

MIDSHORE INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES 5/9/18

The meeting opened at The Church Of The Brethren in Easton, MD at 6:30 PM with a moment of silence for those still suffering within and outside of The Rooms, followed by The Serenity Prayer.

Andy M. passed out the attendance sheet and the current Where and When for members to make any changes or additions.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Andy M.)

- * The MSIG operating budget is still a work in progress. Committee chairs have submitted budget requests and a draft review is slated for at the June 2018 meeting.
- * Copies of the AA Guidelines for Central or Intergroup Officers were made available. Members were requested to take a copy, read it and keep it in their Intergroup file. "AA Guidelines and the Traditions of AA" shall be followed in the operation of Midshore Intergroup.
- * Andy M. requested that Popeye report on the history of expenses of the annual picnic as it is in jeopardy of being cancelled unless action is taken immediately. Typically costs range between \$1,000 and \$3,000 . Popeye reported that , historically, picnic organizers bought all necessary supplies, submitted receipts for purchases and were reimbursed by check. Andy M. asked if a motion for a budget of \$1500 for the picnic should be made. Doug M., Mark D., and Chuck R., and Sue R. discussed that their home groups would like time to discuss this budget before a motion is made. Mark D. stated that voting without prior discussion at home groups may impede group autonomy. Chuck R. agreed, expressing the need that groups do (or should) hold monthly group conscious meetings in order to preserve group unity. Jim W. suggested that the draft operations budget for next year will allow time for these discussions by providing upcoming events and costs, but in order to implement purchases for this years picnic he recommended that the Intergroup follow what was done in the past. The Group approved (by majority) expenses "up to \$1200 with later re-evaluation. Two group members abstained . Jennifer B. volunteered to organize the picnic.
- * Andy M. reviewed a possible method to increase committee participation; Each Intergroup Rep could be assigned to serve on a committee. Theoretically, with 16 Reps, each committee would then have 4 members. The Group was asked to think about this suggestion and be prepared to offer input at the June 2018 meeting.

VICE-CHAIR REPORT: (Jim W.)

- * Jim W. reported on the 4/30/2018 conference call with GSRs and MD General Services. Craig T. (Area Workshop Committee Chair was the speaker. (workshopmdaa.org.) He shared the following insight : " Conferences are Service Events, Conventions are social events, and workshops are learning events." The MD General Services Conference will be held 6/29/18 - 7/1/18 in Frederick.

TREASURER REPORT: (Charles R.) - see attached)

* Discussion:

Steve R. reported that a \$300 deposit was made to Sessions By The Sea. He further stated that a Christmas deposit will be clarified at a later date. Additionally, Andy M. to submit receipts for Big Book purchases.

Janet W. asked about decision re. Talent Show budget. Andy M. replied that all expenditures must be pre-approved by The MSIG Treasurer and that next year budget requests will be brought to home groups for discussion/vote.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES: (Carrie C.)

Minutes were read, motioned, seconded and unanimously approved.

WEBMASTER REPORT: (prepared by Mary J., read by Carrie C.)

Please see attached report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Institutions Committee: (Steve T.)

Steve T. reported that the committee needs help covering June & September Warwick meetings. A budget request of \$500.00 to cover Literature and Grapevine subscriptions was submitted. Chuck R. asked if Grapevines go to rehab. facilities; Steve said they are only provided to correctional facilities.

Jim W. reported that a group home member had signed up for volunteering and had not yet been contacted.

Chuck R. reviewed the need for a Rep to attend meeting every 2 weeks at Warwick. He will cover 1x monthly. He further reviewed that Bridging The Gap is part of the Institutions Committee. Volunteers should have a minimum of 6mths. sobriety. Contact him for additional information.

b. PI/CPC Committee: (Chuck R.)

A budget request for \$600.00 was submitted to cover workshops and supplies (racks, literature) A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

c. Activities Committee: (Vacant)

An additional discussion (see Chairman's Report) took place re. the annual picnic planning and budgeting.

Andy M. to provide personal funds for picnic purchases, as needed, to be reimbursed after group home discussions/votes and follow up MSIG approval.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS:

Andy M. reviewed his thoughts re. MSIG organizational progress. He feels all members are working towards improving efficiency and transparency.

* The meeting was adjourned following recitation of The Responsibility Statement: I am responsible, whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help , I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible. *

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie C.
MSIG Secretary

MIDSHORE INTERGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT

Date: May 9, 2018

Business Checking Account

Beg. Bal. April 11, 2018			\$1,899.14
Deposits:			
	30-Apr	Interest Paid	\$0.12
	9-May	Group Contributions	<u>\$380.00</u>
Subtotal Deposits			\$380.12
Beg. Balance + Deposits			\$2,279.26
Less			
	Ck. No.	Payee	
	5280	4-May Trustees of the Temple	\$340.00
	5281	9-May Easton Utilities-Internet Service	\$93.64
	5282	9-May Shore Answer LLC- Answering Service	\$117.35
Subtotal Checks			550.99
May 9 Check Bal.			\$1,728.27
Groups Contributions		Sat. Morning Round Table Morning Recovery Group Serenity Group Oxford Group	
Total Group Contributions			\$380.00
Total Literature Sales			\$666.89
Business Money Market Account			
Beginning Balance	11-Apr		\$5,831.14
	30-Apr	Interest Paid	<u>\$0.48</u>
May 9 2018 Money Mkt. Bal.			\$5,831.62
		Checking	\$1,728.27
		Money Market Savings	<u>\$5,831.62</u>
		TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$7,559.89

Submitted May 9, 2018

Charles R., Treasurer

Midshore Intergroup Webmaster Report
www.MidshoreIntergroup.org
May 9, 2018

1) During the last month, the **Events page has been updated** to remove events that had already passed and add new ones.

2) **Google Analytics** reports show that over the last month, 568 users visited our site. They initiated 960 sessions, each lasting about two minutes. More hits come from Google Searches, but there are a growing number of people coming directly to our site, which means these are established users coming back to get current information. There were 688 hits for the meetings page and 491 for the home page. Also, the data show that 63% of the hits came from mobile devices (i.e., cell phones), 27% came from a desktop, and about 10% from a tablet. This month there were 56 hits for the Events page. It was interesting to note the heaviest usage occurred between 4 pm to 8 pm, and the second heaviest was about 7 am to 10 am.

Please be sure to **keep the committee aware** of events, changes to the Where & When, the slate of officers, Intergroup by-laws, and anything else related to AA that would be of interest. Website Committee members are myself, Rose R. and Jenn B.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary J., Webmaster

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approved