

## NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

**DATE: May 3, 2023**

**Call to order:** 7:00 PM

**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.

**Preamble was read aloud** - Daren

**Tradition 4 was read aloud** – Peggy C.

**QUORUM:** A quorum was present. 35 eligible members present.

**New Group Reps:** Don K. – First Light – Maryland      Mary S. – Five Alive Group  
Michael R. – Today Group

**Attendance:** See Sign in sheets.

**Anniversary:** Darin \_\_. – 1 year      Stash \_\_. – 3 years      Michael J. – 4 years  
Tim G. – 18 years      Dick H. – 37 years

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Motioned and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick H. – Stated that this past March 31 was the end of the Financial 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. As Treasurer, Dick's review of the Financial Reports and Statements has been to determine that the reports are accurate and reliable. In total, the Financial Statement shows a resulting deficit of ( - \$601.00). Given recent Area and Group contributions having been down due to the pandemic, he feels that the Area is doing well with this deficit. Regarding individual contributions and the financial totals, a member who has been known to contribute \$3000.00 annually, to date, this contribution has not been received by Intergroup. A new member contributor though has issued a check to Intergroup in the amount of \$2500.00. Dick also stated that the increase Go Daddy charged \$720 for three years for the Intergroup Website Software - \$720.00. The last bill was \$200 for two years. Our web Chair is in the process of reviewing our options with Go Daddy. This will be an on-going task. Costs 'Zoom Video' software, and 'Avast Antivirus' software costs remain.

The Finance Committee recommended accepting the first quarter Financial Statements.

Motion to Accept: Accepted – None opposed.

The Finance Committee also recommended revising the Individual Contributions income budget to \$8,425, and the Equipment/Software budget to \$976.

Motion to Accept: Accepted – None opposed.

**Chair:** Brendon M. – Reports that the Northern Delaware Intergroup Spring Breakfast on Sunday, April 30 was a great success! The 50/50 Raffle this year was a record setting event for the financial contributions offered by the membership. We are reviewing the current Intergroup office space lease options. Efforts to find an appropriate new space are underway. Any new space will be evaluated based on overall size, functionality and available parking and cost. Reiterated that Intergroup is interested in membership input to assess how the Intergroup can better serve the membership and AA community. Any comments, questions or suggestions can be offered by calling or emailing the Intergroup office, or Brendon M. directly.

**Vice Chair:** Mike J. – Intergroup summary Job Descriptions for Committee Chair positions has been completed. He passed out the various descriptions to each of the members present and asked for review and comment on the summarized positions. Bridging the Gap: A sign-up list has been created and present in the meeting. Mike asked that all interested in this service to please sign up.

Area Share-A-Day event is upcoming on June 17, 2023 and BTG will be a topic in that event.

**Intergroup Office Report:** Carolyn W.– Total calls / contacts: 191

- AA Info.: 40      • 12<sup>th</sup> Step: 9      • Member/Misc.: 61
- Al Anon: 2      • Alateen: 0      • Total Visitors: 79 (34 literature)

**Home Answering:** Patti R. –Total calls received: 63

Stated that 53 calls had been received:

48 calls requesting meeting information. 9 calls were 12 Step calls.

4 calls were regarding misc. office information.

2 calls were regarding Spanish speaking meetings.

May 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a home answering training session. Contact Patti for further details.

**Area 12 Liaison:** Denise B. – Area 12 is holding an Octoberfest on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shephard Church, 1530 Foulk Rd, Wilmington. There will be a

Traditions play, speakers speaking on the 3 Legacies and Unity / Service and Recovery.

**Corrections Commitments:** Jack B. – Not present in meeting. Brendon reports in his absence. We have both Plumber Community Correction Center and Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (Gander Hill) up and running. 5 more guys are attending a safety briefing tonight, 5/3/23, making a total of 14 men available for institutional service. Maureen M. stated that there are 6 more women being cleared for Baylor Women's Correctional Institution service. More applicants are always needed.

Please contact Jack B. or Maureen M. with any questions, comments or suggestions regarding institutional service.

Zane S. – Stated that updated service flyers were brought to the meeting.

**CPC/PI:** Laura R. – Reported being in contact with Christiana Hospital – Detox and Drug Rehab Center. Stated she was asked to place AA literature and general information in wellness centers. Gateway Center has asked that a table for AA information be available for their Health Fair on May 25, 2023.

**Finance:** Dick H. responded: Refer to Treasurer's Report.

**Institutional Commitments:** Jeff L. – Stated he is appreciative of the input received from the various members regarding information updates.

**Literature:** Patti R. – Stated that approx. \$230.00 in literature sales occurred during the Spring Breakfast. Reiterated that April 3, 2023 purchase price increases for AA books and literature did occur and that Intergroup purchased additional stock of books and literature in anticipation of this increase. Intergroup will continue to sell all items purchased as back stock at their cost until sold out.

**Newsletter:** Monica – Requested that the membership contribute submissions to her for upcoming newsletter publications. She is happy to provide suggestions and guidance for people wishing to participate. Some people are having difficulty receiving the monthly newsletter and Monica suggested re-subscribing through the Intergroup website. Requested the membership provide any suggestions or ideas for newsletter articles.

**Special Events:** Trudi S. –

April 30<sup>th</sup> – NDIAA Spring Breakfast was a success.

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Founders Day Picnic, Lums Pond State Park Pavilion 1.

While this is a free AA event, Delaware State Park Entry fees will be required. \$4.00/ vehicle in-state, \$8.00/vehicle out-of-state. An AA speaker is intended for this event and has not been selected at this time.

August 12<sup>th</sup> – Assisting Unity Group for “Speaker Jam”.

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Crestmoor Pool Party

NDIAA bus trip to GSO still being planned. No additional info. at this time.

**Unity:** Carly L. –

August 12<sup>th</sup> – In conjunction with the Unity Chair Group: The Three Legacies Speaker Jam at Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, 12:00 – 3:00 PM. 6 speakers, 3 men and 3 women, 20 minutes each. The District for Northern Delaware is holding a "Three Legacies" event in October and may change the August 12 event name. Additional information is available through the NDIAA website. Suggested reaching out to groups that don't have reps. and encouraging groups to elect representatives.

**Website Chair:** Laura D. –

Stated that she's behind in some of her work and hoping to get caught up soon. Please be patient.

**Old Business:**

Brendon M. – Asked Dave C. to provide an update for the Thanksgiving Alcathon. Dave C – Stated that the planning meeting occurred on April 23, 2023 for the 2023 Thanksgiving Alcathon. Groups are still being sought to sponsor the meeting at 6PM and 8PM at the Alcathon.

**New Business:** None Reported

**Group Concerns:**

**Tim G** – Announce change for O.D.A.A.T. MEETING, taking effect on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> time for the meeting will change permanently from 1pm to 2:15 PM.

**John S.** Asks if the Finance committee has considered taking all bills off of Autopay in order to avoid the problem we have with Avast. No discussion at this time.

**Motion to Close: Serenity Prayer/The Lords Prayer 8:27 P.M.**