June 14, 2017

Mid Shore Intergroup met at Church of the Brethren on June 14, 2017. There were 19 members in attendance. They were:

Popeye T Denton Thursday Night

Kevin H Monday Night Chestertown

Chuck R What We Are Like Now Group

Sue R. Thursday Noon Group, Chester

Bob H Stevensville Saturday Night Topic

Amy C Morning Recovery

Andy M Wednesday Night Beginner, MSIG Treasurer

Damian H Saturday Morning Queenstown

Mark D Kent Island Sunday

Richard C Kent Island Sunday alternate

Jim W As Bill Sees It Stevensville

Charles R Serenity Group

Jennifer B BYOL

Dave T Monday Night Oxford Group

Joe H MSIG Chair

John H Alano Club

Chuck L Saturday Morning Eye Opener

Doug M Sunday Stepping Stones

Janet W Wednesday Night Women' Meeting Chestertown

Rose R MSIG Secretary, St. Michaels Ship Shape

The minutes were read and the printer issue was discussed. Jenn B had incurred expenses due to having to return the printer that had been approved at the previous month's meeting. She went to Staples to get flyers printed for the picnic. Joe said that we would vote on whether and what kind of printer to purchase later in the meeting. Jenn pointed out that the last Where & Whens cost $75. Popeye called a point of order and suggested that this discussion should be held during Old Business. The minutes were then approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

PI/CPC - Chuck L reported that he was still waiting to attend meetings he had schedule with doctors.

Activities - Jenn B reported that she had spoken with Mrs. Richardson and Billy who does the cooking and all was on track. Jenn will take advantage of the 4th of July sales on picnic items to purchase hot dog buns and hamburger rolls. We already have ample paper products. She has retrieved the e-mail address list from the old website and will be mailing flyers to everyone. There was some discussion about sharing a Women In Recovery e-mail list, as they are not necessarily AA, but it was decided that sharing the picnic flyers with them would be alright. Joe asked if we had procured a lifeguard, and Jenn replied that such cost had not been in the budget. She will ask people to bring tables and chairs. Joe said he will check on the band. Sue asked if the picnic was pet friendly, and we learned that the Richardsons do not prohibit dogs. Jenn will prepare signs and helium balloons to clarify directions.

Corrections - Joe spoke on service work and told us that he had received a call from a man working with D.C. juvenile offenders who had been unable to get assistance locally. Chuck R has been serving the Pre-Release Center for many years. The Center requires a 54 page application. Popeye told us that he had been able to bring meetings to the Pre-release Center with only two years sober. Now, with 20-plus years under his belt, he can't get permission from Caroline County to serve their population. Ironic, isn't it? Joe told us that, in July, a representative from MGS will speak on the Bridging the Gap Program.

New business - Linda J will give her report on the Maryland General Service Conference at the August meeting. There is an MGS seminar in Herndon on

October 6th, 7th, and 8th. A motion was made and approved to fund the new chair and co-chair to attend this seminar.

Website - Paul D has offered to serve as a standby web servant if we give him the log in information. The new website is not quite ready to go yet, Mary J's report will be included with this month's minutes.

Office - Two printing services were suggested that are cheaper than Staples. Jim W asked about Richard's printer and Andy told us he has it. It was pointed out that the multiple printers we have in the office are obsolete. Joe said we have the money to buy a new printer, but asked do we really need one? Jenn cited the costs from past Treasurer's reports for and pointed out that a new printer would be less than $160. Jim W added that a functioning Intergroup with a functioning office should have a printer and made a motion that we buy one. Doug pointed out that a home printer will not reel off 75 copies, and for jobs like that, it would be better to procure a printing service. Jenn noted that a laser printer can handle bigger jobs. A motion was made and passed to allow $150 from the budget for a new printer, the make and model to be determined by the new panel. The key has been changed to the outside door of the Masonic Lodge.

New Business – It was proposed that MSIG should send money to World Service and Maryland General Service. Amy pointed out that most intergroups do not hold as much money in their treasury as we do. Chuck R pointed out Intergroup is not in the service structure that contains Maryland General or World Service. Charles R suggested that we take the issue of where to send MSIG funds to our home groups. Dave pointed out that MSIG doesn't even have a contributor number to be able to effectively contribute to the General Service structure. Joe added that the upcoming workshop would address this very issue. (Which, if I may say so, did not happen.) Chuck R suggested that we tell the home groups to temporarily stop contributing to MSIG. Sue R asked "What are we supposed to be doing with the money in the basket?" and the answer seemed to be that the money should be going to help another alcoholic.

Elections -

Amy stated her qualifications and was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

Andy stated his qualifications, and with a recommendation by Joe, was elected Chair by acclamation.

Jim W placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of Chuck and Sue R for even being in the running, but after having wrestled with his own reluctance versus AA's "Don't say no" policy of service, agreed to serve as CoChair, and was elected by acclamation.

Charles R stated his qualifications and, as not to be wearing two hats, stepped down as Alternate DCM and was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

There are 300 seats left for Sessions.

I would like to thank Mid Shore Intergroup for the opportunity to serve as Secretary this last term. It's been a real pleasure working with you all!