

MSIG MEETING MINUTES 3 14 2018

The meeting opened at the Church of the Brethren in Easton, MD at 6:30 PM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Fourteen members were in attendance (quorum met).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Andy M.

- * Talent Show planning is progressing with site and date selected (see activities report).
- * 2018/19 fiscal year draft budget will be presented at April 2018 meeting.
- * MD sales taxes were overdue. An online account was set up to e-file and e-pay back taxes. Filed for six quarters; 9/16 through 12/17. \$109 in taxes, penalties, and interest were debited from MSIG checking account. First quarter 2018 is due 4/20/18. Chairman will work with the Treasurer to reconcile actual literature sales and modify e-filed returns.
- * Theresa K has resigned as Activities Chairman due to knee surgery and scheduled follow-up surgery. The Chairman thanked Theresa for her service and wished her well on her road back to health.
- * Office staffing continues to be implemented with help from District 37.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Jim W.

- * In the past month, Jim went to two meetings he does not normally attend. One group had a GSR and the other did not.
- * Sue R. volunteered to review the 2/14 attendance record to help determine which groups do not currently have an assigned rep.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Charles R.

- * No formal report was provided. A Quarterly Report will be submitted to the Webmaster for posting on the MSIG website.
- * The following was reported: Expenses totaled \$729.82
 - Group contributions - \$904.62
 - Business Checking Account - \$1,712.24
 - Money Market Checking Account - \$5,830.66
- * Popeye expressed concern re. posting on the MSIG website.
- * Andy reviewed the need for transparency

SECRETARY REPORT: Carrie C.

- * Minutes were reviewed. A change was made to the Chairman's report; in 2017 the requirements to establish a quorum were reduced to a minimum attendance of 14 members.
- * A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Prepared by Mary J.

- * The events page continues to be updated as changes/additions are provided to the Webmaster. A new Where/When was posted 3/5/18.* A new Google email was created for MSIG in the new WIX environment.
- * Google analytics report showed 384 users visited our site last month. There were 596 searches, 487 hits for meetings and 384 for Home Page.

* Please continue to keep the committee aware of any events, changes to the Where/When and anything else related to AA that would be of interest. The Committee members are Mary J., Rose R., and Jenn B.

DISCUSSION:

- * Jim W. reported that he has sent emails to the Webmaster re: Where/When changes reported to him.
- * Barry S. discussed the newly established DEAF FRIENDS OF BILL W. meeting. (also reported in Webmaster report).

The meeting is held Saturdays @ 2:00 PM @ Christ Episcopal Church in Stevensville. Barry will be interpreting @ the CARC Conference.

* Andy M. asked how MSIG could help. Barry asked for assistance contacting other districts to help expand attendance as this is the only deaf meeting in MD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Institutions Committee: Steve T.

* The Committee continues to need volunteers for Warwick Manor and other institutions and rehab. facilities. Doug M. suggested that MSIG reps sign up their Home Group then go back to the group and solicit help from members.

* Popeye continues to maintain Grapevine subscriptions and requests that all requests for funds go through Steve T.

PI / CPC Committee: Steve T. for Chuck R.

* Reviewed progress with Bridging the Gap.

* Andy M. suggested that Chuck R. organize training for volunteers.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: (e-mail from committee).

* The Talent Show will take place at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton Saturday 11/3/18 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. The sub-committee would like to include Al-Anon, Al-A-Teen, and NA, but Intergroup will need to approve.

* MSIG Reps were asked to be their home group Talent Show rep.

* The committee agreed upon the talent show title of "AA & Friends Recovering Talent Show".

* Meg G. requested a donation of \$10.00 per meeting for committee meetings held @ The Retreat House.

* Flyers for the show will focus on finding talent and encouraging participation.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: (none)

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

* Jim R. shared Easton Shore CARC meeting flyer and asked members to contact him for more info...

* Jim R. provided information on the MD. State Conference 6/29/18 - 7/1/18.

* Sue R. stated that a home group member asked where/how to submit donations. Sue reviewed the 60-30-10 model.

* George asked how to verify that a change went through to the AA Website. Jim W. recommended sending an email to MD General Services Registrar.

* Andy M. reviewed the Talent Show sub-committee report. A request was made for \$1000 to cover expenses. Andy M. stated that the sub-committee chair, Meg G., has the responsibility of requesting funds from the Treasurer or Chairman, documenting expenditures, and reporting expenditures to the Intergroup Council. The Intergroup Council authorized funding up to \$1000.

The meeting was adjourned @ 7:30 PM and closed with the Responsibility Statement: I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie C., MSIG Secretary