report.

Old Business:

The motion from Gayle Alt IG Rep Traditions to reinstate the Quarterly Speaker Meetings directly following Intergroup Meetings was discussed. This motion passed at the last Intergroup Meeting on August 9th.

Kay had questions about how the groups go about getting the speakers and how the process works. Brenda (Office Manager) explained that the groups volunteer to host and provide lite snacks for the meetings, which entails getting the speakers Intergroup will be responsible for creating a flyer and communicating out to the fellowship.

The Chair (Tony) will address the need for a group to take the lead at the next Intergroup Meeting, September 13, 2026.

Hank (acting Chair) moved for discussion on the next motion on the floor proposed by Gina Alt IG Rep (Women of WAAGL) which states that we do not charge for Gratitude Dinner this year.

Hank (acting Chair) presented his concerns to the Committee and recognized the importances of the prudent reserve and the actuality of the reason the prudent reserve exists and how much is truly present. It is not about 130% but about the months of sustainability that allows for daily operation of the office.

Kay mentioned the fact that she said that there is suspicion about a large, prudent reserve and that Intergroup is “hoarding” the money and not spending it on the next sick and suffering alcoholic. This is a false premise because there is prudence in the necessity of continuing to need to function as can be seen in the need for new printers in the office at the current time.

Stacy (Executive Secretary) spoke up about her experience as Past Special Events Chair. She explained the necessity of Founders Day and Gratitude Dinner in helping MAIA continue to function. There has always been a \$10 suggested contribution, it has never been raised, and it is just a suggested contribution. It is an important part to keep the events alive so that MAIA does not have to use the prudent reserve to put on these events which help them to be fully self-supporting. No one has ever and will ever be turned away from the events if they do not have the \$10 suggested contribution. Gratitude and thanks to all who support these events!!! It is about the Spirit of the events. Stacy will be sharing more about this at the Intergroup Rep meeting on Sunday.

Kay stated that the principle of the spiritual needs to come before the material in translation. It is not about money. It is about the Fellowship being Grateful together. Stacy agreed celebrating and recognizing the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Hank stated that this motion all came out of seeing the prudent reserve being at 130%. It is the way that we present it to the community. Twenty-five years ago, the Intergroup experienced a major financial crisis, and the Chairman at that time went to the groups and shared the seriousness of the situation and the groups stepped up and MAIA was able to stay afloat. We could have another crisis like COVID or a recession. Prudent reserve is not meant to support events.

Brenda noted historically and structurally the target range for the reserve fund is intended to provide approximately 9 to 12 months of operating expenses. This principle is reflected in the guidance of the General Service Office and the General Service Conference, including **Concept XII**, which emphasizes the importance of maintaining sufficient operating funds along with an ample reserve as part of sound financial management.

Brenda asked George if he knew exactly what the percentages being used represented. George stated that he would find out the information. Hank stated that they calculate on

a 12-month moving average of expense and in the last twelve months plus how much cash we had would be reported at the time of month not a percentage.

The goal is that the event should be self-supporting and to maintain the purpose which is to help keep MAIA afloat to continue to help the sick and suffering alcoholic who walks through the door, call the office, or need a meeting to go to.

Hank stated that he thought that MAIA should give a gift of Gratitude to each person who attends the event. Stacy stated that she is ok with that but that for the most part she feels that when people come to the event they are coming because they want to come to enjoy the fellowship and to support MAIA and that in no way does she want to placate this motion. Kay agreed and stated that the Gratitude is all about what we are all giving together for the Intergroup. Gabby stated that the experience is important and that the truth is what matters and that is what needs to be shared. It is not so much more about the numbers but about the passion of Intergroup. Keep it simple.

George did chime in and stated that as of right now, the prudent reserve is about 7 months and that does not include the expenses of a new copy machine etc.

Also, there is another motion on the floor from Corey IG Rep (WAAGL) to start an Ad-hoc committee for the Unity and Fellowship for the betterment of AA. The Steering Committee did not discuss this motion.

The Steering Committee is still visiting groups so if your group would like a visit, please call the office.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

There was a motion by Gabby to adjourn, seconded by George.

The meeting ended at 7:29 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Wheat, Executive Secretary

August 2026 Treasurer's Report

August 2026

Total Income	\$ 6,142.26
Cost of Goods	\$ 2,454.87
Gross Profit	\$ 3,687.39
Expenses	\$ 6,069.90
Other Income/Recon Disc	\$ 6.69
Net Income	\$ (2,375.82)

Total Income for August 2026 was \$ (3,279.74) less than budgeted due lower than anticipated literature sales, group contributions and individual contributions.

