

Finger Lakes Area Intergroup

St. John's Episcopal Church
32 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Minutes of May 16th – Hybrid meeting



2:30pm - Call to Order & Declaration of Unity

Attendance = 17: 9 IR's/Alt IR's, 4 Committee Chairs, 4 Officers (not incl. FLAI Chair), and 2 observers.

Quorum: 30% of active voting members = 9. We had 17 of 30 voting members present = 60%

Area Demographic: 70 groups = 25 have IR's, 17 are inactive, 23 have no IR, and 5 too small to have an IR.

Robert's Rules: Discussion, Motion, 2nd the Motion, Discussion, Vote, Minority Opinion, revote if necessary.

Announcements:

- Buzz reviewed the newsletter

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:

Approval of April Minutes

Walt B made a **motion**, Seconded by Kevin M.

Vote: 15 Approved 2 Abstained 0 Disapproval **Motion passed.** (at the time vote was taken, only 17 members present)

Approval of May minutes

Peggy K. made a **motion**, Seconded by Walt B.

Vote: 14 Approved 3 Abstained 0 Disapproval **Motion passed.** (at the time vote was taken, only 17 members present)

Officer Reports:

Secretary - Brad G. FLAI Secretary provided report

- Met with Kurt twice to go over secretarial duties, getting together next week.
- I've been responding to secretary email.

If there are questions about the Secretary Report, please reach out: secretary.flai@gmail.com

Heidi K made a **motion** to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Kevin M.

Vote: 17 Approved, 0 Abstain 0 Disapproval Unanimous. **Motion passed**

Treasurer – Heidi K. FLAI Assistant Treasurer provided report

- **May 2026 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary:** Contributions = \$150.84, Expenses = \$841.73.
- **YTD 2026 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary:** Contributions = \$4224.30 Expenses = \$3164.62.
- **5/31/26 Checking Account Balance:** \$1197.48
 - o **This Includes:** Operating funds (YTD Fiscal Variance) of \$1059.68 and the \$137.80 of Surplus funds
- **Prudent Reserve:** \$2,752.84

Thank you to Betsy, the assistant bean counter, she did a great job delivering last months reports

May deposits appear low only due to timing of Betsy getting to the bank. There is no Community Bank in Victor, so we will see an uptick in contributions in June.

If there are questions about the Treasury Reports, please reach out: treasurer.flai@gmail.com.

Kevin M. made a **motion** to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by Walt B.

Vote: 17 Approved, 0 Abstain = Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Old Business:

NONE

Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibility: Karen S. (Committee Chair) provided report to secretary

- Nothing new to report, committee did not meet this month.

Answering Service: Sandy M. (Committee Chair) provided report

- The schedule is mostly covered however, we can use two more people; its good service work, done all at home.
- In general the committee is doing well.
- Handbook
 - Need some printed for volunteers.
 - Heidi asked Sandy to email Handbook pdf to Brad, she will also help Brad find it on the hard drive.

Archives: Susan J. (Acting Committee Chair/Archivist) provided report

- Archives is going to meet on 6/29 at her apartment.
- I am getting help from the Buffalo Archivist, specific to protecting books.
- Exhibit has been traveling and will be going to the Geneva Noon Time 79th anniversary on 8/12/26
 - Archives Committee is asking for a 2-week advanced notice prior to any event when requested to set up the table.

Corrections: Justin S (Committee Chairperson) was not present to provide report

PI/CPC: Barry L. (Committee Chair) provided report

- Facebook
 - 16874 impressions, generated 58 clicks
 - We changed our images a month or so ago and our click through rate increased from .11 to .24
- Instagram
 - Results not as good, age of users is less than our demographic; Meta places ad where it is most advantageous.

- Cayuga Digital Outreach
 - Provides a monthly report that is very detailed and graphically oriented
 - We had 20,832 impressions, which generated 26 clicks. Click through rate equals .12
 - I am working with Cayuga to improve results.
- County Fairs
 - Yates: July 8-11, Chris B. is organizing
 - Application has been sent in. No fees for the table, two free passes have been given, may purchase two additional passes at \$15 each.
 - I am creating a sign up sheet for volunteers.
 - Seneca: July 15-18, Tom J. and Dan C. are organizing
 - Ontario: July 21-25, Ed A. is organizing, should be free and requires our certificate of insurance.
 - Wayne: August 10-16, Gertie G. is organizing, needs the certificate of insurance.
- 5 x7 cards committee selected a final card to be printed for bulletin boards in grocery stores, food pantries, and other locations.
 - Committee conducted an experiment on standard paper flyers versus smaller fancy paper cards, and the smaller lasts longer and looks nicer.
 - Municipalities in our 4 county area: 10 in ONT, 10 in Wayne, 5 in Seneca, 3 in Yates, many places to post.
- Area 47 collaboration (fall 2026)
 - Nursing schools - power point and AA nurse members to share
 - Area 47 workshop. FLAI chair participation will be sought.
- Radio
 - PICPC guide suggests increasing radio on holidays, we are going to try for July 4th, we have \$102 left to spend in the budget.
 - 2025 radio dollars were \$759 for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. We were on the Lake 104.5 and classic hits 98.5. So we will be asking for more money at the end of the year.

Questions for Barry:

Why aren't we using pull tab flyers? They are outdated and most people just take a picture.

For more information contact Barry L. at picpc.flai@gmail.com

Treatment – Kevin M. (Committee Chairperson) provided report.

- Committee met over dinner in June. Our next meeting is July 13th, we will set up August and September commitments at that time.
- Will be ordering soft cover Big Books soon. Request will be sent to Treasurer.
- We will be voting on new Committee Chair in September.
- Finger lakes Intergroup Treatment Committee:
 - Next meeting on June 8th will be a committee dinner at our own expense.
 - Mecates Mexican Restaurant. 1166 NY-31, Macedon, NY 14502
 - 7PM

Website – Keith C. (New Committee Chairperson) was not present to provide report

New Business

- **FLAI Day Of Sharing**
 - Buzz appointed Barry L as chair. The budget is \$300
 - Hoping that the 5th Chapter Motorcycle Club location (Where the Way of Life meeting is held) will host the event.
 - Barry mentioned wanting to change the name of the event.
- **FLAI 2027 budget**
 - Committee budget due to treasurer by 8/15
 - The Adhoc budget committee will be led by Betsy W.(FLAI assistant bean)
 - **Keep in mind our storage facility is a new expense component which will be moved to the FLAI area. Being that this is a new expense, all committee budgets will decrease.**
 - Are we using the smallest size available? Treasurer will check.

3:30 pm - Meeting Adjournment –

Kevin M. made a **motion** to close the meeting. Seconded by **Walt B.**

Vote: 17Approve = Unanimous - **Motion passed.**

Next Meeting: Saturday July 18, 2026. It will be a hybrid. Doors open at 2:00pm, Zoom Room opens @ 2:15 and will be locked by 2:45...Please be on time to minimize distractions and interruptions during the meeting.

Reminder: There is no meeting in August.