

Writing your group's history helps you understand its foundation and connects it to our Area Archives, highlighting its place in Alcoholics Anonymous. Trace the origins of your group, in story form, with details that tell the group's chain of events. This will serve as a resource for learning about past experiences, including both challenges and successes.

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..."

"It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion..."

"We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come..." Bill W., 1957

THE IDEAL GROUP HISTORY

1. Should trace the evolution of your Group in story form. The most important thing is recording the information.
2. Your Group history should be a collection of descriptive information, such as the Group's past experience, strength, hope and tribulations. Also include facts and details such as names and dates.
3. Ask your members to share about the most unforgettable, most dedicated and/or helpful characters. If the group is no longer active, when and why did it fold? Others can learn from the shared experiences of AA's past.

SUGGESTIONS

1. Discuss in your group conscience how to best accomplish your group history.
2. Talk to old-timers in your group on a one-to-one basis.
3. When your Group history is nearly complete, share it with your members. Keep a copy for your Group and email the original, preferably in a Word document, to Teri G., Area Archivist, at archivist@area53aa.org. or return it to the person who gave you this form.

<u>GROVE CITY MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK STUDY</u>		<u>9-13-25</u>
Group Name		Today's Date
<u>DAVE T</u>		
Group contact name, phone number and email address		
District #	GSO #	
<u>11-23-98</u>	<u>6</u>	
Date Group formed	Current number of Home Group members	
<u>BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 4501 HOOVER RD. GROVE CITY, OH 43123</u>		
Meeting location (facility name, street address, city, zip code)		
<u>BIG BOOK STUDY</u>		<u>MONDAY 6 PM</u>
Type of meeting (BB, women's, literature, etc.)		Meeting day and time

If you need additional space, please write on the back or attach additional sheets.

1. Provide a brief history of what the group was like when it started and what it is like now. For example, is your group active? Who were the founders? Is your group name the original one? How many original members still attend?

ATTACHED!

2. Meeting date/time/location, changes

6 PM MONDAYS, 4501 HOOVER RD. GROVE CITY, OH 43123
THE ONLY CHANGE WAS THE ORIGINAL TIME WAS 7 PM,
AND WAS CHANGED TO 6 PM IN 2023.

3. Meeting format (speaker, BB, ABSI, women's)

BIG BOOK STUDY

4. Group changes over time. (controversial subjects, group conscience, etc.)

ATTACHED!

5. Has the Group had and "unforgettable" members?

YES, MANY!

6. Has the Group been involved in outside activities as a Group? (12 Step work, Workshops, Conventions, etc.)

NO

7. How does the Group celebrate members' sobriety anniversaries?

WITH COINS

8. Has the Group had any problems, unusual projects or disagreements? How were they overcome?

JUST SMALL DISAGREEMENTS, MOSTLY ABOUT
THE FORMAT, AND THEY WERE ALWAYS SETTLED IN
A GROUP CONSCIENCE.

9. What are the Group's strengths and weaknesses?

THE RECOVERY ASPECT IS VERY STRONG WITH MANY
YEARS OF SOBRIETY AMONG OUR MEMBERS. OUR ONLY WEAKNESS
IS OUR ATTENDANCE AT TIMES.

10. What other situation or event is particularly interesting to your Group history?

THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED OUR GROUPS TO BE
MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH. AS THE CHURCH HAS GROWN,
THEY'VE ALWAYS PROVIDED US WITH AN AMAZING PLACE TO
MEET. THEY ALWAYS CHECK IN WITH US TO MAKE SURE
THAT WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED.

Grove City Monday Night Big Book Study (Detailed History)

During the month of October 1998, a group of us began talking about the possibility of starting another meeting in Grove City, Ohio. We didn't want it to conflict with other meetings in town, so we thought Monday was a good day to have it, and some had mentioned that it would be nice to have a big book study.

Earlier in the year, 2 other meetings in Grove City, that were held at a different church, thought that they were going to have to move for particular reasons. They contacted Bethel Lutheran Church to see if they could move there if need be. Bethel Lutheran welcomed the idea. As it turned out, those meetings were able to stay where they were. Knowing that Bethel Lutheran was open to the idea, we contacted their Pastor (Pastor Peter Ray), about starting our new meeting there. The church welcomed us with open arms.

For the next couple of weeks, we announced at meetings that we wanted to form a group of people that would be interested in discussing starting this meeting. On November 23rd, 1998, we had a meeting of about 10 people, and we discussed and voted on all of the details regarding our meeting.

The group voted on having it be a Big Book Study group, to choose the meeting name, and to start the meeting at 7pm. The original format was for a reader to read a couple of paragraphs then they would have the first option to comment or pass if they wish. The room was then opened for any additional comments before the next reader. This was every week.

At one point, the format changed to where we read a story from the back of the book on the last Monday of the month. After that, it changed again to where we dropped the story and had a speaker on that last Monday. The format then changed to where we read for 10 minutes and then commented for the rest of the meeting, going round robin to the right.

Currently, we've reverted back to the original format and reading a story on the last Monday of the month.

During Covid, the church was closed and a few of us resumed the meeting on zoom.

When the church reopened, we came back in person. Unfortunately, once we returned, our attendance was cut by half, but thankfully it's growing again.

In 2023, the group voted to change the start time to 6pm.

We currently have 6 home group members, including John M. _____ and myself (Dave T. _____), who were a part of the original group.