

NDIAA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: August 29, 2023

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: Brendon M., Mike J., Steve B., Brett C., Jared F., George McM., Ena C., Cathy T., Stas W., Jack B., Maureen Mc., George M., Monica C., Anthony B.

Anniversaries: Monica C. – 6 yrs.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to accept: Accepted – none opposed.

Chair: Brendon M. – Intergroup Inventory: To date, no outside group has offered to host the proposed Intergroup Inventory process. Time is limited to organize this effort. The initial date to perform the inventory was originally set for September. The suggestion to push the inventory to October was made. No objections were made.

Mike J. suggested bringing this up to the fellowship at the next Intergroup meeting one more time. If no group offers then we propose to hold the inventory at the Intergroup office. No objections were made.

Intergroup Office Move: Brendon has done an initial review of office space locations and prices. This revealed that, for those spaces considered, many were higher square foot costs than what the Intergroup office is currently paying. These also were higher than what the office is being asked to pay after the rent increase in January. The suggestion was made to contact a commercial realtor in order to discuss location and pricing with someone knowledgeable about local properties.

Brendon reminded everyone that, next week, at the Sept. Intergroup meeting, elections will be held. Mike J. mentioned that all voting members will be given a sticker signifying the individual's ability to vote in the elections.

Brendon mentioned a need for a larger display / writing surface for the Intergroup meetings. The suggestion for a white board was also made. Monica C. offered to bring one at the Intergroup Meeting

Vice Chair: Mike J. – Introduced Cathy T., the new hire in the Intergroup office. Welcome to the group Cathy! Mike also mentioned that Cathy will be covering

Mondays and Tuesdays. Ena will be covering Thursdays and Fridays. The New Hours starting in September will be 8:30 to 4 Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday. The current volunteers will continue to work on Wednesdays from 9 to 3. Mike will reach out to the volunteers and see what their opinion is on working 1 evening a month (possibly 1st Wednesday of the month) until 6, or working on a Saturday from 9-12.

Mike stated that a phone call had been received in the Intergroup office from an Al Anon member who asked if a flyer addressing an upcoming Al Anon event could be published on the NDIAA website. After some consideration / discussion through the committee, the decision that the AA Traditions would not permit this to occur. The suggestion was made to photocopy the flyer and make it available at the Intergroup Meeting. No objections were made to this solution.

Mike stated there is a desire to purge existing archived Intergroup files that currently reside in the Intergroup office. Discussion suggesting that all financial and other sensitive information be pulled from the various file boxes and after review by the appropriate people, be destroyed via a reputable, commercial shredding service. Jared suggested the possibility of a particular company.

Mike stated that Denise B. messaged him notifying him that she is stepping down from the Area 12 Liaison position. Further, Mike informed the committee that this position will be available in the upcoming elections.

Treasurer Report: Dick H. – Not present. Given the Treasurers report that was emailed to the committee on Friday, Aug. 25, a motion to accept the report as shown was presented. Accepted – none opposed.

Intergroup Office Report: Cathy T.

Contacts: AA Info: 17 12 Step: 5 Al Anon: 2 Alateen: 0

Member Miscellaneous: 81 Visitors: 92 Total calls/Contacts: 218

Home answering: Patti R. Not present. No report.

Committee Reports:

Area 12 Liaison: Denise B. – Not present. Mike J. informed the committee that this position will be available in the upcoming elections. Also, looking for someone to attend the upcoming Area 12 meetings.

Bridging the Gap: Stas W. Welcome to the group Stas!

Stas asked how to get his information out to the various prison facilities? Trudi set up the “Bridging the gap” email. Any requests for BTG will come through that

email. Stas stated a desire to have a female co-chair to address the women coming out of prison. The Office Coordinators will update the list, and forward to Stas and also to the woman (who will facilitate the Women's BTG portion) .

Corrections Commitments:

Jack B.: All men's facilities are running smoothly. Jack stated that his home group had 'passed the basket' specifically to contribute toward buying books for the prison. Jack purchased Daily Reflections books for inmates.

Maureen M.: Stated that she feels that the prison staff typically is not familiar with alcoholism. She also said that the last meeting was not able to happen due to insufficient security staffing in the prison and that there was no prior notification.

She further stated that the prison wants to open the Level 4 inmate areas to the on-site AA meetings.

CPC/PI: Laura R.: – Not present. No report. Messaged Brendon that she would not be able to play a part of the Steering Committee meeting but would be at the upcoming September Intergroup meeting. She further stated that she continuing to assemble contacts for distribution of AA materials to college students of New Castle County.

Finance: George M: - Discussed a portion of the July 31 Treasury Report (Intergroup Inventory): Page 2, Line 32 showing a total of -\$329. He stated that some of this amount is due to some of the smaller items of books and literature tends to get overlooked in the day to day accounting and operations. He offered that there needs to be better tracking of these items in the future.

Institutional Commitments: Jeff R. – Not present. No report.

Literature: Patti R.: – Not present. No report.

Newsletter: Monica C.: – Nothing new to report. Thank you for your Service!

Special Events: Trudi S. – Not present. Ena reported that the Pool Party of Saturday, Aug. 26 went well and was a success, financially the event lost money overall. It was noted that there were supplies purchased more than what was actually used. These can be used at upcoming events such as the Halloween Dance.

Unity: Anthony B. – Stated that the Speaker Jam was a success. There were always at least 80 people there. One suggestion from an attendee...that next year they have Hot Water for Tea.

Web Chair: Laura D. – Not present. No report.

Old Business: None brought forward.

New Business: None suggested.

Serenity Prayer/Close: 8: 26 P.M.