Total Cost of Goods was \$ (1,662.63) less than budgeted due to savings from bulk purchases

This leaves a Gross Profit variance to budget before expenses of \$ (1,617.11) less than budgeted

Expenses for August 2026 were \$ (1,846.29) less than budgeted due to savings in contract labor, the refund from office depot for supplies and the Office Manager conference expenses that have not yet been incurred.

Net income variance to budget was \$ 215.87 more than budgeted due to the items mentioned above.

YTD August 2026

Total Income	\$ 81,774.13
Cost of Goods	\$ 21,557.25
Gross Profit	\$ 60,216.88
Expenses	\$ 54,960.11
Other Income/Recon Disc	\$ 6.51
Net Income	\$ 5,263.28

Total Income YTD thru August 2026 was \$ (4,476.87) less than budgeted due lower than anticipated literature sales and group contributions

Total Cost of Goods was \$ (11,301.50) less than budgeted due to savings from bulk purchases

This leaves a Gross Profit variance to budget before expenses of \$ 6,824.63 more than budgeted due to higher than anticipated income from Special Events

Expenses for YTD thru August 2026 were \$ (1,702.41) less than budgeted due to savings in Founders Day expenses and the CPA fee that has not yet been incurred for our 990 filing with the IRS

Net income variance to budget was \$ 8,373.55 more than budgeted due to the items mentioned above.

Notes

The CPA has our 990 information and has filed an extension for us until November but will attempt to finish our report in the next few weeks.

Last month a question was asked about our profit margin for literature and why it was approximately 50%. This is due to savings we have incurred by purchasing literature in bulk this year. When we don't purchase in bulk our profit margin for literature is approximately 35%

When our checking account balance is high after each of our supportive events, we move money into savings in order to earn as much interest as possible. We then draw those funds into the checking account as needed to pay bills, order literature, etc. During the month of August we moved \$2000 near the beginning of the month to pay invoices and \$7000 toward the end of the month to cover beginning of the month expenses for September.

The Bank Statement Balance as of 8/31/26 was \$ 7,395.00

The Prudent Reserve Statement Balance as of 8/31/26 was \$ 50,565.15

***Our Prudent reserve is 114% of the 6 month goal.

Respectfully Submitted

Holly Harris & George Moffitt

MEMPHIS AREA INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
Budget vs. Actuals: 2026 MAIA Budget - FY26 P&L
January - August, 2026

	Aug 2026				YTD Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue								
4100 Merchandise Sales			0.00		13.80	0.00	13.80	
4110 Literature	1,907.97	4,950.00	-3,042.03	38.54%	24,180.00	39,600.00	-15,420.00	61.06%
4120 Medallions	751.00	500.00	251.00	150.20%	5,712.99	4,000.00	1,712.99	142.82%
4130 Book Covers	50.00	100.00	-50.00	50.00%	725.00	800.00	-75.00	90.63%
4140 Birthday Cards	72.20	100.00	-27.80	72.20%	467.80	675.00	-207.20	69.30%
4190 Special Order Merchandise	66.40	2.00	64.40	3320.00%	361.10	16.00	345.10	2256.88%
Total 4100 Merchandise Sales	\$ 2,847.57	\$ 5,652.00	-\$ 2,804.43	50.38%	\$ 31,460.69	\$ 45,091.00	-\$ 13,630.31	69.77%
4300 Contributions - Group	3,044.14	3,200.00	-155.86	95.13%	21,195.63	25,600.00	-4,404.37	82.80%
4310 Contributions - Individual	150.00	395.00	-245.00	37.97%	12,418.52	3,160.00	9,258.52	392.99%
4320 Contributions - High Five	80.55	175.00	-94.45	46.03%	1,374.72	1,400.00	-25.28	98.19%
4330 7th Tradition - IR Meeting	10.00		10.00		109.50	0.00	109.50	
4700 Events/Committees	5.00		5.00		210.00	0.00	210.00	
4710 Founder's Day		0.00	0.00		14,952.22	11,000.00	3,952.22	135.93%
4720 Gratitude Dinner	5.00	0.00	5.00		20.00	0.00	20.00	
4730 Accessabilities			0.00		32.00	0.00	32.00	
Total 4700 Events/Committees	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 15,214.22	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,214.22	138.31%
4800 Reimbursed Expenses			0.00		5.00	0.00	5.00	
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00		0.00		-4.15	0.00	-4.15	
Total Revenue	\$ 6,142.26	\$ 9,422.00	-\$ 3,279.74	65.19%	\$ 81,774.13	\$ 86,251.00	-\$ 4,476.87	94.81%

