NDIAA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Call to order: 7pm **Date: February 21, 2023**

Attendance: Brendon M, Mike J, Monica, Trudi, Pattie, Denise, Laura R., Laura D., Jeff, Dick, Anthony, Denise, Carly, Ena, Carolyn, (Visitors -George M., Jared F)

Responsibility Pledge: I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA to always be there, and for that, **I am responsible.**

Anniversaries: (?) 12 years on 2/25/23

Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed: One correction, Increase Committee budgets to $1950 for the year of 2023. Voted and approved with correction.

Treasurer Report: Dick: 1) Bob W has filed our 990 for us. 2) Revision to January financial statements, add the individual contribution in the amount of 2500. Discussion: Trudi asks why Dick has mentioned at last two meetings, the contribution we didn't get. Some members present suggest that since the donations are voluntary, we should not discuss unless we do receive it.

3) Dick reports we received notice from AAWS that the prices of literature will be increased soon. We cannot make the changes public until we receive final confirmation after the AAWS Conference. The prices were last increased in 2014 and 2019. We will need further discussion after the confirmation to determine our new prices. Laura D offers to help if we need to change all the prices in the QB system. 4) New officers as of this meeting. Signers on checking account will be Brendon, Dick, Mike. Need to contact WSFS to arrange changes.

Chairperson Report: Brendon- 1) This is his first meeting as Chair. He says he is available for anyone who has questions or ideas, don't hesitate to call him. He plans to ask Intergroup Reps for feedback, is there any way that we could better serve the membership. Suggest that they take the question back to their groups. Monica suggested we do "Ask it Basket" at next Intergroup meeting and this idea is supported by members in attendance. Mike suggests we have people at Intergroup meeting read: Preamble, Tradition or Concept of the month. Discussion: George thinks Traditions would be more familiar than the Concepts. Dick says try Traditions first and see how its received. Monica suggest putting the

items to be read on the seats before the meeting. MOTION: Ready Tradition at start of meeting. Unanimous yes. Start at March Intergroup meeting.

Vice Chair report: Mike – Also available for phone calls. Plans to visit the office at Trolley Square to get familiar with our practices and procedures. Suggest having a workshop on Traditions.

Central Office report: AA Info: 25 12 Step calls: 3

Alanon: 0 Alateen: 0 Visitors: 52 / 16 for books

Member miscellaneous: 28 Total calls/contacts: 108

Home Answering: Patti - 27 calls: 4 12 Step, 14 meeting info, 2 Spanish,

3 Alanon

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Robyn and Jack both absent. Discussion- Trudi reminds us that in the past we used a set curriculum for the inmate meetings and there has been no mention of that from Robyn. Also we only used Step books and not Big Book. If inmate wanted a book, they could ask the prison for permission and the facility Representative would let us know who was approved to receive a book. Inmates who want a Big Book can write to AAWS and get a free one by sending their SBI number. Brendon suggested we table this discussion until Robyn is present to let us know if he is aware of all this information. Mike will contact Robyn to ask about his availability for the Steering and Intergroup meetings.

CPC: Laura R. – Has budget prepared for Dick. Reports activities, Mary Mother of Hope presentation scheduled. She has distributed pamphlets and observes they are being used. She suggests meeting with Christiana Hospital, Kirkwood Detox, list of other sites. Submits request for $300 for the year. Dick says that fits in the amount already approved. Plans to order $132. Worth of literature now and gave her list to Ena at this meeting.

Finance: No report

Institutional Commitments: Jeff – No Report

Literature: Patti – She did not receive the minutes or announcement about this meeting again. She has no report on Literature but mentions that she sometimes

feels “out of the loop” when she doesn’t get the emails. Carolyn Will check on the email address we are using. Patti is having hand surgery and will not beat the March Intergroup meeting. Mike volunteers to pick up books and meeting lists for that meeting. Monica will man the sales table.

Home Answering: Patti - She had training for people on Home Answering but only 2 of the 4 scheduled came. One person for emergency only and one new for Spanish speaking. She reports 4 previous volunteers have left since the beginning of the year. She hopes to do another training on April 22nd. Really needs more people in the Middletown area.

Newsletter: Monica – status quo, no report.

Special Events: Trudi - Breakfast tickets available at March Intergroup, 250 tickets, still $15.00. Marion H. Speaker. (man) Committee planning Founders Day event at Lum’s Pond in June, Bus Trip to AAWS, only 40 people on bus means it will be expensive ($50.00) Discussing joint event with Unity Committee.

Unity: Anthony - Carly is co-chair and here for first meeting. Discussion of meeting that has been reported to the office as “not open”, the Committee is investigating. Plan to announce at Intergroup meeting, the process will be that they visit twice, announce twice and then the meeting can be removed from the meeting lists at Trolley Square. Anthony says his committee has met with Special Events to discuss ideas for events. Gave Budget to Dick tonight, literature to distribute at Groups not presently active with Intergroup. New Meeting, Rainbows and Miracles – Saturday at 11am at St Matthews Church. Representative from that meeting asked Anthony to ask Steering if the meeting could obtain Big Books without cost. Discussion, if Intergroup did that for one group, they would need to do it for all, and would be cost prohibitive.

Web Chair: Laura D – only 4 changes this month. She has determined that the Meeting Change Form has been going to Trudi instead of to Laura and they will work on correcting that process.

Old Business: None

New Business: 1) Denise – She will contact the Church secretary about the Corale practice being held tonight on the second floor during our meeting. There is a lot of foot stomping and loud noises that interfere with our discussion.

2) Denise asks if “Past Chair” is actual position? Discussion, yes. It has been useful to have the previous Chairperson experience and wisdom in our discussions. Denise will do that for a year.

3) Visitors – two members interested in standing for Member at Large. George Mc – his home group is Spirit of Truth, sobriety date 3/12/92. Previous treasurer, Area Chair, Area Delegate, and Convention Chair.

Jared F – Home group, ESH Sunday, 5 yrs sober, previous Treasurer.

Steering recommends both be presented to Intergroup in March for a vote.

Group Concerns: None

Motion to Close 8:45 PM