

## Northeastern Maryland Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

### Intergroup Council Monthly Meeting

**Date:** April 22, 2025

The secretary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The secretary explained that the chair was unable to be at the meeting and asked the secretary to facilitate the meeting.

The roll call followed.

**Attendance: Total: 17**

***In-person:***

**Officers (1):** Secretary (IGR Emmorton Group)

**Intergroup Representatives (IGRs), Committee chairs, and members (7):** IGR MH Noon, IGR Three Legacies, IGR Fallston Early Morning Saturday Group, IGR Rising Sun Group, Visitor Rising Sun Group, Visitor, Visitor

***On Zoom/phone:***

**Officers (1):** Treasurer

**IGRs, Committee chairs, and members (8):** IGR Solution for Living, IGR Pursuit of Happiness, IGR Good Orderly Direction, IGR Celebrate Sobriety, IG staff member (Morning Group), IGR Sunday Reflections, Website/Technology Committee chair, Events Committee chair

**Council chair report:** The secretary reported on behalf of the chair. One office staff member resigned. The chair is monitoring office activity and we're averaging less than 2 phone calls per day for 4 hours open. Average 4 walk-ins a day; Friday is very busy skewing the numbers; Saturday is also busy.

**Secretary report:** The secretary presented the March minutes requesting clarification for specific groups in the roll call. The secretary asked for any additional *amendments/corrections*. Additionally, an IGR corrected their group's name which was recorded incorrectly. There was a motion to accept the minutes *as amended* and a second. March minutes, *as amended*, accepted unanimously.

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

*Account balances are:*

- Operating Account: \$7,705.72
- Prudent Reserve Account: \$23,808.74

*Revenue:*

- Group Contributions thru March is \$6,175.28
- Individual Contributions & Birthday Plan thru March is \$848.10
- Office Events total \$8,827.00
- Literature & Medallion Sales total \$4,247.47
- Interest income totals \$3.00

Total Revenue is \$20,097.85 which is 31% of our budgeted revenue for 2025.

*Expenses:*

Through March, we have paid out a total of \$19,244.51 which is 29% 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.

The treasurer answered *questions* from the IGRs:

Q: The office staff member noted that their group was not on the group contributions list and was wondering if any other groups were not listed.

A: Treasure asked if the member could ask if the group had contributed this year. Also, can the member find out how the payment was sent in and the treasurer will try to track it down. After discussion, it turned out the group name is alphabetized by "The."

IGR Celebrate Sobriety noted their group also isn't on the list. Because that payment was just made, it will show on the next report.

IGR Sunday Reflections noted their group isn't on the list either; IGR will check with group treasurer for information on any contributions and follow up if needed.

**Office coordinator report:** The office coordinator and Event Committee chair are covering the days the resigned staff member was covering the office: Friday and Saturday. So, the hours will be the same although if coverage is unavailable, staff and volunteers will be closing the office as needed.

The office is looking for volunteers and an employee so if anyone knows anyone interested pass the word along.

**Standing and ad hock committee reports**

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

***Answering service (standing):*** The committee chair is unable to be here, but sent a report as follows:

- All things are going well. Groups are being notified the week prior to their commitment and provided with sign in instructions and the latest 12th Step call list.
- The answering service tracker in Google Drive has been updated thru the first few days of May 2026 (Thanks to Website/Technology Committee chair for catching a missing week in June!)
- Phone calls from February 25, 2025, to March 25, 2025, were: 132 total: 79 incoming, 48 outgoing, and 5 missed calls (3 during Answering Service time and 2 followed up by the office)
- Phone calls from March 25, 2025, to April 21, 2025, were: 152 total: 80 incoming, 61 outgoing, and 11 missed calls (5 during Answering Service time and 6 during office hours).

Those present discussed the missed calls. About 3% overall missed, which isn't too bad. We're only human.

After discussion, IGR Fallston Early Morning Saturday Group summed up their understanding: The misses are all circumstantial and not something we specifically need to address. Office staff confirmed that when calls are missed in the office, office staff do follow up.

The office staff noted a 30 second delay when switching over the phones today.

***Institutions (standing):*** Committee chair not present. No report.

***Website/technology (standing):*** The chair stated the website has had some issues over the last several days. The webmaster updated the WordPress software today which will hopefully fix the issues. No issues since 8 am this morning, which is good news.

Some of the licenses for WordPress add-ons expired and are needed for events and ticketing functions. We'll need to renew licenses and the committee chair will coordinate with treasurer to arrange paying the fees.

***Events (ad hoc):*** Committee chair stated that Rule 62, the office, and the office coordinator made baskets for raffle during the April breakfast. The chair booked next year for the end of April and plans to stick with under 240 attendees to have round tables.

The chair has also reached out to Baltimore's speaker engagements and we will have speakers from there for all events.

The Events Committee lost one of the three volunteers who's been helping on the event committee. Strongly needs help to organize the picnic and any help with future events.

Committee chair provided an events list, included with the meeting packet. The list/report is as follows:

- 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.

Next planning meeting is in two weeks—Saturday—usually every other Saturday at 6pm. Those who can't attend, email the chair as the committee always needs help at event.

***CPC/PI:*** The committee chair was not present. No report.

**Archives (ad hoc):** The committee chair was not present. No report.

## Old Business

**Union Hospital open for 12 step mtgs:** IGR Solution for Living made contact with the behavioral health unit at Union Hospital in Elkton. There are no outside-group meetings. The problem is they don't just have detox patients but also fully mental patients and it is a safety issue so no meetings on the unit.

**Intergroup inventory update:** The inventory is being finalized and should be out over next month or two. The officers will keep the IGRs updated. As the council chair has noted before, there is no hurry. People are busy and we're bringing something out for the first time and we've got a couple glitches to work on and want to get it distributed effectively.

The officers and committee chairs answered a question from the IGRs:

Q: The IGR Fallston Early Morning Saturday Group asked what the inventory was for.

A: An inventory of the office services and how well we're serving the groups.

In discussion, IGR Fallston Early Morning Saturday Group summarized that it's not Intergroup doing an inventory on itself, really its a "survey" of all the groups so we can do an inventory.

## New Business

Q: A visitor asked, can a group put an announcement in the bulletin for a group event?

A: Yes. The Website chair knew the specific situation that raised the question and noted that there was just crossed timing for email response.

For anything to post, the Intergroup does not post any personally identifiable information (like a phone number) on the website or in the bulletin. The site is public as is the bulletin. A group could, however, have that info on a flyer and have that available to hand out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm and closed with the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord's Prayer.