Cost of Goods Sold									
5000 COGS-Literature	1,689.68	3,811.50	-2,121.82	44.33%	17,275.74	30,492.00	-13,216.26	56.66%	
5010 COGS-Medallions	626.27	115.00	511.27	544.58%	3,312.61	920.00	2,392.61	360.07%	
5020 COGS-Birthday Cards	39.60	65.00	-25.40	60.92%	258.00	438.75	-180.75	58.80%	
5030 COGS-Book Covers	42.90	86.00	-43.10	49.88%	496.40	688.00	-191.60	72.15%	
5040 -COGS-Dictionary		15.00	-15.00	0.00%	0.00	120.00	-120.00	0.00%	
5060 COGS-Special Order Merchandise	36.97		36.97		176.10	0.00	176.10		
5100 Shipping/Delivery		50.00	-50.00	0.00%	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.00%	
5700 Discount		-25.00	25.00	0.00%	0.00	-200.00	200.00	0.00%	
Cost of Goods Sold	19.45		19.45		38.40	0.00	38.40		
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 2,454.87	\$ 4,117.50	-\$ 1,662.63	59.62%	\$ 21,557.25	\$ 32,858.75	-\$ 11,301.50	65.61%	
Gross Profit	\$ 3,687.39	\$ 5,304.50	-\$ 1,617.11	69.51%	\$ 60,216.88	\$ 53,392.25	\$ 6,824.63	112.78%	
Expenditures									
Total 6020 Bank Service Charges	\$ 157.21	\$ 133.00	\$ 24.21	118.20%	\$ 1,296.93	\$ 1,064.00	\$ 232.93	121.89%	
6040 Computer Expense	388.00	320.00	68.00	121.25%	3,460.19	2,560.00	900.19	135.16%	
Total 6200 Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 299.50	\$ 260.00	\$ 39.50	115.19%	
6250 Postage and Delivery	106.69	95.00	11.69	112.31%	618.13	760.00	-141.87	81.33%	
6280 Professional Fees			0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total 6280 Professional Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	-\$ 600.00	0.00%	
6400 Licenses and Permits			0.00		29.00	0.00	29.00		
6550 Taxes - Other		10.00	-10.00	0.00%	40.98	80.00	-39.02	51.23%	
6650 Contract Labor	105.00	300.00	-195.00	35.00%	1,365.00	2,400.00	-1,035.00	56.88%	
Total 6700 Rent	\$ 977.00	\$ 977.00	\$ 0.00	100.00%	\$ 8,819.70	\$ 7,789.00	\$ 1,030.70	113.23%	
6750 Repairs & Maint			0.00		135.00	0.00	135.00		
Total 6800 Supplies	-\$ 55.71	\$ 250.00	-\$ 305.71	-22.28%	\$ 3,102.51	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 1,897.49	62.05%	
Total 6850 Telephone & Communications	\$ 302.94	\$ 294.43	\$ 8.51	102.89%	\$ 2,770.89	\$ 2,355.44	\$ 415.45	117.64%	
6870 Conferences		900.00	-900.00	0.00%	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0.00%	
Total 6890 Travel & Ent	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	-\$ 600.00	0.00%	\$ 661.03	\$ 600.00	\$ 61.03	110.17%	
6975 Miscellaneous	51.90		51.90		83.10	0.00	83.10		
Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 4,036.87	\$ 4,036.76	\$ 0.11	100.00%	\$ 32,295.00	\$ 32,294.08	\$ 0.92	100.00%	
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense			0.00		-16.85	0.00	-16.85		

Total Expenditures	\$	6,069.90	\$	7,916.19	-\$	1,846.29	76.68%	\$	54,960.11	\$	56,662.52	-\$	1,702.41	97.00%
Net Operating Revenue	-\$	2,382.51	-\$	2,611.69	\$	229.18	91.22%	\$	5,256.77	-\$	3,270.27	\$	8,527.04	-160.74%
Total Other Revenue	\$	7.02	\$	20.00	-\$	12.98	35.10%	\$	7.02	\$	160.00	-\$	152.98	4.39%
Total Other Expenditures	\$	0.33	\$	0.00	\$	0.33		\$	0.51	\$	0.00	\$	0.51	
Net Other Revenue	\$	6.69	\$	20.00	-\$	13.31	33.45%	\$	6.51	\$	160.00	-\$	153.49	4.07%
Net Revenue	-\$	2,375.82	-\$	2,591.69	\$	215.87	91.67%	\$	5,263.28	-\$	3,110.27	\$	8,373.55	-169.22%

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OFFICE REPORT – September 2026

2026 Ad Hoc Committee Report:

At the Intergroup Representatives' meeting held on April 7, 2026, MAIA Chair Tony reminded the Intergroup Representatives that the 2025 Inventory Ad Hoc Committee report had been presented at a previous meeting. At that time, the Intergroup Representatives were asked to take the information back to their home groups for review and discussion. They were then asked to return to the Intergroup Representatives' meeting with any questions or motions their group wished to present regarding the report.

