

NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

DATE: August 2, 2023

Call to order: 7:06 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

Tradition 8 was read aloud

QUORUM: A quorum – minimum 32 - was present. 42 eligible members present.

New Group Reps: No new Reps.

Visitors: None

Attendance: See Sign in Sheets

Anniversary: Paul S. – 17 years Dave C. – 23 years Brett C. – 38 years

Kelly S. – 11 months David S. – 37 years Patti R. – 4 years

Allison F. – 8 years Denise B. – 14 years

Minutes from previous meeting: Accepted with corrections. The July 5, 2023 Intergroup Minutes – Unity Committee Report; October 12, 2023 corrected to read: August 12, 2023. Also, correct 6 Men / 6 Women to speak, to; 3 Men / 3 Women to speak. None opposed.

Chair: Brendon M. – Intergroup will be conducting a group inventory to critique the current effectiveness, strengths and weaknesses. This will be held in late September. Looking for group(s) willing to host the inventory process. Worst case scenario; the inventory could be held at the Intergroup office. Interested to find how Intergroup can better serve the Northern Delaware region and incorporate improvements to our overall processes and effectiveness.

Housekeeping Item: At the end of the meeting, please be considerate of those in the room continuing to conduct business by keeping voices and noise to a minimum. Any questions or comments? None mentioned.

September Elections: To be held at the September 6, 2023 meeting. We are always looking for qualified trusted servants interested in serving in available Intergroup positions that would be a ‘good fit’. Announce at individual groups and meetings. Please review the AA Service Manual, Concept 9 and Bill W.’s writing on leadership and A.A.’s Legacy of Service.

Election Procedures will be conducted based on AA 3rd Legacy Procedures. All available positions are listed in tonight's handouts on the NDIAA website.

All elected servants and positions will be effective January 1, 2024.

Vice Chair: Mike J. – Resume submissions were received and July 15, 2023 was the cut-off date for the open coordinator position in the Intergroup office. One (1) candidate submitted resume and reviewed and interviewed by the hiring committee. Cathy T. was selected, interviewed, and offered the position. Cathy will begin in the next few weeks.

Performance Review: Ena C.'s annual performance review was conducted in July. We are pleased to report that she scored very highly in this review. Her continued positive attitude of service and support is greatly appreciated! Thank you for your service Ena!

Treasurer Report: Dick H. – The end of June 2023 marked the end of the 2nd quarter financial period. Refer to the Financial Committee Report.

Intergroup Office Report: Ena C.–

- AA Info.: 19 • 12th Step: 3 • Al Anon: 0 • Alateen: 0
- Member/Misc.: 44 • Visitors: 86 • Total calls / Contacts: 152

Home Answering: Patti R. – Stated she's always looking for new recruits for this service.

- Stated that 55 calls had been received:
 - 43 calls requesting meeting information.
 - 12 calls were 12 Step calls.
 - 0 calls were requesting Spanish speaking meeting information.
 - 0 calls were regarding misc. office information.

Area 12 Liaison: Denise B.

August 26, 2023 - Area Committee Meeting via Zoom.

September 9, 2023 - Area Assembly - An in-person event held at Connection Community Church, 4744 Summit Bridge Road, Middletown, DE 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Two action items will be considered.

September 23 - Districts 6 & 7's Service & Spaghetti Dinner - Doors open at 5 pm. Christ United Methodist Church, 6 North Clifton Ave., Wilmington. Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance.

Refer to Delaware.org for additional information.

Bridging the Gap: Mike J.– The BTG Coordinator position has been filled. Stas was interviewed and has volunteered for service in this position. Thank you for your service Stas!

Corrections Commitments: Jack B. / Maureen M. -

Maureen M.: Currently 11 women cleared for Baylor Women's Correctional Institution. The prison is happy with our participation. Maureen is trying to find ways that encourage increased meeting attendance by the women in the institution. Meetings being held in the prison every 2 weeks, Saturdays: 1 – 3 PM. Applications for service available on the NDIAA Website.

Ena C. stated she found a box of Big Books in the office for use by the Corrections Committee.

Jack B.: Processing smoothly with another 10 guys making themselves available for service into the Plumber Center. A box of Grapevine magazines were taken into the facility recently.

CPC/PI: Laura R. - Suggested the availability of AA Pamphlet F-5: Carrying the Message into Corrections Facilities for use to take into prison facilities. Further, Laura's gearing up for the start of schools, colleges in the Fall.

Finance: Dick H. - The Treasurer's responsibility is for supervision of the day to day transactions and the record-keeping for these transactions, as well as all financial reporting. The responsibility of the Finance Committee is budgetary planning and oversight, as well as recommendations for all financial policy and procedures.

The six month financial statements were distributed. Dick reported that he reviewed the statements with the Finance Committee, and then the Steering Committee. Both committees recommend acceptance by the membership. The recommendation passed unanimously.

The current year budget was also distributed to the membership. It includes the changes that were approved last month and some nominal shifting between committee expenses which do not affect the financial bottom line. Therefore, the Finance Committee and Steering Committee found no need for further revisions.

Institutional Commitments: Jeff L. – Currently holding at 18 active commitments. 6 possible new commitments. Regarding new contact at Rockford Behavioral Health Center, because of the centers requirement for background checks for all, this may not work for AA service commitments.

Literature: Fara D. – Reported that the price increases / changes for books and literature are in effect. She stated that Intergroup also now accepts Venmo for purchases of books and literature.

Newsletter: Monica C.: Continuing to ask for writing contributions that reflect on members' first AA meeting(s). Also, asking for people interested in commitments with the Newsletter Committee.

Special Events: Trudi S. – The following report was provided:

- Pool Party – August 26, 2023 Crestmoor Pool, Tickets still available, either from the Intergroup Office, your Intergroup Rep and they can also be purchased at the door. – Burgers and dogs and sodas/water will be sold at a nominal price.
- Fall AA Breakfast – October 1, Hockessin memorial hall, tickets still available and going fast, Price \$15.
- Halloween Dance – October 21, Limestone Presbyterian Church, \$5 at the door. Light refreshments.
- Long Timers Meeting – Friday, November 24, 6:00 PM. Skyline United Methodist Church, 3100 Skyline Dr, Wilmington, DE. Light refreshments and fellowship before and after.

Unity: Anthony B. – August 12, 2023 Speaker Jam at Limestone Presbyterian Church. 3 Men / 3 Women to speak. Food, Fun and Fellowship.

Website Chair: Laura D. - Job and service positions are posted on the NDIAA Website. Making progress on getting caught up on revisions to the website. Noted that there have been some problems with software plug-ins used in the website development. Looking for additional support in website maintenance.

Old Business: None shared.

New Business:

- Delaware YPAA Annual Rave Pool Party– August 5 2023, 9:00 PM – Midnight. Lane Swim Club, 200 Shipley Road, Wilmington, DE. DJ, Fun and Food, 10:00 PM Meeting. Suggested Donations: \$20.00 / Sober Houses: \$10.00
For further Info. Contact: Delaware YPAA

Group Concerns: None shared.

Group Announcement: None shared.

Motion to Close: Serenity Prayer / The Lord's Prayer 8:16 P.M.