

Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting

Date: March 25, 2025

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 (3): IGR Rule 62, IGR Three Legacies, Events Committee Chair

On Zoom/phone:

Officers (0):

IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (11): IGR Solution for Living, IGR Sunday Reflections, IGR SOS Group, IGR Just for Today, IGR Celebrate Sobriety, Answering Service Committee Chair (Alt IGR Sunday Reflections), Archives Committee Chair, Institutions Committee Chair, Website/Technology Committee Chair, Office staff member, DCM 30 (visitor)

Council chair report: Chair reported that the small group is still working on the inventory and will send that out and talk about it later. Chair also noted we are seeing more activity in the office particularly on Friday nights; the other night had 8 walk-ins.

Secretary report: The secretary presented the February minutes, noting that the initially posted minutes included a member's email address. Prior to the meeting, the secretary corrected the minutes and the Website/Technology Chair had removed the old versions and posted updated versions. The secretary asked for any additional amendments/corrections. There was a motion to accept as amended and a second. February minutes, as amended, accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer presented a summary of the council's financial reports as of February 28, 2025:

Account balances are:

- Operating Account: \$11,902.94
- Prudent Reserve Account: \$23,808.74

Revenue:

- Group Contributions thru February is \$4,378.38
- Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru February is \$720.10
- Office Events total \$7,247.00
- Literature & Medallion Sales total \$2,899.02
- Interest income totals \$3.00

Total Revenue is \$15,244.50 which is 23% of our budgeted revenue for 2025.

Expenses:

Through February, we have paid out a total of \$10,167.94 which is 15% of our budgeted expenses this year.

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

Office coordinator report: Nothing to report at this time. All is going well.

Standing and ad hoc committee reports

Finance (standing): (position open)

Answering service (standing): The committee chair completed updating the 12 Step call list. The chair reformatted the list, which now lists whether person does physical or virtual meetings first, then day or night, and then the area that they cover. The list is condensed. The chair did not get into Comcast business to check the calls for the month, and has only gotten a call or two to get the new 12 Step list and the "Dos and Don'ts" sheet.

The committee chair answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: Is there someone who covers Sunday morning? A recent Sunday the group rep put in a number on Saturday night and when the rep went in that Sunday morning to change the number again, it wasn't the number that had been entered Saturday night. It was changed.

A: That is the group's responsibility. There is a handful of people who cover afternoon until groups take over at 6pm.

Institutions (standing): The chair reported there was no negative feedback or much feedback at all about the March Cecil County Detention Center Orientations. Individual who leads institution commitments at CCDC is trying to arrange a meet-and-greet for all people going into CCDC.

The committee chair answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: Are we stocking a separate supply of softcover Big Books for institutions?

A: Chair thought the committee still had some. Chair will stop into the office during the week to discuss with the office staff.

Website/technology (standing): The chair stated there was not a lot of progress to update. The chair is tracking things requiring additional work: (1) getting a section on site to enable groups submitting donations to submit group info; (2) working to get the inventory ready to go out to groups. The chair noted the office staff are doing well with the bulletin; the Events Committee chair has access to bulletin builder now to add events info. There was a bit of down time the preceding week, but the webmaster was able to correct that.

The committee chair answered a question from IGRs:

Q: Tracking the ability to sign up and pay online for next bowling event: will that be available?

A: Yes.

Events (ad hoc): Committee chair is working through nuances for the next bowling event. Will have online pay ability and will issue paper tickets. The chair is having planning meetings every 2 weeks. The District 30 DCM is looking to get more involved and is on the emails. Anyone interested in being on the distribution list, let chair know.

Regarding the breakfast, the hall is willing to work with us. Contact is going to talk to those in charge about lowering the hall cost. They can't reduce the cost-per-plate due to the costs of food.

Ultimately for events, will be doing an event every month, alternating between simple and more complex events. Added a listing of events to the meeting packet.

The Council chair directed discussion back the breakfast and asked IGRs if anyone had any ideas—no group stepped up, struggling with attendance?

Events chair is planning to put out a suggestion box at the breakfast. The next planning meeting for the breakfast will be the day before.

Events chair looking into other venues and will be doing an after-action review of this breakfast before moving forward with any future breakfast.

A question arose from the IGRs:

Q: Has anyone gone by any recovery houses to sell tickets?

A: Committee chair is unable to travel as extensively as others. If anyone is willing to do that, and we still have about 10 tickets in the office.

List of events:

- MARCH 1 Rock n Bowl. Great Turnout. Need a better way to book, track, and take money so we do not have to turn people away.
- APRIL 6 BREAKFAST. Still asking for two 50/50 volunteers. Planning mtg every 2 weeks, starting Feb. 22. Tickets and flyers available for distribution up until day of event.
- MAY 3 MINI GOLF. Churchville Golf Center, 2 PM
- JUNE 15 PICNIC. Susquehanna Park, in afternoon
- JULY 12 - ROCK N BOWL. Aberdeen Lanes, 7pm
- AUGUST 23 LUAU. Susquehanna Park
- SEPT ? MINI GOLF?
- OCT 18 HALLOWEEN. Rocky Horror Puppet Show, Grove Church, in evening. Casting Call May 1
- DEC ?? Football party. Webster's church. Non rival game, awaiting NFL schedule in May.

CPC/PI: Committee chair not in attendance. No report.

Archives (ad hoc): The committee chair heard back from Harford County Public Library trustees and they have promulgated the letter the chair sent them inviting a member to be on the Archives Committee to all staff and all trustees. Chair held first committee meeting and chair was the only attendee.

Old Business

Union Hospital open for 12 step mtgs: No report as IGR following up on the issue was not in attendance. Council chair will try to check in at the IGR's meeting or otherwise track down the IGR.

Intergroup inventory update: The inventory is ready but delayed at the Council chair's discretion. As the Website/Technology chair reported, we're proceeding with getting the online option, and this isn't time sensitive. We want to do it right.

The Council chair answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: If we do a suggestion box at the breakfast, should we look over the questions on the inventory and include them on the suggestion box questions?

A: Chair would be interested in the suggestions but keep the specific questions separate.

Perryville VA looking for coins:-A Cecil County group decided to purchase and donate coins.

New Business

Group Input & Suggestions: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord's Prayer.