

MSIG MEETING MINUTES 2/14/18

The meeting opened at The Church of the Brethren in Easton MD at 6:30 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Seventeen members were in attendance (quorum met)

CHAIRMAN REPORT: Andy M.

- * Andy M. reviewed the change re. the number of voting attendees required for a quorum which was voted into the by-laws in 2005. The minimum attendance was decreased to 14 voting members and remains in effect. The following bylaw states that the functions of Mid-Shore Intergroup shall be carried out by the Intergroup Council, comprised of all elected or appointed representatives, the officers and committee chairpersons, any member of A.A. not serving as a member of the Council, is encouraged to attend meetings thereof, but shall have no vote or right to participate in debate.
- * Andy M. reported that he and Charles R. (Treasurer) met to develop the 2018/2019 budget which will be presented for a vote at the April MSIG meeting.
- * Andy M. reviewed progress re: the Office Management Committee. Joan L. has agreed to file IRS forms to reinstate tax exempt status and to assist with organizing and managing MSIG office. A google reminder calendar will be set up for property tax and filing dates. Joan L. will work with Webmaster.
- * Andy M. provided an update on the District 37 initiative to help staff MSIG office. They will be attending meetings in order to identify or name GSRs. The District will meet the 3rd Wed. of the month.
- * Theresa K. (Activities) will be out for a while following knee surgery.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT: Jim W.

- * Where & When updated as of 1/22/18. Jim R. has delivered yellow paper to the MSIG office for printing directories.

TREASURER REPORT: Charles R.

- * See report on MSIG Website

JANUARY MSIG Meeting Minutes: Carrie C.

- * Minutes were read and unanimously approved with changes submitted to Webmaster for posting.

WEBMASTER REPORT:

- * Invoices for WIX.com charges submitted for reimbursement by Mary J.
- * See full 2/18 Report on Website

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Institution Committee: (Andy M. for Steve T.)

- * Volunteers still needed for Warwick Manor; contact Steve T. if Home Group members are available to help.
- * Popeye reported Caroline County Jail meetings established for every Tues. They will begin with Big Book meetings. Eight inmates have signed up thus far.
- * Chuck met with Warwick Manor staff and was asked to present Bridging the Gap once every two weeks. He has pamphlets available and needs help to make this commitment. Andy suggested that Chuck send an email to all members on the MSIG address list re: training and guidelines for those who will commit to help. Chuck to draft email for Carrie C. to distribute.
- * Chuck needs Temporary Contacts for Bridging the Gap in Caroline County. A contact helps the new AA get to a few meetings and introduces them to other AA members. If you live in Caroline County (or close) and would like to be a contact for someone getting out of rehab, please give Chuck a call. 410-430-0583.

PI / CPC Committee: (Chuck R.)

We have plenty of the 2-tier AA pamphlet holders for doctor's offices and health care facilities. If you see a doctor within the Mid Shore Intergroup area and get permission to leave the holders in their waiting rooms please give me a call or email me, and I will meet you somewhere to give you the holders. 410-430-0583 chuck4774@gmail.com.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: (Meg G.)

- * Meg G. reviewed the status of the Talent Show planned for late Oct. or early Nov. The Committee is looking at venues with consideration given to central location and parking. Meg suggested that all counties be represented. The Committee will draft both a flyer and criteria for Andy M. to review. Andy M. reviewed that The Church of the Brethren will allow practice there for a fee not yet established.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: (Joan L.)

- * Joan reported that the office will now be staffed: Tues. : 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Wed.: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Fri.: 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- * Please see Chairman report for more office details.

ROUND TABLE:

- * Popeye suggested that the annual picnic typically held in July be planned 2 months in advance.
- * Jim W. asked attendees if we need to do more outreach. Jim W. suggested that MSIG Panel and Group Reps. visit 3 meetings monthly not normally attended to introduce ourselves as members of MSIG and to promote Group Rep attendance. Andy M. suggested that everyone in attendance at the 2/14/18 meeting choose two meetings to attend. Andy M. suggested that the MSIG Panel be responsible for presentations re: "What the MSIG does". He further stated that these presentations be singular in purpose. Joan L. recommended that details of this presentation be posted on the MSIG Website.
- * Sue R. brought up concerns about the limited knowledge of Home Group members regarding the roles and responsibilities of service within MSIG.
- * Andy M. reviewed the good insight that can be gained by members engaging in MD General Service Conference calls.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement - I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

Carrie C
MSIG Secretary