**Meeting Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council** **on 23 March 2021**

The Council Meeting was called to order by Intergroup Council Chair at 7:00 PM on 23 MAR 2021 via Zoom. (The meeting was posted on NEMDAA Website and an e-mail reminder was sent out to active council members.)

The Chair opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

  **- Roll Call:** Intergroup chair. The Morning Group IGR, Substitute Sunday Reflections IGR & Secretary. Women for Sobriety IGR & Treasurer. The Office Manager. Just for Today IGR. Sobriety on Sunday IGR. Happy Hour IGR. Fallston Early Saturday IGR. Emmorton Group IGR and Good News Group IGR & Finance (arrived late).  There were 10 persons in attendance.

**- Chair report:** **-** The Chair received his first dose of vaccine this week, next dose due 4/9.

       -  March 9th Governor Hogan doubled the number of vaccination sites. The numbers are down but

hospitalizations are due to new variants. Capacity limits are being lifted with 50% capacity at large events.

       - The MD Labor Board did an inspection of the office & we passed!

       - Intergroup Liaison committee was not attended.

       - District 11 remains with all positions vacant.

       -  Emmorton IGR & District 28 rep reported that a new rep from SWAN group attended the monthly meeting for District 28.

       - Budget concerns: continue to remind the groups / individuals to contribute donations to keep things going. The Finance committee met and will be considering reducing office hours on Friday.

       - Ways & Means needs a chair. With lifted restrictions Bingo & Picnics can be scheduled.

SOS IGR volunteered to fill the position.

       - Institution chair has resigned. Perry Point VA is looking for us to return.

**- Secretary’s report –**The minutes were posted on the website for review prior to the meeting. There were no amendments suggested. The minutes were unanimously accepted as posted.

**- Financial report –**There was a financial loss in February 2021 of $1200. Income of $2700 in February was less than January. $3900 was spent in February. $1500 was transferred in from PayPal. Office manager commented that yearly web services were due last month. The Chair suggested that we start talking about Bingo, Breakfast & Picnic. There is $7,000 in the bank. Prudent reserve is adequate. Good News IGR suggested we continue to remind the fellowship to contribute. Report accepted unanimously as posted.

**- Office manager report –** The Grapevine has a new title coming out called “Free on the Inside” which are stories from jail. A Spanish version of “Women in AA” is also available.

       - “Drop the Rock” & “Ripple Effect” continue to fly off the shelves. “Meeting in A Pocket” is popular.

       - A new “Where & When” of live meetings on paper is available upon request.

       - The Secretary inquired about availability of the Spanish Language materials. The Office manager replied that we have a limited amount due to low turnover.

       - The Emmorton Group IGR asked about phone traffic. The Office manager replied that most are 12 step calls, then meeting status updates & inquiries about how to use Zoom.

       - Happy Hour IGR wanted to clarify Perry Point visitation. Office manager to ask members who may be knowledgeable about that.

**Answering service report –** Not in attendance.

**CPC/PI report -** Not in attendance.

**Finance report –**Finance committee to meet in late April/early May.

**Institutions** **–**Chair stepped down from position. We are now looking for a new chair.

**Ways & Means –** Kelly U stepped up as the new chair. It was noted that the Baltimore IG is doing a golf tournament. Is that something we can do? (it was advised to see Bel Air Big Book IGR, who has run them in the past). Emmorton Group IGR commented on personal experience that it can be pricey & time consuming. The Chair asked about doing a Bingo first. Finance chair suggested doing it outside. Office Manager suggested a pavilion (& availability?).

**Website committee –**Not in attendance.

**Archives report –** Donated a copy of “A Visual History of AA”. The ‘Better with Age’ article in a recent edition of the Grapevine was added to the archives.

**Volunteers –**Who, how & cash issues are to be determined.

**Old Business:** To create a formal committee to revise the listing/ inclusion of Ad Hoc committees like institutions, Ways and Means & answering service by June. To be voted on in November & implement by January of 2022. Emmorton Group IGR requested a copy of the by-laws. The Chair noted that the are available on the website.

**New Business:** Ad Hoc committees  discussion tabled until summer.

    - MGS Alternate Delegate mentioned that the General Service Committee is meeting in April. There

are  96 agenda items from the CARCs including a 5th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, changing Bill W’s writings and others. Attendance is encouraged.

Concluded at 7:48PM with the Responsibility Statement & The Lord’s Prayer.