

## **Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous**

### **Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting**

**Date:** February 25, 2025

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The roll call followed.

**Attendance: Total: 15**

***In-person:***

**Officers (2):** Chair, Secretary (IGR Emmorton Group)

**Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), Committee chairs, and members (6):** IGR Fallston Early Saturday, IGR Just for Today, IGR Rising Sun Monday Night, IGR Rule 62, Archives Chair, Visitor

***On Zoom/phone:***

**Officers (1):** Treasurer

**IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (6):** IGR Emotional Sobriety, IGR Solution for Living, Answering service chair (Alt IGR Sunday Reflections), Events committee chair, Institutions chair, Website chair

**Council Chair report:** Chair we are getting more activity in the office, particularly Friday nights. Averaging about 4 people per day.

**Secretary report:** The secretary presented the January minutes, requesting clarification of an IGR's group and asked for any other corrections. The IGR in question was not present so the minutes will reflect "group unknown." The IGR for Fallston Early Saturday noted the group's Alt. IGR attended the January meeting as alternate via zoom last month and should be added to the attendance list. There was a motion to accept as amended and a second. January minutes, as amended, accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer presented a summary of the council's financial reports as of January 31, 2025:

*Account balances are:*

- Operating Account: \$8,159.63
- Prudent Reserve Account: \$23,808.74

*Revenue:*

- Group Contributions thru January is \$3,334.78
- Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru January is \$637.00
- Office Events total \$1,332.00
- Literature & Medallion Sales total \$1,173.72
- Interest income totals \$3.00

Total Revenue is \$6,477.50 which is 10% of our budgeted revenue for 2025.

*Expenses:*

Through January, we have paid out a total of \$5,170.25 which is 8% of our budgeted expenses this year.

The treasurer answered a questions from the IGRs:

Q: When will treasurer be gathering budget info for the new year?

A: We've already done that. Back in November. If you have something to submit, you can submit a budget request to the finance committee meeting in March 2025.

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

**Office staff report:** Office Operations Committee covered in the chair report

### **Standing and ad hock committee reports**

**Finance (standing):** (position open)

**Answering service (standing):** Three quarters of the way through the 2018 Answering Service 12-Step list to get it up to date; has verified that regional numbers are up to date. Updated instructions for the groups to log on as Verizon updated the login for mobile.

The committee chair answered a question from the Council chair:

Q: How may calls do you think the answering service gets per week or month?

A: If asking about the groups, probably one person during the week. The Events chair also noted that if interested, the chair can pull the call logs from Comcast. Answering Service chair did recently look at that log covering approximately one month, and the office in general had 92 calls.

**Institutions (standing):** Next week is the Cecil County Detention Center orientations: March 5 (people renewing) and March 6 (new volunteers). The chair also received a question today: an institution requested 24 hour and 30-day chips. How do we handle this?

Per the treasurer, recently an institution called and requested medallions and the office did purchase them for them. The facility contacting the Institutions chair no longer takes patients to outside meetings, so they requested getting chips via Intergroup.

The treasurer answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: Were they asking if they could purchase them or if we would provide (purchase them) for them?

A: The facility would need to purchase the medallions and we order them. Or any groups interested can donate the medallions.

*The committee chair asked about any answer regarding Union Hospital being open for 12-Step meetings. Last month an IGR volunteered to contact the hospital. The volunteer was not in attendance. The Council chair will attempt to follow up the volunteer.*

**Website/technology (standing):** The website did experience downtime last week. The chair was able to get in touch with the webmaster, who got us up and running quickly. The chair doesn't believe there was anything malicious.

The committee chair answered a question from IGRs:

Q: Have you made any headway getting the website set up for the group-name notice for the donation submissions?

A: Everything is ready but need testing, confirmation the test worked, and then can get it finalized.

**Events (ad hoc):**

The chair shared that bingo was a big success. Howard celebrated 10 years of running it. And the Council chair complimented the Events chair.

Bowling coming up this Saturday, Aberdeen lanes.

Breakfast tickets are for sale and giving out 10 at a time trying to get 260 tickets sold by April 6. Archivist volunteered to take 10 to try and sell. IGR Rule 62 will also take tickets for the breakfast.

Booked Susquehanna park for the picnic in June and luau in August. Also all set for Rocky Horror puppet show in October with a casting call in May.

Bowling may turn into a quarterly event.

For the spring breakfast, looking for a home group or 4–5 individuals to help with the event. The next planning meeting is in two weeks.

**CPC/PI:** No report. Chair not present

**Archives (ad hoc):** Going back to last months' info, the chair is still waiting to hear from Harford County Public Library about someone from their board of directors participating in the Archives Committee. The first committee meeting will be March 3, in the office, in person only.

Second, about interviews for longtimers, archivist has an extensive list of questions from GSO. Archives chair shared several questions from the list, covering early life, early experience with AA, introduction and understanding of service and the three legacies, and several others.

And, regarding the chair's requested announcement in bulletin about a speaker with an organization outside of AA. The chair is withdrawing the request to place that announcement in the bulletin. The chair spoke with several Aas — an AA member, the chair's sponsor, and the chair's homegroup — who

unanimously agreed, and the chair agrees too, this would be a violation of our traditions by tacitly supporting the entity or the project.

### **Old Business**

***Intergroup inventory update:*** *(review next month)* — The inventory questionnaire is ready. After this IG meeting, a group is meeting to discuss how to distribute this to groups and individuals. Will have this ready and get it out either before the next meeting or at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

***Group Input & Suggestions:*** None

General Comment from treasurer: I purchased a hand scanner for the office that the office staff have been using. Be patient with them as they are getting used to something new. Also, suggested to office staff that when they take books and products to events, to take the laptop to be able to easily sell and correctly collate the sales information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord's Prayer.