

NORTHERN DELAWARE INTERGROUP MINUTES

Date: January 8, 2025

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 – 2 Yr. Patsy M. – 37 Yr.
Janice – 38 Yr. Mike C. – 28 Yr.
Cathy T. – 36 Yr. Anna M – 32 Yr.

Preamble was read aloud

Tradition 1 was read aloud

QUORUM: A quorum - minimum 35 - members. 49 eligible members present.

New Group Reps: Bob R. – Red Lion Breakfast
Tim S. – Trolley Square Literature Group
Annie – DEYPAA
Amber M. – SOS Women's

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

Chair: George M. – Opened the meeting by stating that December was a busy month. The Steering Committee is considering raising the price of literature by \$1.00 per book to help offset some of Intergroups' current financial difficulties. Please take this back to your groups to assess the various opinions of proceeding in this direction and bring these opinions back to the January Intergroup meeting. Intergroup is also looking for any suggestions on cost saving measures.

Recently there has been a can placed in the Intergroup office to collect donations that will offset expenses of the Lums Pond Founders Day Picnic. Please take this back to your groups to spread the word.

Vice Chair: David O. – Opened by stating that Friday, January 10 is Cathy T.'s last day at the Intergroup office. We thank her for the tremendous job she has done over her time with us! Also, Patsy M. has joined the office and will be the new Intergroup office coordinator. Thank you Patsy for your service in stepping up at the Intergroup office!

Secondly, the Intergroup Office has the ability to email receipts either to the treasurer of your group or your Intergroup Rep. If you'd prefer an email receipt, please send us your email address.

Treasurer Report: Gene M. – Based on the January 8, 2025 Financial Summary and Reports, Gene stated that, due to a \$12,000 deposit received by the office in December, the treasury has been able to replenish the Prudent Reserve account to a total of a 3-month reserve.

RE: Net Income: The office is still operating at a deficit, net negative level, with the income at 15% above the previous year average, and expenses at 18% above the previous year average.

Intergroup Office Report: Ena C.

Contacts:

AA Info./12 Step: 15

Al Anon/Alateen: 0

Member Misc.: 92

Visitors: 82

Literature: 20

Total calls: 209

Home Answering: Patti R.

Looking for Meetings: 32 12-Step: 4 Spanish Speaking: 0

Admin./Office: 6 Misc.: 0

Committee Reports:

Area 12 Liaison: Mike C.: – Stated that on January 11, the Delaware General Service Assembly - Area 12 meeting will be held on Zoom only. The meeting will be held at 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Topics to be covered include the introduction of "Our Primary Purpose" Podcast from AA World Services beginning January 8, 2025. GSO is also looking for Veterans of AA for their Interview Project as well. Find additional information for this and other topics on the Delaware Area 12 Website.

Bridging the Gap: Stas W.: - Not Present. Bob F. filled in. He spoke with Holly Dixon of MeadowWood Behavioral Health Hospital this past week. She stated that they are looking for additional people from the program to visit those that are transitioning out of the facilities in order to take them to AA meetings. Bridging the Gap serves those in prisons, jails and psychiatric institutions.

Also, the BTG committee is continuing to look for a female volunteer to fill the needs of the women coming out of the various regional institutions.

Corrections Commitments: – Jack B. / Maureen M.:

Maureen M.: - Stated that, on the women's side, the stipulation to have those coming into the facility undergo TB tests has been reinstituted by Baylor Correctional Facility. She also said this is causing delays in taking meetings into Baylor.

Also, last Saturday's meeting as well as the Jan. 11, 2025 meeting has been cancelled by Baylor Correctional.

Jack B.: - Not Present. Maureen stated that the men's side is going well, and that Jack is looking to step back from the Corrections Committee and have someone step into this position.

CPC/PI: Ken H. –Not present.

Finance: Dick H. – Not Present. Refer to the Treasurer Report. George filled in with the Finance Committee continues to search for someone with a Certified Public Accounting background to fill this role for Intergroup. Please circulate this to your groups.

Secondly, the Steering Committee needs to approve the 2025 budget so that financial transactions can continue in the new year.

A member presented a minority opinion concerning the previous discussions at Intergroup meetings about the reduction in staff hours in the Intergroup office due to financial difficulties and felt there should be other cost-cutting measures applied before cutting staff. This member stated he was expressing the group's conscience of the group he's representing. He further stated a concern that the current accounting system wasn't reflecting an accurate picture of the total money received from various groups 7th Tradition contributions.

In response, the Treasurer assured him and the fellowship that, while there has been some confusion and difficulties in the transition from the desktop version of QuickBooks to the online version, Intergroup has overcome those challenges and the January 8, 2025 Financial Summary and Report and other financial reports issued previously do reflect accurate accounts.

Institutional Commitments: Tim W.: – Opened with thanking the fellowship for the service of attending the various commitments through the holidays. He also expressed the importance of showing up for these commitments to those in facilities. Refuge House will meet at 7PM moving forward.

In response, a member offered to provide members willing to serve for those that don't show up for these commitments in the days and weeks ahead.

Literature: Fara D.: – In past events since the December meeting:

- The Longtimers Alcathon
- Intergroup meeting: \$101.50 in books and meeting lists.

No other upcoming events requesting literature at this time.

Newsletter: – Ann Marie B.: – Stated she's continuing to publish the AA Newsletter and is seeking member contributions who wish to share their writing talents.

Special Events: Philomena P. – Stated that there are 3 upcoming events to be aware of:

- Bingo Game Night – Saturday, February 15, 2025. Limestone Presbyterian Church. Doors open 6:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM.
- St. Patrick's Day Dance with DJ Eddie – Saturday, March 22, 2025. Limestone Presbyterian Church. Doors open 6:00 PM. Dance ends at 10:00 PM.
- Spring Breakfast – Sunday, April 27, 2025. Hockessin Memorial Hall. 610 Yorklyn Rd, Hockessin, DE.

Unity: Carly B. – Stated that in the upcoming year she and Anthony B. are intending to visit more groups in the coming weeks to put the word out of the Unity Group's functions and the need for more group involvement.

Web Chair: Laura D. – Stated she's looking to update the website with recent meeting minutes and getting caught up with other postings. Also, she is seeking any volunteers willing to step up and serve as the upcoming Web Chair in 2026.

Old Business: None mentioned.

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

Serenity Prayer/Adjourn: 8:03 P.M.