

Midshore Intergroup Meeting Notes
July 10, 2019
6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

In attendance: George T., Ginger G., Andy M., Julia BR, Bob N., Doug M, JoAnn B., Scott T., John R., Ole D., Richard C., Jim R.

Announcements

Picnic - July 21- tickets still available; will also be available at the gate
Is Sessions by the Sea sold out yet? Popeye would know
Sobriety Show - 1st Rehearsal Thursday, July 18 @ Church of the Brethren
CARC Report Wed., July 17 from Don B. 6:30pm @ Church of the Brethren

George T. New 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.

Doug M. New Vice-Chair's Report - Taylor has agreed to be Activities Chair!
Andy is in charge of the picnic by default

Ginger G. - New Treasurer's Report - see report - Total cash on hand \$5,375.85
Can we make a contribution from our cash on hand to Intergroup in NY and MD General Services? Andy said past committee has put money aside for committees; argument against sending money to NY and MD General Services is that the groups are already contributing to NY and MGS. Budget requests were submitted by committee chairs. OLY suggested we work on getting Chairs for committees rather than try to figure out what to do with the money. George - hopes to get more reps so we'll have more people to recruit for committee chair positions. ANDY - our area is very spread out which is the challenge to get people to come to this meeting. Treasurer's report passed.

Julia BR Secretary's Report - We voted not to read minutes from last meeting. Intergroup members should read the minutes when they get them, note any necessary revisions, and send secretary a return email with corrections.

Webmaster's Report - July 25 9:30am Web training at the Intergroup office to transition a new webmaster in to the position. Mary is working on the implementation of our meeting guide on the app. Being on the Wix platform is messing up the loading of the information. Should we vote to take our website off the Wix platform? Agreed to wait to speak with Mary about it. Andy - it might be a good expenditure to hire someone to enter data.

Committee Reports -

Institutions - Steve has moved to Maine. Chair position is vacant. Wednesday night Beginner's meeting is taking meetings to Warwick during August.

Activities Committee - regarding the Picnic Activities Committee - Picnic - Andy has distributed tickets to all the counties. Food vendor has been contracted and paid; porta-potties have been contracted, Andy will meet with them to advise placement; we will have a sound system for live music - people are encouraged to bring instruments to create music on site. Harold G. from Annapolis is our speaker for the picnic. Pray for good weather. People should bring blankets and chairs. We'll have hot dogs and hamburgers, corn on the cob, soda and water available. Took flyers to MD state convention in Frederick; someone else has taken flyers to Annapolis. Andy will update our new Activities committee chair Taylor on progress, and will get her involved.

New Business -

Conference coming up Sept. 27-29 in Mesa, AZ. It might be good for Ginger to attend regarding how to operate and run an intergroup; get hints from central office - Ginger estimates she would need \$700 for airfare, registration, and food. Ginger is available and interested in the Office Committee. George has time to spend in the office as well; can help implement things Ginger learns if she goes to the conference. We need three more people to vote on it. Should decide now to get good ticket prices. Doug voices frustration about people not being here to vote on it. Motion to subject this to an email vote. Give them 48 hours to return their vote on the motion. They should reply to Julia and Julia will forward the information to George. We are going to compile a list of intergroup representatives from each meeting on the list. Take a vote with people here, call other intergroup reps have them vote on the issue. Now we are going to call some other intergroup reps to get them to vote. Ten present voted for sending Ginger to the conference. We have the budget. People should get in touch with Julia who will tally the votes, and convey the results to George.

- Secretary contacted Charles R., intergroup rep for Serenity Group in Easton, conveyed the motion. Charles said two members had been sent to the last convention on this topic, no changes were made, it would be possible for them to convey the information they received to the Treasurer. Did not want to go against the majority vote - Abstained.

- Spoke with Meg G. intergroup representative from Hillsboro Group meeting regarding motion. Her feeling was that those conferences are designed for intergroups in large urban areas; that she would feel more inclined to send someone to a conference in Kansas, for example, to see how an intergroup in a spread-out rural area might function best. Voted against.

- After consideration of the other intergroup representatives' group conscience, Julia BR, Secretary, changes her vote to against sending a representative to the conference in AZ. As of this moment (7/11/19 at 10am) we have 9 votes for, 2 votes against, 1 absention.

Introduction of new committee members.

Round Table -

- Jim brought corrected Where and Whens. The Saturday, 7:30am Chestertown meeting was not listed on the website correctly.
- Received money from Dover Street - Andy will supply Ginger with the group number for the Dover Street meeting that made the contribution
- What about the Dover Street noon meeting? Do we know what the status of the meeting is? If meeting is neither registered nor regular, it should not be in the Where and When. Trying to figure out whether or not to take the meeting out of the directory. Could contact MGS regarding the current groups at Dover Street. Could go to AA website to get the Registrar's contact information.

Next MSIG meeting will be August 14th

We will vote on giving money to NY and MD General Services

Meeting adjourned.