

## NDIAA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 26, 2024

**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.

**Attendance:** George McM., David O., Steve B., Jared F., Ena C., Cathy T. Mike C., Robyn P., Jack B., Kate H., Dick H., Tim W., Fara D., Anthony B., Laura D., Joe O., Brett C.

**Anniversaries:** George McM. – 32 yrs.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Motion to accept: Accepted and Seconded.

**Chair:** George McM. – Opened the meeting. Stated that, as a part of the Record Retention process, the CPA recommended that Intergroup assemble and maintain a Minutes book for the Intergroup meetings and the Steering Committee meetings. He is continuing to go through the boxes of past records and get them organized. He also stated that he's found all of the IRS Form 990's from the year 2000 to the present.

**Vice Chair:** David O. – Nothing to report at this time.

**Treasurer Report:** Jared F. – Stated that, in February, Intergroup stopped using Paychex due to the difficulties encountered during the transition. He suggested an alternate solution of using Quickbooks online version and is awaiting feedback and pricing information. He recommends that the Steering Committee accept this solution.

Motion to accept: Accepted and Seconded.

**Intergroup Office Report:** Ena C.

Contacts: AA Info: 19 12 Step: 5 Al Anon: 0 Alateen: 0  
Member Miscellaneous: 74 Visitors: 67 Total calls/Contacts: 165

**Home answering:** Cathy T.

Calls: 28 Type: AA Info.: 1 12-Step: 8 Spanish Speaking: 0

### Committee Reports:

**Area 12 Liaison:** Mike C.: – Stated that he attended the Area 12 – Delaware General Service Assembly meeting held on March 16, 2024. Regarding the meeting of NERAASA 2024 - Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service

Assembly - in February, in a November letter from the GSO General Manager, it was highlighted that, while AA World Service is slowly recovering from the pandemic, the GSO Finance Committee is faced with a continuing budgetary shortfall in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds of approximately \$1M. Additional information about this topic and more are on the Area 12 and the GSO websites.

Area 12 is now posting LaVina News, the AA Grapevine for the Spanish Speaking community, on the Area 12 website. The Area feels that the Spanish speaking community is important in recovery, that their community and their voices should also be seen and heard in the rooms of AA.

Area 12 Assembly and Mini-Conference is happening in Dover on April 6 at Dover Elks Lodge. This is a hybrid meeting. Refer to the Area 12 website Calendar of Event for additional information.

The AA International Convention is coming in Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Refer to AA online for additional information.

**Bridging the Gap:** Robyn P.: - Asked that the Steering Committee and Intergroup members pass the word about Bridging the Gap.

**Corrections Commitments:** Jack B.: - Stated that he currently has 14 guys to cover the Men's prison meetings.

Jack B. on behalf of Maureen Mc.: - Elizabeth from Dover Mental Health mentioned that some men from AA could attend the women's meetings. Also noted was that the Grateful Lot meeting of NDIAA contributed \$100.00 for books to facilitate the women's AA literature inventory.

**CPC/PI:** Kate H.: – Stated that she donated (1) Big Book and (1) 12&12 to the Bear Public Library after confirming that they did not have a current copy of either of these books.

**Finance:** Dick H. – Stated there will be a Finance Committee meeting at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2024. He's looking for additional help and support. Also, he's waiting on a formal proposal from Quickbooks on their price to upgrade from our current version to the online version. Quickbooks requires sync'ing to incorporate tax accounting and eFile submission. To date, the information Dick has reflects \$580.00 for the first year. This version has full bookkeeping capability but this isn't needed at this time. Need to sort out the past Paychex problems.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Steering Committee move forward with the Quickbooks inquiries.

Motion to accept: Accepted and Seconded.

**Institutional Commitments:** Tim W.: – Stated that Delaware Psychiatric Center has started a Wednesday Night 6:30 PM hybrid meeting. MeadowWood Behavioral Health will start having meetings in May. Working with Rockford Center and will hopefully start this commitment in June.

**Literature:** Fara D.: – Stated that in March the Committee sold \$47.50 in literature and meeting lists. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the NDIAA Soup and Service event brought in \$166.00 for literature sales thanks to Natalie and Jen. Also on March 23<sup>rd</sup> the History of AA event brought in \$173.50 in literature sales and \$4.50 in cash donations thanks to Robyn. Thank you all for your service!

Upcoming Events: April 6<sup>th</sup>: Unity Recovery Workshop

April 28<sup>th</sup>: NDIAA Spring Breakfast

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Founders Day Picnic

Sept. 27-29: DEYPAA

**Newsletter:** Hayden S.: – Not Present. No Report.

**Special Events:** Ena C. on behalf of Philomena P. – Stated that Intergroup has currently sold 165 tickets for the NDIAA Spring Breakfast. Tickets are still available at \$15.00 each, and can be purchased in the office.. She has also sent in a deposit for the Fall Breakfast and will need to confirm the final date for this event.

**Unity:** Anthony B. – Stated that he continues to use the “cheat-sheet” he created for general use. Looking forward to the Unity Recovery Workshop on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 4 PM at Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE. In response to attendees of past events there will be a PA System, 3 Speakers, coffee, tea, snacks, and fellowship. Thank you for your service!

**Web Chair:** Laura D. – Stated she’s in the process of updating and filling out the collection of archived Steering Committee and Intergroup Meeting minutes on the NDIAA website. Needs all of the available files from the Intergroup office. She will be incorporating the NDIAA Commitments listing to the website soon.

**Old Business:** None mentioned.

**New Business:**

**Serenity Prayer/Close: 8:03 P.M.**