

Midshore Intergroup Minutes – March 12, 2025
Church of the Brethren, 412 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601

22 Attendees

Anne E., Eye Opener, Queenstown
Barbara W., (Finance) Tues Big Book, Easton
Ben, Beginners, Queenstown-Z
Bob N., As Bill Sees It, Stevensville-Z
David S, Thursday Night, St. Michaels
Erin L., Tilghman Isl. Acceptance
Gary Z., (Finance) Wed Night Beginners, Easton
Ginger G., Thursday Zoom, Queenstown
Gy, Thurs Happy Hour, Stevensville-Z
Jean Marie
Jim C., Kent Island Zoom, Chester
Jimmy C., Seeking Serenity, Cambridge

Jim R., (Finance) Oxford Group, Oxford.
John McQ., Treasurer, BYOL, Easton
Matt S., Vice Chair, Trinity Easton-Z
Meg G., MSIG Chair, Hillsboro
Megan W., (Website) Q'town Beginners
Nancy A., MSIG Secretary, Eyeopener
Pat G., Hillsboro Group
Paul W.
Rob J., MRG, Dover Street
Rose R., Tilghman Isl. Acceptance
Tim S., Thu. Night, Stevensville-Z

Opening, Agenda and Quorum

The meeting was opened with reading Tradition 2 and the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were made. A quorum of 18 was present.

Chair - Meg G.

The Chair report and committee reports for Steering, Website, and Office Management/Literature for February 2025 were submitted in writing and are available on the website. The reading of the reports was deferred.

Treasurer - John McQ.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The 2024-25 Budget numbers were added to the report for comparison to Actuals.

	Feb 2025 Actuals	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 YTD Actual
Total Budgeted Income	2835.19	12,350.00	10,228
Total Budget Expenses	1004.34	(16,649)	10,818.76
Income/Loss	1830.85	(4299.00)	590.75
Estimated Cash on Hand (1/31/25)		4946.58	
Estimated Cash on hand (6/30/25)		647.58	
CD Balance (2/7/25)		5099.24	

Group Contributions - February

Keep It Simple	\$444.00
Kent Island Happy Hour	\$80.00
Monday NightLive	\$226.00
Kent Island Group	\$927.21

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Secretary - Nancy A.

February, 2025 minutes were submitted. A Motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Activities - Anne E.

- The Traditions Workshops have been held every Sunday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. since March 2 and will continue until April 6, 2025 at Calvary Methodist Church in Queenstown.
- A Movie afternoon will be held on March 22, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Methodist Church in Queenstown. The movie will be the PBS presentation "Bill W."
- Chris is working on having a Coffee House Open Mic Night at the Alano Club in Chestertown. More information about this will be coming.

Finance Committee - Jim R.

We are in the middle of budget season. Budgets are due on March 15. Jim asked the Committees please submit a budget for next year to Jim by that date.

Office Management and Literature - Larry R.

The report is on the website.

Corrections

There will be a Corrections Committee Workshop held on April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville to help carry the message behind the walls.

Treatment Committee - Barbara W.

Barbara distributed a Treatment schedule she has put together for Warwick and Whitsitt Treatment Centers. She is asking Homegroups to make a commitment for one month of the year to take meetings to these treatment centers.

Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee - Nancy A.

A motion was made to change the Bylaws to enable the Office Manager to acknowledge contributions. The following wording from the Treasurer's position will be moved to the Office Management and Literature position: "... send an acknowledgement to any group or individual for receipt of their contribution to Midshore Intergroup." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ad-Hoc 2025 Elections Nominating Committee

A motion was made to change the Bylaws to allow any officer of the Midshore Intergroup Council to serve one additional consecutive term in the same office. (The bylaws revision is stated below.)

Article V - Officers: Qualifications and Terms of Office (page 2)

b. The four officers shall be elected by a majority vote of not less than ten (10) members of the Council at the June meeting of each odd numbered year. A full term for each officer position is two years.

d. Any officer of the Midshore Intergroup Council shall be allowed to serve one additional consecutive term in the same office. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote as stated in Article V-b above. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

There was discussion regarding this motion. The reasoning behind this motion is there are initiatives

started that need to be continued and can't be fully completed in two years. This also allows the option of the current officer to continue if no one steps forward to stand for the position. The officer must be voted into the position again but this does not guarantee the officer will be voted in. It also does not remove the spirit of rotation as any one can run against that position should they choose.

There was discussion regarding the spirit of rotation. Maryland General Service has a two year term limit on positions. At the General Service Board of Trustees the four-year rotation is more the practice. There was also discussion about grooming someone to step into the position and that should be the practice. The vote was called and the motion passed 16 to 3.

New Business

The MSIG Inventory sheets were distributed. Please take these to your homegroups and return them to any officer or at the April meeting.

Old Business

The insurance that we were providing with a certificate of insurance was basically useless. It has been suggested we purchase liability insurance for the officers since they sign checks and leases, etc. This insurance costs approximately \$400 per year. There was a suggestion that certain liabilities could be covered under homeowners insurance. Meg will look into this further.

The 2025 Calendar has been updated and distributed.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted -
Nancy A., Midshore Intergroup Secretary