

## NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

**DATE: December 6, 2023**

**Call to order:** 7:02 PM

**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.

**Preamble was read aloud**

**Tradition 11 was read aloud**

**New Group Reps:** 2 new Group Reps and one new Alternate Rep:

Justin P. - *More Than Just Alcohol*

Christian L. - *Rush Hour*

James M. - Alternate for *Red Line*

**Attendance:** See Sign in Sheets

**Anniversaries:**

Andrew T. - November 10th, 5 years

Meredith M. - November 1st, 4 years

Jared F. - November 8th, 6 years

Christian L. - November 25th, 2 years

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Motion to Accept- Seconded- Accepted.

None opposed.

**Chair:** Brendon M. – No report.

**Vice Chair:** Mike J. – (1) Cathy T.'s 60-day evaluation completed. Will do 90-day evaluation in a few weeks. Then, she will officially be an office employee.

(2) elections are completed and filled, but we still need several committee chairs for CPC/PI, Newsletter, Institutions, and Area 12. Job descriptions are available on website or back table at intergroup meetings.

(3) We need more 12-step volunteers, but we're ok on home answering service and BTG. 12-step volunteer form available on website and at Intergroup meetings, please bring them back to your Home Group for people to fill out, and return them at next IG.

**Treasurer Report:** Dick H. – Sent financial statements last week. Steering recommends acceptance by membership.

Dick's review as treasurer is to focus on the bottom line; see summary page- cash reserves. Based on historical evidence, the "prudent reserve" means 3 months of expenses in reserve. See lines 44-50, we are ahead of what we budgeted for the end of the year. A big reason for this is that we have only had a total loss in the past 9 months of \$139. This is a very good sign that we are running a tight ship.

There were no questions or comments. Voted to accept financial statements. Approved and accepted.

The budget for next year has been updated for you to review; it is mainly committee expenditures and special events. Dick is not asking membership to adopt the budget right now, but to bring it back to Home Groups to discuss. In January, we will discuss and finalize, so bring your/your Home Group's questions and comments about budget. In February, we will vote to accept the budget.

**Intergroup Office Report:** Ena C. -

- AA Info.: 38 ● 12<sup>th</sup> Step: 9 ● Al Anon: 0 ● Alateen: 0
- Member/Misc.: 53 ● Visitors: 61 ● Total calls / Contacts: 161

**Home Answering:** Ena C. reported for Patti R. (Not present) –

Stated that 39 calls had been received:

- 25 calls - Meeting information.
- 10 calls - 12 Step calls.
- 2 calls - Spanish speaking meeting information.
- 2 calls - Misc. office information.

**Area 12 Liaison:** No Report. No rep present.

**Note:** The Intergroup / Steering Committee is looking for a new trusted servant for the Area 12 Liaison position.

**Bridging the Gap:** Stas W.– Still looking for more female volunteers.

**Corrections Commitments:** Maureen M.: Starting HDP commitment - it will be the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. Revising budget of \$500 because corrections cannot provide free books to meetings. Please ask Home Groups to donate books or money for books so Corrections can bring books to the meetings.

**CPC/PI:** **Laura R.** – No report.

**Note:** The Intergroup / Steering Committee is looking for a new trusted servant for the CPC/PI position.

**Finance:** Dick H. – Please see the Treasurer's Report.

**Institutional Commitments:** No rep present, report sent through Ena. Commitment sheets to be passed.

**Note:** The Intergroup / Steering Committee is looking for a new trusted servants for the Institutional Commitments Chair position.

**Literature:** No rep present, no report.

**Newsletter:** Monica C.: Rotating out of this position at the end of this month. She's happy to provide guidance and support to any new candidates. A lot of the work is done remotely, you'll just need to attend Steering Committee and Intergroup meetings.

**Note:** The Intergroup / Steering Committee is looking for a new trusted servant for the Newsletter position.

**Special Events:** Philomena P.- no report, Trudi not present, and Philomena will be taking over for upcoming term.

**Unity:** Anthony B. – The Intergroup Inventory in October provided a lot of goals for Unity to address and work on.

(1) Orientation for new reps - Created a new service position within Unity Committee to meet with new reps after their 1st Intergroup meeting. Looking for a female to be of service. Mike J. will also be serving in this position.

(2) Outreach to Home Groups that don't know about Intergroup or don't participate - We are continuing our campaign to reach out to these groups and visit with informational packets.

(3) Some Home Group Reps do not share information at meetings - That's their decision/group conscience to do so. However, if they want to share a report at their Home Groups, they will receive summary email - we will send a monthly mass email to all reps so that relevant Intergroup info is accumulated in one place. We think this will make it easier to share if they wish to.

(4) More free events and workshops - this ties in to our budget of \$1,500, which provides for the 2nd Three Legacies speaker jam and 3 new workshops, all free with coffee and snacks. The budget is slightly dynamic because part of it is rent for the events, which may change per each location's prices. Also included in budget is the informational packets we will bring to Home Groups without reps.

Dick H. made an important clarification for all committees: Budgeted funds that are not spent in one year will NOT roll over to the next year; the unused funds are added to the year's reserves.

**Website Chair:** Laura D. – Will be updating and revising the 12th step volunteer form for the website.

**Old Business:** Dave from *Courage to Change*. Thanked everyone for all their hard work on recent Thanksgiving events (Alcathons). The events were well-attended.

Joe - We talked about possibly moving the location for Intergroup meetings to a new place. While the first Wednesday of each month is available at Limestone Presbyterian, they charge \$125 hour.

Side note: Our current price (per Dick H.) is under \$200 *per quarter* for both Steering and Intergroup room reservations/rent.

Dave asked if we are losing our current space for Intergroup. Brendan M. reiterated that we are NOT losing this space, we were just putting feelers out to see if we wanted to move to a new location. There are no plans to do so, though.

Brendan M. encouraged membership and Home Groups to continue voicing their opinions, sharing concerns, and participating. This is what Intergroup is for.

Sean shared that YPAA started a new meeting that they are trying to grow- Newark Young People. Also, DEYPAA is still looking for more members. There is no age limit on joining and they welcome your presence.

**New Business:** None mentioned.

Institutional commitments handed out.

**Group Concerns:** None mentioned.

**Group Announcement:** None mentioned.

**Motion to Close: Serenity Prayer / The Lord's Prayer 7:48 P.M.**