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The April meeting of MidShore Intergroup was held on April 12th at the Church of the Brethren in Easton, Maryland. There were 16 people in attendance, namely

Joe H MSIG chair

Andy M MSIG treasurer

Rose R MSIG secretary

Chuck L PI/PCP chair

Amy C Morning Recovery

Sue R Thursday Noon Lunch Group

Terry K Safe Harbor, Cambridge

Mary J Thursday Noon Big Book Kent Island

Bob H Saturday Night Topic Group

Jim W As Bill Sees It Group

Janet W Sisters Off the Sauce, Chestertown

Mary D We Believe Women's Noon, Cambridge

Jim R MGS Intergroup Liaison

Charles R Serenity Group, Friday & Saturday Night Easton

Popeye T Thursday Night Denton

Jennifer B Sunday Stepping Stones, Easton, Activities chair

Joe began the meeting by reminding us that elections will be held in June this year. Sue volunteered to start the nominating committee and suggested changes to the bylaws for election purposes. Joe answered by saying that we need to have legal approval to change the bylaws, even though the new quorum has been moved and approved.

Chuck reported that there were no changes to the PI/PCP in his area and Jen told us that David H has volunteered to help the committee with entities like Easton Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. Jen has met with For All Seasons, Channel Marker, and Chesapeake Voyagers. For All Seasons has a limited display area, Chesapeake Voyagers has agreed to give us as much space as we need. Channel Markers has not allotted time or space as of yet. Mary pointed out that, in her experience Channel Markers works more with psychological dysfunction other than substance abuse disorders. Joe reminded us that Meg had put together some information packages that are a great example we can follow, and that there are still some of those packages in the office, also that Denton is starving for information packages. Jim suggested that, in places where space is at a premium, we include the pamphlet "A Guide to the 12 Steps of AA." Sue told us that she had found a welcome packet from the MidShore dated many years ago and asked if we still have a plan for something like that. Jen suggested we get together to formulate what to include in such a packet.

Jen reported that the picnic will be held on June 16th at Richardson's Beach, and that there will be better signage this year to help people find the place. Joe had asked for a workshop on internet anonymity, particularly when one individual mentions what someone else has said or done. Jen reported that the workshop will be held on May 13, at Grace Lutheran Church in Easton. There will be a panel presentation, a light lunch, and a round table discussion. A \$25 deposit was asked for and approved.

Jen suggested that MSIG consider a game night, and someone suggested Trivial Pursuit, as happens from time to time at the Washington Stree Pub, only maybe we could choose a different location. Or maybe we could have a monthly movie that could be shown at St. Marks in Easton and asked for \$50 in seed money. Joe suggested a quarterly, rather than a monthly, movie night. Jim told us that the meeting As Bill Sees It in Stevensville often shows movies with a recovery theme. Last Year, they screened Father Martin's Chalk Talk and had over 80 people in attendance. Joe asked Jim to keep us posted on future movie events. Mary cautioned us about non-recovery related activities.

Joe mentioned Don's offer to include input from interested parties in the Maryland General Service Conference, which is focusing this year on Concepts and Traditions.

Jim R suggested that MSIG step up to the plate to support Area 29 in its efforts to provide 120 donated registrations for the convention to be held in June. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should contribute, as there was no guarantee that the funds would be used in our District, but ultimately, the motion to contribute 10 scholarships was made and passed. Any recovery establishment is eligible to be entered in the drawing. Mary pointed out that we can also contribute registrations as an Intergroup to establishments in our own area. Joe made an amendment that we add another 10 registrations for our Intergroup area. Sue reminisced how much the convention helped her in early recovery.

Old business was brought up regarding the proposed website. Joe said he is not looking for a brand new website, just to give our present one a new look and to make it more available for peer editing. Mary spoke regarding her proposal and pointed out how multiple access can take the burden off a single individual as far as updating and maintaining the website. The board will meet with Mary before the next MSIG meeting.

In New Business, Jim mentioned the beginners packet that had been mentioned earlier, and recommended that we use only AA approved literature, which would exclude the aforementioned 'A Guide to the 12 Steps of AA', as that is a publication by Alcoholics Anonymous of Greater Detroit, and not AA World Service approved. He pointed out that the nominating committee should try to be able to present a slate at the May meeting. John and Mary agreed to work with Sue to pull this together, Amy announced a new Women's Meeting being held at Dover Street at 5:30 on Tuesdays.

Joe told us that "Today, 21 years ago, I had my last drink!" Thanks for showing us how it works, Joe! This is what the Program is all about! The meeting closed with the Our Father.