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MSIG met at Church of the Brethren on May 10, 2017. There were 20 members in attendance! Way to go, Intergroup! I love to see this upsurge of participation! Here's the roster -

Popeye T Denton Thursday Night

John T Saturday Night Topic Stevensville

Mark D Just for Today, Kent Island

Richard C Just for Today, Kent Island

Anthony Just for Today, Kent Island

Chuck R What We Are Like Now Group, Church Creek

Sue R Thursday Noon Lunch Group, Chester

Jim W As Bill Sees It, Stevensville

Charles R Serenity Group, Easton

Dave T Oxford Monday Night Group

Jim R MGS I L Committee

John H Chestertown Sunday Night Group

Richard J Dover Street Group

Ron M BYOL

Chuck L Saturday Morning Eye Opener

Mary J Tuesday Noon Big Book Study, Chester

Janet W Women's Group, Chestertown

Andy M MSIG Treasurer

Joe H MSIG Chair

Rose R MSIG Secretary

Popeye told us at the start of the meeting that he was passing around a Where and When for all to examine and share new meetings that should be included in the next printing.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved. The secretary announced the upcoming events, as the Activities chair was not able to attend this month's meeting.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

PI/CPC -Chuck L shared that not much happened last month, but should have something to report next month.

OFFICE -the office could use a new printer. Andy reported that Jennifer B had found an HP Laser Jet printer for between \$135 and \$150, which comes with an original ink cartridge that can print 500 pages and that subsequent cartridges can print 1000 pages. He added that Hewlett Packard has a program where they will send us ink monthly, based on our consumption. A motion was made and seconded to go ahead and spend this money for a black and white printer. Richard offered to donate a black and white printer and was so eager to contribute that he went to retrieve it from his house. In his absence, discussion was held as to whether or not we should invest in a color printer. Mary J suggested that a color printer is not that much more, about \$300, and that, should we decide to go with color, we should opt for a printer that has separate cartridges for each color, as opposed to one that has a single cartridge containing all three colors. Jim R told us that, with technology progressing as quickly as it has, copies can be made for as little as 5 cents per page. Still, it was decided that a printer might make the office more appealing for people to staff it. Andy pointed out that the urgent need is past, and Jim suggested that we invest in a color printer and table the motion til next month. Then Richard returned with his black and white printer and I'm hoping that it can be used at the office in the interim. Chuck R asked who has a key to the office and Joe said that he did. Andy reported that, from what he's seen in his visits to the office, it hasn't been well staffed lately. Sue pointed out that interest and participation in subcommittee activities seems to be good at first, then fades away quickly.

CORRECTIONS - Popeye asked about Caroline County Detention Center, as Sessions would like to donate some literature. Joe said that he will talk again with the woman in charge at CCDC, because after his last discussion with her, he thought he could see a faint glimmer of opportunity to work with them.

OLD BUSINESS - Mary J showed us a poster with various pages from the proposed website. Rose volunteered to learn about how to operate the new website and once she is able to use it, will post the flyer for the Blue Hen Roundup in Central Delaware. Mary said that Jennifer B was also interested in participating in the new website, and that there are two more women who are interested in starting a newsletter that can be linked to the website. Chuck R suggested that we form a website committee and Joe replied that the board is essentially the committee. Chuck L suggested that Mary use the people to whom she has already talked and form a committee with them. Joe pointed out that, with elections coming up so soon, it's important for the committee to get their act together in order to be able to pass the knowledge on to the new board members. Mary's website proposal was approved. Dave T suggested that each committee chair write a monthly report, so that even if they're not able to attend the meeting, MSIG could keep up with what's going on with the committees. Joe said that would be great if there was some way to make it happen and Rose added that Jennifer B had sent her a message with announcements of activities to be read in her absence.

The next meeting will be held on June 14th at 6:30 at the Church of the Brethren in Easton.