

NDIAA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Call to order: 7:03pm

Date: March 28, 2023

Attendance: Brendon M., Mike J., Dick H, Brett, Jared, George M, Carolyn W, Ena C, Jack B., Jeff R, Pattie R, Monica C, Heydon, Anthony, Carly, Laura D, Denise B.

(Visitors - Jared F., Hayden, Steven)

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: Jeff, 13 years; George, 31 years; Anthony, 3 years; Hayden, 1.5 year

Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed. Two corrections: (1) In “New Business” section, change “George Mc” to “George M.” (2) in “Anniversaries”, the 12 years was Brendon M. Voted and approved with corrections.

Treasurer Report: Dick emailed the February statements. He is concerned about the first 3 months of group contributions, because we are far below our projected contribution income. 70 groups have not given anything to Intergroup in 2023. There were 4 groups that gave a total of \$14,000 last year, and so far this year those same groups have given \$436. He recommended we contact the groups that gave to intergroup last year but have not contributed this year to see if they are still meeting or are having some trouble. Though it would be premature to do so now, Dick says we may have to revise our budget if the donations remain at this low level.

Revising the budget is technically the responsibility of the finance committee, which does not currently exist. One suggestion is to ask the At Large members to join this committee. There was discussion around the finance committee’s job description. Motion to accept the financial report; approved.

Chairperson Report: Brendon says the banking information has not yet been updated with the new signers on the account. Still in progress.

Revisited discussion about changing the Intergroup office’s hours and about asking groups what Intergroup could do better/help with. Suggestion to provide Homegroup Reps with forms at the upcoming Intergroup meeting to vote on

office hour changes as well as provide a place to write requests for Intergroup from the Homegroups. George suggested we call this an Intergroup Inventory . Recommendation that we do both; provide forms to write suggestions on at the upcoming Intergroup meeting. We will review responses after May Intergroup. It may be fall before we can make changes.

Vice Chair report: Mike J. Invited Jim from PA's Area 59 to explain how they run the Bridging the Gap program. There was discussion around the program and Jim gave us brochures that they bring to prisons and facilities for people to fill out if they want an AA to contact them on their release day. Jim also said they already have a data base and can add us to that. We can use their literature and he will keep us in their system until we have a committee and literature for our own BtG program.

Mike is getting all committee chair job descriptions together for future reference.

Central Office report: AA Info: 102 12 Step calls: 12

Alanon: 0 Alateen: 0 Member miscellaneous: 54

Visitors: 70 (20 for literature, 9 for breakfast tickets, 10 for corrections)

Total calls/contacts: 255

Carolyn reports they found an office mailbox key in the parking lot and asks if any member of Steering has lost theirs? No one did.

Home Answering: Patti - 40 calls:

29 for meetings, 2 office info i.e. breakfast tickets, 9 12-steps calls

Committee Reports:

Area 12: the Pre-Assembly conference is on April 15 from 9:30-3:00 at St Andrews in Dover.

District 12 is meeting on Monday, April 3 to discuss agenda items for the delegate for the Pre-Assembly conference. There are 3 topics:

1. The changes are already made in the 12 & 12, but GSO looking for feedback if they should revisit it.

2. The plain language Big Book, which will be able to be accessed online, written at a 4th grade reading level.
3. Anonymity in the virtual world, including questions to ask meetings re: How do we handle anonymity on social media/virtually?

Corrections: Jack said 2 or 3 of the corrections commitments are in progress and going well. They do need more support for the women's prison commitment (which is every other Saturday). Dick suggested trying to get a women's meeting to "adopt" the commitment. Baylor meeting is every other Saturday.

Jack has also been asked to take over for Dover and Georgetown, but he has had a lot of trouble getting contacts and return calls. Focus on NCC for now. Will need Steering approval to expand downstate.

CPC: Laura R. was not present. She told Brendon she has ordered literature for 2023 and she will send budget to Dick H.

Finance: Nothing further than Dick's Treasurer's Report.

Institutional Commitments: Jeff- 17 commitments, 5 started in March. Limen House planning a new 30 day residential program in Wilm and we will add them when they are ready. Monica requested we put more specific directions to the commitment at Community Collaboration DE, and Jeff said he would.

Literature: Patti- no news except the April 1st literature price increase

Newsletter: Nothing to report

Special Events: Trudi was not present, but per Ena: the Breakfast tickets from the Intergroup Reps are due April 5th with the money. The money for the hall is due April 23rd, and the Breakfast is on April 30. There is a waiting list for the tickets. 7 groups have turned in their tickets (70 tickets total).

Unity: Anthony- Unity Committee has 8 members now. He has prepared a packet and shows us sample tonight. Goal to provide these to all Intergroup reps. Ena updated our Intergroup pamphlet which is part of the packets.

Web Chair: Laura D.- there have been 11 meeting changes this month to the website.

Old Business: Carolyn asked how many books we're going to order before the price increase. We decided on 100 Big Books and 50 12& 12's. Any books sold from this order will be sold at the same current price. Our prices on literature will not increase until we buy literature at the increased price.

New Business: The Intergroup office found a mailbox key out front and asked if anyone lost one. Brendon reminded us to never leave the office keys unattended. We received a question about where the districts are split and Mike J. says that information is on the DelawareAA.org website.

Anthony suggested in future minutes we not specifically name groups when we deny their requests. We had specifically named the Rainbows and Miracles group and stated that we denied their request for free Big Books. We had discussion around the subject but did not change minutes because we had already approved them. Point of information for the future.

Patti asked if she could hold another home answering volunteer training on May 20. Approved by Steering.

Group Concerns: Suggested and agreed to remove this category from agenda altogether because it only belongs on the Intergroup agenda.

Motion to Close at 8:36pm