**Meeting Minutes for the NEMDAA Intergroup Council**

 **on 23 February 2021**

The Council Meeting was called to order by Intergroup Council Chair at 7:00 PM on 23 FEB 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 & Secretary. Women for Sobriety IGR & Treasurer. The Office Manager. Kingsville Wednesday Night IGR, Ways and Means & Assistant Office Manager. Good News Group IGR & Finance. Beware of the 4 Horsemen IGR & Website. Happy Hour IGR. By the Book IGR. Just for Today IGR. Sunday Reflections IGR. Fallston Early Saturday IGR & Alternate Delegate to Area 29. There were 12 persons in attendance.

 **- Chair report:** **-** Encouraged everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

 - Intergroup Liaison meeting was attended. CPC and Institutions commitments are on hold.

 - District 28 is encouraging attendance & participation.

 - District 11 needs service support. Alternate Delegate available to help newcomers to service.

 - Finance committee had its quarterly meeting on Feb 20. A reminder to continue to appeal to the fellowship for contributions. BABB IGR suggested asking early in the meeting & often.

 - Ad Hoc committees to be amended. This process should start in November & be voted in January.

The last time this was done was 6/2011. I would like to do a self-analysis of the wants & needs of the fellowship. Secretary agreed.

 - MD unemployment issue was easily resolved due to the through documentation of the office staff.

Kudos to the office staff for set-up, cleanliness & ability to get supplies to the fellowship i.e., in person, curbside pick-up or delivery options available.

 - Ways & Means has requested to transition out of the position. Current chair stated that there is a conflict between office work & committee. Nothing happening currently due to pandemic. Level Fire Hall remains closed for activities.

 - There was a question whether the office manager’s report needed to be voted on. It does not according to the bylaws. Office manager reminded that she is not an officer. Alternate Delegate stated that only the Chair, Secretary & Treasurer that are elected need to be voted on.

 **- Secretary’s report –** The minutes were posted on the website for review prior to the meeting. The Office Manager asked to have her home group as IGR removed edit was expressed. The minutes were unanimously accepted as posted.

 **- Financial report –** There was a financial loss for January 2021 of $700. Income of $950 in December & $2500 in January. We have $5,500 in checking and $16,000 in savings. Sunday Reflections IGR asked if we have dipped into the prudent reserve and the Treasurer replied that we have not. Alt Delegate commented that if a group has more than 1 years’ worth in prudent reserve some of it should be spent off. Report accepted unanimously as posted.

 **- Office manager report –** The General Service Conference Annual Report is free if anybody wants a look into larger AA.

 - The Visual History of AA is available for purchase.

 - The office staff are being trained for using Bulletin Builder to designate open/closed meetings,

Update news and anniversaries section.

 - From CP/CPI: MD Recovery that has halfway, and sober housing is looking to bring AA meetings into their facilities. The Office manager is in contact with their spokesperson.

**Answering service report –** not in attendance. BTB IGR took a call from Joe from CA who is compiling a list of Intergroup numbers for future possible publication.

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

**Finance report –** Finance committee met 2/20 at 9am. Bullet items: A) If we are going to use volunteers,

 we need a plan re: job description, duties, hours & safety issues. B) Security at IG office – will

 investigate a key code lock. C) At the 6 month point we will look at revising the budget. D) Discussion

 for decreasing office hours was tabled for now. E) Many groups donate to IG quarterly.

 **Institutions** **–** Not in attendance.

 **Ways & Means –**  The previous chair has stepped down & we are now looking for a new chair.

**Website committee –** Statistic software is being added to be able to generate reports: January had

 12,290 visitors & 29,000 views.

**Archives report –**  Donated a copy of “A Visual History of AA” & “Pot of Coffee” (a book of drawings) to

 the archives. – Sunday Reflections IGR asked if there are archives of the groups (specifically Sunday

 Reflections) to which the archivist replied “Yes!”. FYI there are 146 groups (3500 members) in NE

 Intergroup vs Baltimore who has 700 groups.

**Old Business:** None

**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 7:55PM with the Responsibility statement & The Lord’s Prayer.