M.A.I.A. Steering Visting Groups/Meeting:

The Steering Committee is visiting groups and meetings throughout the fellowship to share information about what M.A.I.A. does—and what it does not do. We are also taking this opportunity to hear directly from the membership by asking how M.A.I.A. can better aid and serve your home groups.

If your group has not yet received a visit, please hold tight—we look forward to seeing you soon!

AAWS: (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services) – Announcement:

Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of \$20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition, updated with 26 new stories of recovery, in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,

Chair, AAWS Board

The Office Manager and the IT Tech Team are currently comparing different models and types of copier machines to determine the best option for the Intergroup Office.

More information will be forthcoming as the comparison and evaluation process continues.

M.A.I.A. continues to improve our services to better serve the Greater Metropolitan Memphis Area.

M.A.I.A. OFFICE ACTIVITIES: (AUG 2026)

12-Step Call (Office)	8
Meeting Request	47
Walk Ins	35
E-Mail Distribution	1530

STEERING COMMITTEE TERM

NAME	POSITION	TERM BEGAN	TERM EXPIRES
Tony S.	Chairperson	January 2024	December 31, 2027 (2 nd term)
Holly H.	Treasurer	November 2025	October 30, 2027 (1st term)
Stacy W.	Executive Secretary	May 2024	April 30, 2028 (2 nd term)
Brenda B.	MAIA Office Manager	n/a	
Hank H.	At-Large	April 2026	March 31, 2028 (1 st term)
Gloria H.	At-Large	February 2024	January 31, 2028 (2 nd term)
Gabby W.	At-Large	April 2026	March 31, 2028 (1 st term)
Kay H.	At-Large	April 2023	March 2027, (2 nd term)
George M.	At-Large	January 2026	December 2028 (1 st term)

Respectfully Submitted
Brenda Brown, M.A.I.A. Office Manager

**August 2026
Group Contributions**

	AUG 2026	AUG 2025 (PY)	JAN - AUG, 2026 (YTD)
26-On Awakening	0.00	0.00	660.00
Any Length Group	0.00	0.00	155.80
Came to Believe Group	0.00	0.00	300.00
Central Gardens Group	100.00	100.00	450.00
Cherokee Group	0.00	100.00	100.00
Collierville Group	0.00	0.00	1,284.82
Downtown Nooners N/S	0.00	0.00	50.00
Downtown Thursday Night Group	0.00	0.00	1,094.11
Earlybird	0.00	0.00	771.88
Everyday People	0.00	0.00	20.00
Friends of Bill W	0.00	0.00	227.44
Germantown Happy	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Germantown Noon	0.00	375.00	1,650.00
Holly Springs Group	0.00	0.00	400.00
Hollywood	0.00	0.00	95.00
Horn Lake	10.00	0.00	20.00
How It Works	0.00	0.00	0.05
Into Action Midtown	84.00	0.00	84.00
Lakeland	0.00	0.00	141.23
Men of Recovery	1.16	2.81	10.75
Morning Glories	89.00	0.00	89.00
Mustard Seed	0.00	0.00	20.00
New Start	0.00	0.00	125.00
Oakland Always Open	0.00	65.00	95.00
Out-of-Towners Fellowship Group	0.00	0.00	0.08
Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00	863.32
Primary Purpose	0.00	0.00	50.00
Queer Bees and Wanna Bes	126.46	65.00	319.96
Rule-62	0.00	0.00	175.00
S.O.S.	0.00	0.00	17.80
Serenity	400.00	197.32	550.00
Seriously Sober	770.00	0.00	770.00
Shady Ladies	0.00	300.00	720.00
Shipwreck	0.00	0.00	50.00
Sober Journey	220.00	200.00	620.00
Solutions Group	0.00	0.00	840.38
South Memphis	0.00	20.00	40.00
Straight Outta Bondage	0.00	0.00	300.00
The Nooner	400.38	0.00	1,614.83
Three Legged Stool	2.80	0.00	2.80
Traditions	50.00	50.00	200.00
Triangle Group - Somerville	0.00	0.00	61.50
Two Doors Down	300.00	0.00	2,100.00

**August 2026
Group Contributions**

	AUG 2026	AUG 2025 (PY)	JAN - AUG, 2026 (YTD)
Unity Group	415.37	149.98	1,459.79
WAAGL	75.00	75.00	525.00
West Memphis Group	0.00	0.00	20.00
Whitehaven Morning Sunrisers-	0.00	0.00	200.00
Winchester	0.00	0.00	350.00
TOTAL	\$3,044.17	\$1,700.11	\$20,894.54