

Midshore Intergroup Meeting Notes  
August 14, 2019  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Easton Church of the Brethren, 412 S. Harrison Street, Easton, MD 21601

In attendance: George T., Julia BR, JoAnn B., John R., Ole D., Rose R., Darwin F., Bob N., Richard C., Chuck R., Mike W., Pat G., Steve S.

**Announcements**

every group in the US and Canada is getting a new group number. To find out new group number go to contributions page on the www.AA.org website, begin to make a contribution and the number will pop up.

George T. Chair's report - has compiled a list of 77 groups in the Intergroup will visit all in next 90 days to see if he can recruit more intergroup reps.

- has been to 25 meetings
- webmaster's training
- concerns about the answering service

Doug M. New Vice-Chair's Report - Absent

Ginger G. - Treasurer's Report - Family emergency - Absent

Julia BR Secretary's Report - Would you rather get the minutes right after the meeting, or right before the next one? Right after, plus they'll be posted on the website.

Webmaster's Report - Rose R. read the Webmaster Mary J.'s report. There is a separate handout with MSIG Webmaster's Report Dated August 14, 2019  
committee members are Rose R., and Michael H.

We might need a new computer in the intergroup office to update the website and handle emails. Made a motion to buy a new computer. It was seconded. Tabled it until we have a quorum. Oly is happy to research the options.

George likes the idea of the link to update meeting information. Oly suggested activities could also be listed. Rose suggested the link for activities could be under the activities chair email contact.

Regarding #5 - Motion to set up free email accounts for the Contact Us page. Seconded, voted on, tabled until we have a quorum.

Committee Reports -

Office Committee - Ginger wants to be the Office Committee Chairperson. In the past, Jim R. has discouraged MSIG officers from also being committee chairs. Email sent to Jim R. asking for his knowledge on this.

#### Institutions -

- John asked if he could take literature and information to any institution? For example: Could he give materials to someone who is taking a meeting into a jail?
- There are racks of information pamphlets available in the Intergroup office.
- Do we give books away to places? Not usually. If taking a Big Book meeting in to an institution, for example, the chairperson might take in books to use, sell if someone wants one, but would take them out.
- Steve S. volunteered to be Chair of the Institutions Committee. He used to do it on the Western Shore. Chuck spoke with him.

#### Activities Committee -

- How was the picnic? It was good, and fun. Issue with the detour through Centreville; some people gave up trying to get there. The other issue was the heat.
- The next rehearsal for the Sobriety Show is Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 pm at the Hillsboro Retreat House. Absent: Taylor

#### Old Business -

- Regarding Ginger's trip to AA Intergroup Office Convention in NM - not enough votes to send her.
- Regarding Dover Street noon meeting not being staffed, it's still sketchy. They're aware of the issue and trying to get people in there.
- Should we take them out of the meeting list? Proposal to give the Dover Street group a time frame within which to correct the problem. Motion that they have until the next Intergroup meeting to have it staffed consistently, or we will vote to take them out of the Where and When. Seconded, voted on, tabled until we have a quorum.

#### New Business -

- Concerns about the answering service - George made several calls to the answering service. All the calls were handled incorrectly. George and Ginger discussed it and would like to have an AA member to answer the phone. Each Intergroup member should call the answering service between now and the next MSIG meeting.
- Right now we don't have enough data, but we should collect more to be able to decide what to do about the answering service.
- Mike discussed call forwarding and ultra-forwarding from the Intergroup office. Phone would have to be set up with the headline MSIG Intergroup so folks answering the calls would know it was from AA Intergroup, and not a spam call. We could call carrier to find out if ultra-forwarding would be available and at what cost. Is the cost for that comparable to the cost of the answering service?
- George is printing out the call logs every day to keep an eye on the situation.
- Regarding sending money to MD and NY, George says he has misgivings.

#### Round Table -

- Jo Ann suggested putting together a workshop on the traditions to help get the message across about the importance of the traditions, including contributing money to Maryland and NY. Jo Ann will research. George suggested money could be used to get together a workshop, rather than sending money to MD and NY.

- Saturday is the Area 29 meeting, which is the whole state of Maryland, including all the districts.
- Chuck suggested a workshop on the AA service structure.

Next MSIG meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.

New business for the next meeting:

If we have a quorum, we should

- vote on new computer for the Intergroup Office
- vote on gmail email addresses for the Contact Us page on the website, for example, for Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Activities Committee Chair, Institutions Committee Chair, etc.
- If Dover Street meeting is still inconsistently staffed at noon meeting, we will vote to take the meeting out of the Where & When