

Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting

Date: December 17, 2024

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The roll call followed.

Attendance: Total: 17

In-person:

Officers (3): Chair, Secretary (IGR Emmorton Group), Treasurer

Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), Committee chairs, and members (4): IGR Celebrate Sobriety, IGR Northeast Big Book, IGR Rule 62, IGR Three Legacies

On Zoom/phone:

Officers (0):

IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (10): IGR Good News Group, IGR Gates of Insanity, IGR Solution for Living, IGR Sunday Reflections, Institution Committee Chair, Website/Technology Committee Chair, Acting Office Manager (+ Morning Group liaison), Lunch Bunch member (visitor), DCM District 30 (visitor), Treasurer District 30 (visitor)

Council Chair report: No report.

Secretary report: The secretary presented the November minutes and requested correcting “taxes” under the budget discussion, fourth paragraph, to “payroll services” to align with the actual changes in the budget. There was a motion to accept as amended and a second. Amended November minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer’s report: The treasurer presented a summary of the council’s financial reports as of November 30, 2024:

Account balances are:

- Operating Account: \$6,467.51
- Prudent Reserve Account: \$23,802.74

Revenue:

- Group Contributions thru November is \$23,080.99
- Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru November is \$4,066.64
- Office Events total \$22,123.00
- Literature & Medallion Sales total \$14,155.25
- Interest income totals \$20.85

Total Revenue is \$63,425.88 which is 97% of our budgeted revenue for 2024.

Expenses:

Through November, we have paid out a total of \$62,162.36 which is 98% of our budgeted expenses this year.

The treasurer answered questions from IGRs:

Q: Will the sales numbers included with last month's report meant to be a usual financial report?

A: Added it primarily for acting office manager's benefit and hadn't considered it as a continuing thing since no one noticed its inclusion. But can make it a recurring report.

Q: What is our fiscal year?

A: We work on a calendar year.

There was a motion to accept the report presented and a second. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Office staff report: The Office Operations Committee continues to meet. Our office operations person has settled staffing and hours. The office hours will now be Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM – 3 PM; Friday 10 AM – 5 PM; and Saturday, 10 AM – 2 PM.

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Q: The acting office manager mentioned that our office operations person mentioned "half-hour lead time," but the acting manager is unsure what that means.

A: The council chair will confer with our office operations person and get an explanation for the acting manager.

The Website/Technology Committee chair offered a point of clarification regarding office closures: If closures are *not* known in advance, we don't update the bulletin but the website will be updated once the closure is known.

Standing and ad hock committee reports

Finance (standing): (position open)

Answering service (standing): Not present. No report.

Institutions (standing): Since the last council meeting, the committee chair checked with groups with commitments at the Behavioral Health Unit in Aberdeen to see how the groups were doing. The committee chair then requested help with organizing the literature dispersal project to get the ball rolling by the end of the year.

The idea came up two months ago and falls under CPC-PI, but we have no one in that position. The literature is placed in various locations around the counties and without any CPC-PI committee, distribution has been left undone.

A question came from the floor:

Q: How was it done previously?

A: The treasurer responded that it has not been done since before the pandemic and the treasurer believes the previous CPC-PI committee chair did it with help from some sponsees.

The treasurer will help the Institutions Committee chair set up a zoom meeting with individuals who have volunteered to help, and will talk to someone from the Area who can advise the chair about how to get started.

The committee chair also has contact for an intergroup in Pennsylvania and can seek guidance there.

The committee chair also reported that Harford County Detention Center requested a literature refill. The committee chair will see what they need and perhaps disperse Big Books and *Came to Believe* copies the chair has in the office.

Website/technology (standing): Everything is running smoothly with the website. The committee chair posted the new office hours and updated closures and also has updates for meeting closings during the holidays.

The committee chair has reached out to the developers of an app we currently use to determine if what we have will let us include a message box along with online contributions. The message box will allow groups to put in their group name or number which will aid the treasurer in reporting group contributions.

Ways and Means (ad hoc): On behalf of the committee chair, the council chair noted that there is an activity scheduled for January 18. Tickets are \$7 each and available in the office.

CPC/PI: (position open)

Archives (ad hoc): Not present. No report.

Old Business

2025 Budget: IGRs were to have discussed the budget with their groups in order to vote on the budget at this meeting. Prior to questions and voting, the treasurer went over the budget with comparison between 2024 and 2025 amounts and changes.

The treasurer answered a question from IGRs:

Q: As the budget is posted, do we do a recast as we go through the year and revise the budget as needed?

A: Each month the finance packet includes a cost/expense to budget. We've never actually had to change any of the budgets because we've never been that far afield. When we have a problem with cash flow the fellowship has been very generous.

There was a motion to accept the budget and a second. Budget accepted unanimously.

New Business

Group inventory: Council chair reported on the Intergroup inventory of what we do and how we do it discussed at the November meeting. The officers met as a group to make some decisions and broke into a smaller group which has met already and will meet again in the next week. When the smaller group has a result, it will bring that result to the big officers' group to review and see how the inventory is progressing. After these reviews finalize, the group will bring to the full IGRs for review.

The council chair and treasurer answered questions from the IGRs:

Q: Have the officers of the Intergroup been in place for a while?

A: No. We started our rotation in July. The three officers are voted in and out.

Q: So, feedback your seeking is since July?

A: No. More on what the office is doing. Seeing if we are meeting the groups' needs.

The council chair noted the review group will keep the full Intergroup Council updated on progress, and that it's going to take a few months.

Group Input and Suggestions: The council chair asked if any groups have suggestions. None mentioned or provided at this time.

The council chair wished everyone happy holidays and a good new year.

The Website/Technology Committee chair noted, for our visitors from District 30, that the outgoing DCM provided their names, groups, and positions. The committee chair asked that the DCM or Alternate DCM send information regarding when District 30 will meet and where and the committee chair will update the website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord's Prayer.