

NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2024

Call to order: 7:02 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.

Anniversary: George M. 31 years George McM. – 32 years

The Preamble was read aloud.

Tradition 2 was read aloud.

QUORUM: A quorum - minimum 35 - was present. 49 eligible members present.

New Group Reps: 3 new Group Reps.:

Matt B. – Fairfax Speaker Group

Chuck B. – Newport Group

Tracy W. – Grateful Lot Group

Mike C. – Five Alive –

Laura – Experience Strength and Hope Alternate

Attendance: See Sign in Sheets

Minutes from previous meeting: Motion to Accept: Accepted; None opposed.

Chair: George McM. – Announced that Hayden S. has filled the NDIAA Newsletter position. Kate H. has filled the NDIAA CPC/PI position. Thank you to you both for your service! Intergroup is still seeking to fill the Area 12 Liaison position.

Will continue to work on issues encountered in Paychex payroll software and accounting system, the Intergroup office thermostat and records collection and retention. Records collection and retention is a required as a part of Non-Profit 501c3. Also, all pertinent bank signatures have been transferred from the previous committee members to the newly elected members.

A comment was received regarding a recent meeting at the Delaware Psychiatric Center where there were just a couple of patients attending the scheduled meeting(s) appeared inattentive or unable to focus or concentrate. The concern was whether to continue holding the meeting(s). Part of this may require coordinating meeting days, times and medication schedules with the Psych. Center

staff. The other part is based in AA's 12th Step which is to 'carry the message'. We have the duty to provide the meeting to the best of our ability as scheduled.

Vice Chair: David O. – No report available at this time.

Treasurer Report: Dick H. – Noted that this is the last report to the Intergroup body in his term as Treasurer and that he will continue to serve in the Finance Chair. Thank you for your dedicated service Dick!

The December Treasury Report shows the Prudent Reserve, Lines 48 – 50, reflects a positive end to the year of approx. \$11,000 better than expected.

Further, some payments made to various vendors appear in the recent bank statement as not having cleared yet. This item will be followed up on with the bank and will report back to the group.

The Steering Committee recommends that the Intergroup accept this report. Motion to accept the December Financial Statement: Accepted: None opposed.

Intergroup Office Report: Ena C. -

- AA Info.: 29 • 12th Step: 7 • Al Anon: 1 • Alateen: 0
- Member/Misc.: 58 • Visitors: 67 • Total calls / Contacts: 162

Home Answering: Patti R. –

Stated that 41 calls had been received:

- 38 calls - meeting information.
- 24 calls - 12 Step calls.
- 0 calls - Spanish speaking meeting information.
- 1 calls - misc. office information.

Area 12 Liaison: George M. offered:

NERAASA 2024 - Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly –
Schedule: February 22 - 25, 2024 – Hershey, PA

See NERAASA.org for additional information.

Bridging the Gap: Stas W. / Robyn P.

Stas W.: Has been contacted by a representative from NERAASA asking for BTG information at the event. Also BTG needs additional volunteers.

Robyn P.: Needs additional women volunteers for BTG. She is having some difficulties in placing some of the women being released from facilities near the

places where they live. Has suggested that placements be based on the various home zip codes.

Corrections Commitments: Jack B. -

Jack B.: Things are running smoothly for the men's meetings.

Maureen M.: Not present. Jack B. offered on her behalf: Maureen is in need of additional women volunteers.

CPC/PI: Kate H. offered to step into this position. Thank you for your service Kate!

Finance: Dick H. – Intergroup Budget: We are starting the year with approx. \$4000 more than expected. Will continue to migrate the payroll into Paychex. There are continued difficulties and challenges with this software leading to the potential of reconsidering its use.

The Financial Committee is to meet quarterly to review budget; develop policy and to update Financial Management Guidelines. The first meeting will occur the third or fourth week of April. The committee is seeking members.

Institutional Commitments: Tim W. – We now have a total of 21 commitments. Tim and George McM. distributed the commitments to the volunteers offering their service. There are 2 commitments (DE Physc Ctr) still open.

Literature: Fara D. – Has been able to sell various literature items at the past Intergroup meeting(s). Fara was the CPC/PI person at the Chili Cookoff for Limestone Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 3rd. Will be at Spaghetti & Speakers (DEYPAA), Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE on Feb. 10. Looking forward to the Spring Breakfast at Hockessin Memorial Hall and the Founders Day at picnic at Lum's Pond.

Newsletter: Hayden S. – Started by saying he's happy to be heading up the NDIAA Newsletter and that he's looking for additional people for support and contributions. He also stated he was considering discontinuing the showing the monthly Concept from the first page of the Newsletter and the Anniversary Club listing from the last page. Further, it was noted that the Anniversary Club listing in need of updating and some of the challenges in completing this part of the task.

Special Events: Philomena P. – not present. Ena offered on her behalf:

- The first event of the year: Let's Dance with DJ Dave. Saturday, February 17th. Dancing from 6 to 10 PM. \$5.00 at the door at Limestone Presbyterian Church.

- Spring Breakfast: Sunday, April 28th at Hockessin Memorial Hall. 610 Yorklyn Rd, Hockessin, DE. Tickets \$15.00. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Breakfast at 9:00 AM. Speaker at 10:00 AM. Tickets for the breakfast were given out to Intergroup Reps at the meeting.
- The Founders Day Picnic: Sunday, June 9 at Lum's Pond.

Unity: Anthony B.: – Stated that the committee is working on having 4 speaker events throughout the year and that the first workshop of the year will occur in early March. The committee will produce flyers for each of the upcoming events and has also assembled a 'cheat sheet' of upcoming events.

Website Chair: Laura D. – Stated she's getting caught up on her work. She is also hoping to receive copies of the flyers for any of the upcoming events to publish on the NDIAA website.

Old Business: None mentioned.

New Business: Cheryl D. stated that, at one of our commitments - Hope House - recently, there haven't been available patients having difficulties with alcoholism or addiction. Given the institutional commitment to that facility she is hoping to understand what to do in that case. A member contributed that the facility, in order to receive federal funding, is required to offer 12 step meetings to their patients. Secondly, based in AA's 12th Step, our duty and responsibility is to 'carry the message'. We have the duty to provide the meeting to the best of our ability as scheduled until suggested or directed to do differently.

Group Concerns: None mentioned.

Group Announcement: None mentioned.

Motion to Close: Serenity Prayer / The Lord's Prayer 8:05 P.M.