

NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2024

Call to order: 7:01 PM

Preamble was read aloud

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

New Group Reps: no new Group Reps

Attendance: See Sign in Sheets

Anniversaries: Kate H.- 40 years on May 6

Sally G.- 29 years on May 27

Susan- 35 years on May 31

Bill- 26 years on May 2

Mark- 5 years on May 10

Capt. Tim- 19 years on April 20th

Don- 52 years

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

Chair: George M. - got in contact with archivist at the Area level and looking into what can be done to bring archive up to Northern DE. Probably can't get originals, but could get copies.

Attended Spring Breakfast - great success and wonderful speaker. Special thanks to Special Events Committee and all involved in the event.

Vice Chair: Dave O.- There is an issue with old taxes that the IRS says we still owe, and we can't find proof that we paid them. Steering voted to use some of the 1.5 extra months of prudent reserve to pay the overdue taxes.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We still need volunteers at the Intergroup office on Wednesdays. Qualifications are on the NDIAA website.

Literature Committee now has a form for us to fill out to request the Literature Table be present at our events.

Question from Andrew about what is really "prudent reserve," i.e. is the \$5,000 inventory included in that amount? Jared F. says that the prudent reserve is cash on hand, not including the inventory. See Jared for specifics on the math.

Treasurer Report: Jared F.- Steering recommended that membership accept statements as presented - voted to approve statements, none opposed.

Problem with Paychex and Dec. payroll taxes: we can prove we paid the taxes to Paychex, but they have not given the taxes due to the IRS. We are discontinuing our contract with them due to these issues.

To prevent the \$502.38 overdue taxes from 2019 and 2021 from continuing to collect interest and fines, the steering committee voted to go ahead and pay the overdue tax. Jared will send a paper check to the IRS to pay them and will get receipt. Membership voted to approve action.

We are on track to meet our budget this year, per finance committee.

We are purchasing the online version of Quickbooks this month, and will include Quickbooks Assisted Payroll (to replace Paychex).

Finance Committee scheduled the literature inventory for May and will discuss how much we will allocate to buy the new plain language Big Books when they come available for sale. Literature budget will, then, need to be revised.

Intergroup Office Report: Cathy T. -

- AA Info.: 32 ● 12th Step: 2 ● Al Anon: 0 ● Alateen: 1
- Member/Misc.: 92 ● Visitors: 72 ● Total calls / Contacts: 199

Home Answering: Patti -

Stated that 43 calls had been received:

- 31 calls - Meeting information.
- 8 calls - 12 Step calls.
- 0 calls - Spanish speaking meeting information.
- 3 calls - Misc. office information.

Area 12 Liaison: Michael C.- go to DEconvention.org to see all the info about the Area 12 conference (Nov. 1-3). Early Bird ticket discount until August 1st: \$48. August 2nd thru November tickets are \$60.

June 15th is next Area Assembly.

Bridging the Gap: Stas W. - Things are picking up greatly - received 8 new clients in the past month. However, it's still a struggle to get in contact with them. We've made contact with 2 out of 25 total. Robyn and Stas created a list for the facilities they want to reach out to.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We need more BTG volunteers in the Middletown area.

Corrections Commitments: Ena C. standing in for Jack B. - Things are running normally and smoothly on the men's side.

Elisa spoke with Maureen on Sunday and said the regular women's volunteers are starting to drop out and they really need more support. **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

CPC/PI: Kate H. – There is a walk scheduled by Wilmington's Way every week - she is bringing literature to them to hand out, but we will not be attending the walk.

She's not hearing back about the placemat ads. She also called the New York main office to see if they had an opinion on the placemats.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY CPC/PI needs volunteers to help with upcoming events.

Finance: Jared F. – Please see the Treasurer's Report.

Institutional Commitments: Tim W. - We had 23 commitments last month, and we are down to 19 this month - both of Leona May's men's and women's meetings have switched over to NA. The 2 Delaware Psych commitments have been lost due to scheduling issues. Still waiting to hear back from Rockford about adding a commitment.

Literature: Fara D.- sold \$31.30 at April Intergroup. Sold \$14 at Unity's Steps Workshop. Sold \$198 Breakfast plus \$2.50 donation. Literature will be present at the June 9th Founder's Day Picnic and the Sept. 27-29 DEYPAA conference.

Reiterated the new google form to fill out to request the Literature Table at your events.

Newsletter: Ena C. - Hayden can no longer do the commitment. SERVICE OPPORTUNITY we need new Newsletter Rep.

Special Events: Ena C. - We sold 242 out of 250 tickets for the Spring Breakfast. The next event is the June 9th Founder's Day Picnic- it will be at Lum's Pond, Pavilion 1B. Out-of-state cars are \$8, in-state cars are \$4.

The Fall Breakfast has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13th.

Unity: Anthony B.- thanks to those that attended the Steps Workshop in April. Our next free event is June 29th from 12-3 at Limestone Presbyterian. It will be a cookout with 3 speakers.

Website Chair: not present, no report.

Old Business: none presented

New Business: SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Intergroup needs a Newsletter chair or committee member(s), and needs an Archive chair (job description in the works). CPC/PI needs volunteers for upcoming events. Committee members need 1 year sobriety.

DEYPAA is hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Limestone Presbyterian on June 8th and a Dodgeball tournament at Grail Sports on June 29th. The Rave Pool Party is scheduled for August 3 at Lane Swim Club: tickets are \$20 at door, or \$15 pre-registered. The DEYPAA conference is Sept 27-29 at The Sheraton in Wilmington. \$35 Early Bird price. See DEYPAA.org for registration.

Group Concerns: Don presented his concern about the infusion of politics into AA. He is worried that this undermines our traditions. We don't want AA to change, so we have to follow the traditions. His concern stems from changing of words in preamble and big book, pamphlets for different cultural groups; he says that AA is inclusive, we shouldn't be splitting into subsections for every group, religion, ethnicity, etc. Sally (Area 12 Delegate) invited Don to come to the Area Assembly on June 15th, that is the forum to discuss these issues - the next one is hybrid online/in-person at Dover Trinity Presbyterian (9:30-2:00).

DEYPAA's May the 4th Be With You Bingo is on Saturday, May 4th at 2:30 at Limestone Presbyterian. Cards are \$2 a piece or \$10 for 8.

Group Announcement: None mentioned.

Tim W. gave out commitments.

Motion to Close: Serenity Prayer / The Lord's Prayer 7:58 P.M.