

Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council Meeting on 28 May 2024

The Chair called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm on 28 May 2024 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The meeting is posted on www.NEMDAA.org.

Roll Call:

- **Attendance: Total = 22**
- **At the Intergroup Office (11):**
 - **Officers (2):** Chair (Sunday Reflections), Secretary (Daily Reflections)
 - **IGRs & Committee Chairs and Members (9):** Answering Service Chair/Ways & Means, Website/Technology Committee (Spesutia Group), Office Coordinator, Bel Air Women's Big Book, Emmorton Group (8:30), Gates of Insanity, Just for Today, Solution for Living, Three Legacies
- **On Zoom/Phone (11):**
 - **Officers (1):** Treasurer (Sobriety on Friday)
 - **IGRs & Committee Chairs (9):** Archives Committee Chair (Plug in the Jug), Institutions Committee Chair (Rule 62), Office Coordinator, Bel Air Big Book, Forest Hill Friday Night, Good News Group, Good Orderly Direction, Pursuit of Happiness, Steppin' into Saturday Night
 - **Guests (1):** Area 29 Accessibilities Chair

Area 29 Presentation: Area 29's Accessibilities Chair gave a presentation on the committee's mission and role, the accessibilities challenges that exist, and how they bring awareness about those challenges to the AA Fellowship. At the end of the presentation, they sent an accessibilities toolkit to the NEMDAA Chairperson that the Intergroup can post to our website.

Officer & Committee Reports:

- **Chair's Report:**
 - The Chair shared that nominations for the new Intergroup Officers (Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer) will take place at this meeting.
- **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary asked for feedback on the April meeting minutes, which were posted to the website and available in print at this meeting for review. The Emmorton Group (8:30) requested to strike the following sentence from the Archives report summary: "Emmorton Group (8:30) offered and is ready to help Archives," stating that this was an error. A motion was then made to accept the April minutes contingent upon this change. The motion was seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reviewed the April financials, which are posted to the website. It was discussed that the March and April income annotated in the "Spring Picnic" line are incorrectly placed and should be annotated as Spring Breakfast income. The Treasurer agreed to make this change. A motion was then made to accept the Treasurer's report contingent upon this change. Motion seconded, none opposed, and the motion passed.
- **Office Coordinator:**
 - The Office Coordinator shared that the Office Operations Committee is going to meet in mid-June, and that the office phone is being updated with new capabilities (including answering service upgrades for call waiting/forwarding).
 - The Office Coordinator also shared that literature prices are increasing. Pamphlet P-33 ("It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"), for example, recently incurred a relatively significant price increase from 30 cents per pamphlet to \$2.00 per pamphlet.

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- Additionally, the Office Operations Committee would like for the office staff to have a regular Wednesday meeting to keep all Office Coordinators abreast of pertinent updates. The Chairperson noted that she needs to discuss with the Treasurer and Finance Committee whether the budget will support the additional working hours required to support this meeting.
- **Answering Service (AS):** The AS Chair stated that the AS is willing to take on more groups. The AS Chair is also training a new AS Chair to take over in July 2024.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information (CPC/PI):** No report this month.
- **Finance:** No report this month.
- **Institutions:** The Institutions Chair shared that the Belcamp shelter is looking for groups to bring in a meeting on Friday or Saturday nights from 4:50-5:50pm. This specific timeframe is requested to reach the largest audience before their 6:00pm dinner.
 - There was also a brief discussion about posting Institutions guidelines to the NEMDAA website. More to follow.
- **Ways & Means:**
 - The Ways & Means volunteer shared that the Picnic in the Park will take place this Saturday, June 1st. Event setup will begin at 9:30am.
 - Ways & Means requested to have a budget going forward that would assume a 50% return on investment for future events. It was decided that this request should be made during budget planning for 2025.
 - Additionally, Ways & Means will survey the fellowship this summer about desired events. The committee is planning a Halloween Event for 10/26/24 (save the date!) and a Valentine's Day event in February 2025.
- **Website/Technology:**
 - The Website/Technology Committee shared that the new Committee Chairperson will assume responsibility in July 2024.
 - The Committee requested to keep website-related costs in mind for the 2025 budget, e.g., Amazon Web Service, Google, and WordPress subscriptions.
- **Archives:** The Archives Committee Chair shared that he started digitizing archives, and it is a slow process to scan the documents.

Old Business:

- **Credit Card Capabilities:** The Website/Technology Committee noted that the selected software must operate with WordPress. Further discussion of this topic will be tabled until the Finance Committee is present.

New Business:

- **Officer Nominations:** The Chairperson asked whether there were any nominations for Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer. No nominations were presented. The Chairperson requested that IGRs share the continued need for nominations with their respective home groups. Elections are to be held at the NEMDAA Intergroup Council Meeting in June 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm with The Lord's Prayer and the Responsibility Statement.