Midshore Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Church of the Brethren, 6:30pm

**In attendance:** George T., Bob N., Chuck R., Larry R., Andy M., Frank B., Craig L., George C., Mike O., Charles R., Julia B., Jane T., Taylor G., Rose R., Gary Z., Jim C., Jim R., Mike W.

Opened with Serenity Prayer –

**Announcements:** People have stepped up for the new council. Tonight are the elections.

**Chair's Report:**

**Vice-Chair’s Report:** not in attendance

**Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer’s Report was read and approved

**Secretary report:** May minutes were read and approved

**Institution Committee**: no report

**Webmaster Report:** no report

**Activities Report:** No report

**Office Management Report:** No report

**Old Business:** Mike O. willing to stand for chairperson; Ginger is willing to step up as Vice-Chairperson; Jen E. is interested in being Secretary; Kevin M. is willing to be Treasurer. Mike introduced himself and spoke about his interest in being chairperson of MSIG. Ginger introduced herself and expressed her interest in being Vice-Chairperson. Kevin M. introduced himself and talked about his interest in being Treasurer. Jen E. is on vacation; technically the position of Secretary is still open. Mike O. was voted in as Chairperson, Ginger G. was voted in as Vice-Chair, Kevin was voted in as Treasurer.

Should we make Intergroup Meeting earlier? It’s easier for Kent Island people to keep time the same. Motion passes to keep time the same.

Should we make Intergroup a hybrid meeting? Ginger has the equipment. People could call in and hopefully there could be more regular attendees. Jane believes intergroup reps should take the matter back to their groups. No restrictions on bylaws regarding internet use in the MSIG meeting. Could be chaotic. Could send out an email regarding getting reps to respond to connect to Zoom.

Bylaws state Chairperson must have served on MSIG previously.

Want to update Bylaws – the current quorum is 10 members. Is there a different quorum number for changing the Bylaws?

Intergroup was originally incorporated to be able to get insurance to hold events. Could file Articles of Dissolution with the state of MD. Larger groups need insurance to occupy churches. Incorporation also works well for people to be able to deduct their contributions.

What are the benefits to unincorporating? MSIG wouldn’t have to file Personal Property insurance, or a form with IRS, no sales tax filing for literature. But we would lose our tax exempt status.

Ask groups if having a hybrid meeting would help more people show up. **Bring it up at the next meeting**. Could we do an email poll? It’s difficult to get participation.

Is there a decision about whether Mike can serve as chair even though he hasn’t been on MSIG previously. Apparently there needs to be a 2/3 vote to change the Bylaws.

**New Business**: We need to update the bylaws, in the meanwhile, we can have a temporary chairperson. New council needs to review MSIG documents and update bylaws. We can amend the bylaws to lift the requirements for Chair and Vice-Chair. Secretary would be the one to update the documents. Minutes will have the amendments voted on previously.

**Next intergroup meeting will be Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

Responsibility Declaration

Meeting adjourned.