

## Midshore Intergroup Minutes 10/11/17

The meeting opened at The Church of the Brethren in Easton, MD. at 6:30 PM with The Serenity Prayer. Twenty Eight members were in attendance.

Andy M. began the meeting with the Chairpersons report;

- \* Andy encouraged attending members to review information on back table shared by other Intergroups at The AAWS Central Office/Intergroup Seminar. Andy M. and Jim W. attended this seminar 10/5-10/8/17 in Herndon,VA. Samples of pamphlets and flyers were available with permission granted to reproduce.
- \* Andy discussed other novel ideas discussed at the seminar which included, "AA In A Pocket", inventory control programs and traveling bookstores, to name a few.
- \* Andy discussed the importance of restoring and maintaining the 501C3 Corporation. A form must be filed annually with continuity in reporting necessary.
- \* Andy thanked Vice-Chair Jim W. for compiling the workshop notes from the conference and preparing the Intergroup Conference Report.

Vice-Chair, Jim W. presented his report;

- \* Jim began his report thanking the group for allowing him to attend the seminar which he found helpful and informative. He and Andy attended eight workshops and the details are reflected in Jim's NOVA Intergroup Conference Report attached. Jim requested that all members review this report at home and contact him with any questions.

Treasurer Charles R. presented his report;

- \* Charles began his report that the Intergroup had a complex financial situation while operating without checks. This has been rectified and matters are now running smoothly.
- \* Charles reported that a printed financial report was not available. He will provide this to members at the 11/08/17 meeting.
- \* A verbal report was provided by Charles:
  - > Contributions this month totaled \$580.00. as compared to \$1300.00 collected in August
  - > The business checking account has a balance of \$1,760.84
  - > The money market account made \$.45 yielding a current balance of \$5,828.25
  - > Combined funds from checking and savings total \$7,589.09
- \*\* A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report as verbally presented.

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## Committee Reports:

Institution/Rehab Committee Report: Steve T.

\* Steve reported that he has received 4 sign-ups for volunteers thus far - 3 from Queen Anne's County and 1 from Kent County. He will provide more sign-up sheets to Intergroup Reps to present to their home groups.

\* Steve is seeking additional members to join he and Chuck R. on the committee.

\* Steve introduced guest, Chrissy R. who is operating a sober house in Chestertown. She discussed plans for a second house on Kent Island. Chrissy reviewed that these homes 12 Step AA based but considers them sober living environments aimed at helping "anything A", rather than exclusively AA members. Chuck R. expressed concern that, "we are AA and only AA". Andy M. asked that Chrissy work with Steve T. to review the parameters of potential AA involvement.

A motion was made to accept the report which was then, seconded and passed unanimously as approved.

PI/CPC Committee: Chuck R.

\* Chuck provided an overview of committee workshop slated for 10/14/17. The workshop is intended to set the committee ground work with extensive discussion of methods available to educate the professional/local communities. This will include a review of DVDs, PSAs, pamphlets, fliers, literature and potential display rack purchases. Sue R. and Carrie C. volunteered to assume responsibility for snacks/lunch. Jim W. suggested that the committee look into a Beginner's Book put out by Grapevine. He added that The Grapevine's continued existence depends on sales.

Activities Committee: Theresa K.

\* Theresa reported that the committee has been busy planning upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. She discussed the activities newsletter and urged all reps. to forward upcoming events so that they can be posted on the website and in the newsletter. An update on the proposed talent show and review of the committee mission statement were provided.

## New Business:

\* Andy M.

- discussed the need to plan Alcohons for the upcoming holidays. He reminded reps. to talk up the talent show with their home groups.

- reported that the Chair of the Office Management Committee position remains vacant. The board may want to look into making this a paid position. He suggested perhaps \$100.00 weekly to be available to man the office to welcome new members and assist current members. He requested that anyone interested in volunteering at the office should email him at [acm91962@aol.com](mailto:acm91962@aol.com). The office is located at 114 N.Washington St.(in the Masonic Building).

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\* Jim W.

- Jim reported he learned at the recent conference that many intergroups have paid office managers.

\* Rose R.

-updated the group on the Website Committee chaired by Mary J. An account needs to be established and a domain name change is recommended.

\* Andy M.

- discussed tracking using Google Analyzer and switch to WIX email program. A motion was made to switch which was seconded and approved.

\* Steve T.

- will set-up rotation schedules for volunteers interested in speaking at rehab centers

\* Jim W.

- requested that an email address list be forwarded to all Intergroup members

\* The meeting was concluded at 7:30 with the Lord's Prayer \*

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie C., MSIG Secretary