

NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

Date: August 7, 2024

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Attendance: See Sign-in Sheets

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.

Anniversaries: Jason – 19 Mo. Paul V. – 10 Yr.

Preamble was read aloud:

Tradition 8 was read aloud

QUORUM: A quorum - minimum 35 - members. 50 eligible members present.

New Group Reps: Rachel – Living in the Solution

Jeff – Eye Opener - Alternate

Angel – 2nd Chance Group - Alternate

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

Chair: George M. – Opened the meeting acknowledging that the Treasurer and the Finance Chair position are in transition. Given that, there will be a special election needed to vote in a new Treasurer – Gene M. This will happen at the September 4th Intergroup meeting. Please spread the word to your groups.

Secondly, in that it may be a long while before Dick H. returns to service, we are looking for and in need of someone who may be a certified CPA that's willing to serve in the Intergroup Finance Chair position. Please direct any interested people to contact the Intergroup office.

Lastly, there will be mention later in the meeting to address concerns noted in the July Intergroup meeting about the Founders Day Picnic and use of 7th Tradition funds to pay for this event.

Vice Chair: David O. – Opened by noting that the Treasury position as well as the Finance Chair is in transition and that there are other service positions open and available to those interested. Given this, the Intergroup office is looking for those interested in volunteering at the office and those interested in phone home answering service. Please direct any interested people to contact the Intergroup office.

There will be training included for Wednesday volunteers to work in the office and Home Answering Service that typically takes about 1 hour.

Treasurer Report: George M. filled in stating that Gene M. is progressing in getting our past treasury and financial records straightened out. We are still trying to resolve past issues with the Paychex system and the transition to Quick Books. He's going line by line through our current records and documentation. This will take time so stay tuned.

Motion to accept: Accepted and Seconded.

Intergroup Office Report: Ena C.

Contacts:

AA Info. /12 Step: 24

Al Anon/Alateen: 3

Member Misc.: 66

Visitors: 74

Literature: 18

Total calls: 185

Home Answering: Ena C.

Looking for Meetings: 21 12-Step: 6 Spanish Speaking: 0

AlAnon 2 AA Info. /Office: 2 Misc.: 0 TOTAL: 31

Committee Reports:

Area 12 Liaison: Mike C.: – The Area 12 Convention is coming!

Where & When: Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach, DE – Nov. 1st – Nov 3rd, 2024
Speakers, Workshops, Fellowship. Refer to www.delawareaa.org for more information.

Bridging the Gap: Stas W.: – Stated that there hasn't been much activity for the committee lately. He's received only one call lately from a person in Sussex County.

Corrections Commitments: – Jack B. / Maureen M. Neither Present. George M. filled in: Regarding the Corrections Committee and AA service into Baylor Women's Correctional, recently, due to a shortage of women with the required clearances that are available for this service, there's been requests by some of the inmates to let some of the men serve in the AA meetings in this institution. Please spread the word that women with clearance into the institution are needed and could be of service here.

CPC/PI: Ken H. – Not Present. George M. filled in: Ken is getting settled in with this position and that he’s been reviewing past information about current facilities, events and opportunities.

Finance: Dick H. – Not Present. George M. filled in: The committee is a little behind as a result of the lingering issues around Paychex, Quick Books and our efforts to sort through the past transactions and transitions. He reiterated the need for someone who may be a certified CPA that’s willing to serve in the Intergroup Finance Chair position. Please direct any interested people to contact the Intergroup office.

Motion to accept: Accepted and Seconded.

Institutional Commitments: Tim W.: – Started with that it’s important that each group that has commitments be dutiful in fulfilling these commitments and make sure that our trusted servants attend the various meetings they’ve signed up for.

Literature: Fara D.: – In a review of the July events and the items sold, Fara offered the following:

Unity Speaker Jam: Literature - \$71.00, Blue Rock Tickets - \$26.00, Donations Received - \$14.00

July Intergroup Meeting: Literature and meeting lists - \$27.00

Districts 6 & 7 Share-A-Day: Literature - \$123.70, Donations Received - \$1.65

Future Events that have requested Literature service:

Sept. 27 – 29: DEYPAA Conference

October 13: Fall Breakfast

Nov. 1 – 3: Delaware Area 12 Annual Convention

Nov. 29: Long-Timers Meeting

Newsletter: – No Report.

Special Events: Philomena P. – Not Present. Ena C. filled in and stated that the Fall Breakfast: Hockessin Memorial Hall has been scheduled for October 13, 2024. Tickets are available now at \$15.00 each. See your Intergroup Rep. or contact the Intergroup office – 302-655-5113 – for tickets.

Thanksgiving Day Alcathon: The 30th Annual Thanksgiving Alcathon has been scheduled at Limestone Presbyterian Church. There will be 6 meetings throughout the day: 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM. Pastries, coffee, etc., available at 10 AM and a full turkey dinner available 11 AM – 7:30 PM.

Long Timers Meeting: Nov. 29, 2024 to be held at Skyline Methodist Church to reserve. The church has been reserved for this event. Need speakers with 25 years or more.

Unity: Anthony B. – Stated that the committee is looking to hold another event in early October. Stay tuned for more information in the days ahead. He’s continuing to produce the Group Rep. Cheat Sheet and noted that there’s been a revision to the DEYPAA Pool Party to August 24, 2024.

Web Chair: Laura D. – Stated that she’s had limited availability lately and trying to get caught up. She’s been able to make several updates recently with meeting updates being the typical 1st priority, meeting minutes and flyers following not far behind. She further mentioned she’s been able to upload a number of the past meeting minutes from more recent Steering Committee and Intergroup meetings.

Old Business: George M. – Started by addressing concerns noted in the July Intergroup meeting about the Founders Day Picnic and use of 7th Tradition funds to pay for this event. He spoke reading from a prepared statement and cited portions from a few program references: The AA Group Pamphlet – P-19 – Page 19; AA’s Legacy of Service - Page 3; The Twelve Traditions Illustrated Pamphlet, 7th Tradition. (see attached)

He continued by mentioning the history of the event and its importance as an outreach to the recovering community and their friends and families.

Brett C. offered a comment that the Founders Day Picnic is also an event that shows the newly sober person that there’s life after getting sober and that we are not a glum lot.

Lastly, Bill C. commented in support of Brett’s point and that it’s a chance for our members to see some of their friends and what sober life is like outside of meetings.

New Business: George M. – The Intergroup, in general, still needs more help.

Serenity Prayer/Adjourn: 7:45 P.M.