

Midshore Intergroup Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Church of the Brethren, Easton, Maryland

In attendance: Doug M., George T., Ginger G., Chuck R., Peter R., Ole D., Gary Z., John R., Jim W., Kim R., Richard C., Rose R., JoAnn B., Taylor G., Jim R., Julia B.

Chair's Report:

George and Jo Ann are getting together a workshop on service.

Jo Ann says she is getting a variety of workshop suggestions from GSR (Maryland General Services?)

Went to the area assembly in August

Trying to encourage groups to send representatives to Intergroup

Tuesday night meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Easton has changed its time to 7pm, but the change is not yet noted on the website yet

People were surprised by the change of time

Computer in the office had a glitch, couldn't update the Where & When

George has set up a new gmail account for himself as Chair of Midshore Intergroup:

Chairman.midshoreintergroup@gmail.com

Wants others on panel to set up gmail accounts for Intergroup website

Doug M. Report – at Sessions good contingent from Talbot Co. Notes that it is interesting that people will pay to go to Sessions but won't come to Intergroup meetings

Rose is happy to be information contact for the website

Ginger's Treasurer's account – Thinks the report from the previous treasurer beginning balance was high by \$500. See Treasurer's report on separate handout. Has deposits from since August 14 to make. Wants to reconcile the Treasurer's report from fiscal month to fiscal month, rather than from meeting date to meeting date. Write all receipts, literature sales, donations, etc. written in the Treasurer's book. Property rent for the picnic was paid.

Regarding the picnic – excess water and soda, etc. is being kept in the storage unit of the Masonic Temple. Andy is owed money from BJ's expenses.

Julia B.'s Secretary Report – minutes from last month were approved. Secretary's name has been legally changed; last name initial is B.

Institutions, Steve could not attend Intergroup meeting, but has been in touch with institutions and will be working on that. Chuck said there are individuals who want to do institutions visits. George will give the information to Steve.

Activities Chair – Taylor – wants to be of service, is looking for suggestions

Office Management Committee – Ginger wants to stand for the position. Some controversy about whether she can do both Treasurer and be a committee chair. Let's put it up for a vote if it's not an issue. Not a big deal, call Ginger if there are any issues at the office.

George says as long as we have someone who wants to do it, let her do it. Voted on, approved.

Old Business – George visited the answering service. There was an error on their screens, it has been corrected. Rose made a test call and received accurate information. George made sure they have the most current information. Thinks they'll do better now.

Re: new computer for the Intergroup office is needed. Didn't have a quorum last month, George wants to bring it up for a vote this month, since we have a quorum. George priced a new computer, it will be at least \$500-\$700. Ole volunteered last month to research computers. Motion to get a new computer for the Intergroup office for up to \$1,000, seconded, voted on, passed. Ole will give us a report on his findings next month.

Re: Dover Street – does anyone know of anything about the staffing of the Dover Street meeting? 12 noon on Saturday has been discontinued. The woman who chairs on Wed., Thurs., and Friday has health problems. They're making an effort to keep the meeting staffed. Taylor says she is available to chair the Friday noon meeting, or help find someone to chair it. Suggestion made that Taylor just show up to the meeting to volunteer.

New Business –

Officers should set up gmail accounts – Cost for an additional emails is \$200/year
The thought is we should go for the free accounts.

Workshop on service – George will bring flyers from Craig
George's home group expressed interest in the workshop, "Finding a Home in AA"

Need a sign-in sheet for the meeting.

Round table: No votes can be changed after they've been taken

Third legacy procedure – minority opinion is heard, there can be another vote

Why were we taking a vote if we didn't have a quorum?

Motion was time sensitive, which is why other votes were solicited.

Extending the voting is problematic. Ole says it's better to have votes when there is a quorum.

Should we change the number we require for a quorum? Where are all the other people George has been wrangling to show up? No problem if we lower the quorum. Having a quorum this evening is an opportunity to vote on lowering the number required for a quorum.

Jim W. Makes a motion to lower the quorum to 10 people including the panel and the committee chair. Chuck says too few. Doug Reads from Robert's Rules, "a quorum is the number who can be depended upon to show up at all meetings." It's still a quorum of 18 on the books.

10 in favor, 4 opposed

How many people have been coming to the meetings?

Check the meeting minutes since April.
Lower number for quorum will enable Intergroup to function. Could always raise the number later.

Does anyone know about the Big Book Study Meeting in Hillsboro at the Retreat House on Monday nights at 7:30. Jimmy is chairing the meeting. Has it been registered? If so, they can be added to the meeting list.

We have someone at the Intergroup desk from Monday-Friday. Ginger requests if the office volunteers can't make it, they get someone to fill in for them.

Next Intergroup meeting is October 9 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned.