

**Mid-Shore Intergroup Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Church of the Brethren, Easton, MD**

There were 13 members in attendance. They were:

JoAnn B Thursday Night Group, St. Michaels
Jason W Corrections Chair, Monday Night Seeking Serenity
Ralph T Wednesday Night Beginner ' s Meeting, Easton
Terry K Safe Harbor Group, Cambridge
Kevin H Monday Night Group, Chestertown
Frannie M Monday Women ' s Group " We Believe " Cambridge
Chuck L Saturday Eye Openers
Jennifer B Activities Chair, Stepping Stones, Easton
David T Oxford Monday Night Group, Oxford
James D Ship Shape, St. Michaels
Barry B Vice chair, Saturday Morning Step Meeting, Chestertown
Andy M Treasurer
Rose R Secretary

The minutes were read and approved.

Chuck asked about the PI/PCP pamphlet packages mentioned in the minutes and it was discovered that the packages have yet to be assembled.

The Treasurer ' s report was read and approved. A discussion followed the report, addressing the issue of how to use the money we have accumulated in our bank accounts:

Chuck asked about the pamphlets needed to assemble the PI/PCP packages and stepped up to assemble them once the pamphlets have been obtained, which kind of makes Chuck the PI/PCP chair. Thanks Chuck!

Dave suggested that we take the question back to our home groups and ask them for input regarding how to spread the message.

Ralph suggested educational workshops

Joann suggested a bus trip to Founder ' s Day.

Jennifer suggested using the money to sponsor registration fees to local conventions for newcomers and Frannie agreed that local conventions would be a good place to start.

Jennifer apologized that she was unable to provide events over the recent holidays. She said it 's a new year, and she 's ready to take back the reins for a more vigorous 2017. Andy pointed out it takes more than one person to pull together such events, and if you don 't mind my saying so, I seemed to feel an upsurge of enthusiasm in the room. I can say for sure that phone numbers were exchanged.

Jason told us that the Corrections status is pretty much the same as last month, except that he has finally garnered an appointment with Lieutenant Moore at Caroline County Detention Center. It had been Andy 's goal to get meetings into Dorchester County Detention Center, and he had succeeded in that during his term as Corrections chair. Jason 's goal was to get meetings into CCDC and he 's well on his way to acquiring that goal now. Way to go, Jason! Thursdays and Fridays are the nights available for meetings at CCDC and Jason is looking for volunteers to step forward to fill these slots. His number is 443-477-1748. March and August are the only two months remaining in the Warwick Calendar that need to be filled. Jason needs some Living Sober books and some Where & Whens. Andy will be in the office Friday morning if Jason wants to pick up the literature then; but, unless I 'm mistaken, Frannie arranged with Jason to go to the office with him after the meeting to facilitate the literature hand-off.

Rose will be out of state during the February meeting. At the risk of being a little too silly, Rose would like to wish everyone at MSIG a happy Valentine 's Day from Tampa!

Paul will continue as the web servant, but he is really wanting to retire from this position. Jenn proposed gathering information regarding professional development and maintenance of the website. She will look into pricing and contacts and bring them to the next meeting. Ideally, the website could be updated remotely by members of MSIG and Chairpersons could electronically update their committee reports and events independently. For example, Jason could put the Corrections schedule on the website, Andy could post the treasurer 's reports, and Activities could be posted on a timely basis.

Note from the Webmaster: It's relatively simple to set up a website where different people can update their own sections using Wordpress. What most people forget is that the site itself still has to be maintained monthly for core and security updates. Whenever you're dealing with a site that has databases, there is no such thing as put it up and forget it. If anyone wants to talk to me about setting this up, I'm always easy to reach. Joe, Andy, and Jenn all have my contact phone number and email address. Anyone else can just send an email to info@midshoreintergroup.org and I will get it.

Jenn also told us about the public service announcements available from the General Service Office website, and she 's right! They 're pretty good. Chuck and Jenn will coordinate with the regional intergroups and local media outlets and get those announcements up and running.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30

The next Mid-Shore Intergroup meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Easton Church of the Brethren, 412 S. Harrison St. Easton, MD 21601