

## Meeting Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council on 24 November 2020

The Council Meeting was called to order by Intergroup Council Chair at 7:01 PM on 24 OCT 2020 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 And a gratitude message .

- **Chair report:** 1) Lockdowns are increasing due to Covid. Please check the website as to the status of the meeting that you want to attend. 2) District 28 and 30 meetings were attended by me and they are changing things up to accommodate the current state of things. 3) Please abide by the safety guidelines by wearing a mask and social distancing. 4) The website committee is doing an awesome job with frequent changes and updates. Kudos to them! 5) District 38 had its meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>; they still do not have a secretary. I believe service is a big piece of recovery, if you know anybody in District 30 that would like to serve this is a good opportunity. 6) Regarding new club listings and starting new meetings: The only thing we're looking for is some contact info like a name, phone number and location (whether you're live or on Zoom) 7) There's new Intergroup office setup, supplies and new literature available.

- **Roll Call:** Rex - By the Book & Intergroup chair. Jean B - The Good News Group & Finance committee. Joanne P - The Solution for Living Group & the Office Manager. Rachel B - Kingsville Wednesday Night & Ways and Means committee / Assistant Office Manager. Lisa P - Women for Sobriety on Saturday & Treasurer. Erin K - Bel Air Big Book. Jeff P - Sunday Reflections. Deb C - Fallston Early Saturday. John H - Happy Hour. Jeremy S – Beware of the 4 Horsemen & website committee. Bruce B - Red Door / Bel Air Wednesday Night. Carol S – The Morning Group & Secretary. There were 12 persons in attendance.

- **Secretary's report – Carol S:** - Last month's meeting minutes were posted on the web site for everyone to read prior to the meeting. No edits or updates were offered. The minutes were unanimously accepted as posted.

- **Financial report - Lisa P:** Group contributions are on the increase along with literature sales. \$817 is our highest contribution yet since the start of the pandemic. We are \$2000 in the positive. On the debit side we purchased medallions. Rex gave kudos to Joanne and Rachel for organizing and purchasing literature, working with the Boston and Baltimore Intergroups to get 'Meeting in a Pocket' available to us. A motion was made to accept as provided and accepted unanimously.

- **Office manager – Joanne P:** - AA World Service 1) is having a book sale in December & January. If you order is \$100 or more, you get 15% off and receive a First Edition of 'Our Great Responsibility' 2) A book of pictures depicting the visual history of AA is due out in February. Contact the office at [office@nemdaa.org](mailto:office@nemdaa.org) . To let the us know what you would like to order.

The office is open later Fridays. If there any other days, you would like to see open later please let us know. A motion was made to accept as reported and agreed unanimously.

**Answering service report - Jeff L:** Not in attendance.

**CPC/PI report - Phil H :** Not in attendance.

**Finance report - Jean B:** Thanked everyone for approving the budget last month. A motion was made to accept as reported and agreed unanimously.

**Institutions – Missy:** Not in attendance. Per Rex/Georgia: This is currently on hold due to the rising numbers during the pandemic.

**Ways & Means - Rachael B:** The Bingo scheduled for November the 28th has been cancelled. Tentative dates for 2021 are as follows: February 20th Bingo, April 18th Breakfast, October 17th Fall Breakfast and November 20th Bingo all the occurring at the Level Fire Hall. February Bingo is questionable at best. Rachel is looking into a tutorial for virtual bingo. The website can hold 150 people. It was suggested to do a drive by breakfast Similar to the one that was held for the County Executive. They sold 400 of the 500 tickets available. Boxes of food were taken to the cars as they drove by. Rex discussed a possible fundraiser or white elephant to donate to the office that was going to be investigated by Rachel. Joanne P stated that District 7 of Baltimore held a virtual breakfast, set up as a speaker meeting and everybody just brings their food to their computer and eats while watching online. Jeff P mentioned about following Intergroup guidelines. Rachel replied that her suggestions were a way of getting the groups together and being more interactive

**Website – Jeremy S:** Bulletins that are emailed out are getting bounced back because of an invalid email address or because the Internet service providers are fighting against spam. These are mostly from hotmail.com addresses.

**Archives report – Tom K:** Not in attendance.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Bruce B: Voiced his opinion that fund raising activities by us and for us should incorporate a meeting of AA to stay with our singleness of purpose. AA is not a social event; we are a fellowship. It was suggested to look up the Cleveland group for help with fund raising. Any questions you can go to the GSO and they will reply within 20 days regarding traditions and intergroup meetings. He suggested that we should read 'Our 12 Traditions' pamphlet. Jeff P replied that District 28 reviews the Tradition of the month at the end of each meeting. Bruce B reminded us that November is Gratitude Month.

Carol S: Asked about the status of volunteers. Joanne replied that it is on hold for now.

Concluded at 8:05PM with the Responsibility statement & The Lord's Prayer.

