

NDIAA INTERGROUP

February 5th, 2020

Call To Order: Shelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE - Lets open with the Responsibility Pledge!

I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Preamble: Shavetta read the preamble

1. Anniversaries for January:

Keith celebrated 6 months on 1/25/20

2. Quorum: 49

3. New Reps: Annie from Sisters off the Sauce (SOS), Brigid from Early Risers, Brendan from More Will Be Revealed, Chiara from Sisters in Serenity (SIS), Ben from AA Basics, Dwayne filling in for Kings Group Rep, Tommy Alternate Intergroup Rep (group unknown)

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Previous months minutes were not present due to miscommunication with volunteers running the Intergroup Office over the last few weeks. Next meeting both January and February Minutes will be available, reviewed & passed.

5. Treasurer's Report: Ray presented the December Financial Statements/Summary. Contributions were up by approximately \$2K due to year end contributions from groups who make only one contribution for the year. Total Income up about \$1,400. Literature expense, office expense, payroll expense below budget. Dec Net Income \$2,372. Net Income ties un with Retained Earnings on Balance Sheet. Ray thanked the groups for contributions. There was a motion made by membership to accept the treasurer's report, passed all in favor, no oppositions.

6. Chairperson's Report: Shelly asked representatives if anyone had questions or would like to discuss the proposed budget. Early Risers Rep stated they aren't in favor of the Winter & Spring Sporting Events – they don't see how an event like this helps to Carry the Message of AA to the Newcomer. Many other Reps agreed that the sporting events are typically too expensive for a Newcomer to attend. Another member Mary mentioned that the Service Manual & the pamphlet Where Money & Spirituality Mix don't have any reference to using Intergroup Contributions from Groups to fund Fellowship events that do not include an AA speaker/Meeting. Motion was made to remove both sporting events from the budget. Further discussion exposed that these 2 events don't actually deplete the surplus because they are offset with Income for the ticket sales. Andrew (Special Events Chair) made a motion to modify the previous motion by changing the Sporting Event items on the Budget to have a different name such as Workshops Budget & or Fellowship Events Budget. Discussion of this motion resulted in agreeance that we should generally allocate some of the surplus funds & then Committees can present Event Budgets to membership throughout the year to actually spend the funds allocated.

It was also requested by another member that we present a clear definition of what a Prudent Reserve is. The same rep asked why the proposed budget shows a deficit. Shelly responded by explaining that the deficit is being taken from the Surplus which was done specifically at the request of membership to utilize \$5K-\$7.5K from the Surplus in this year's budget.

Bob from Area 12 explained to Membership why it is not likely that they will be able to accept the proposed donation to help fund a statewide convention. 1) Area cannot accept a directed donation (specifically to be used for a convention) 2) Area 12 By-laws states that they only accept contributions/donations from individuals, groups & districts within the GSO service structure. Intergroup is not part of the GSO service structure & therefore the check would have to be presented at an Assembly to determine whether or not they would even accept the funds. The next opportunity to discuss the contribution at an Assembly meeting wouldn't be until September 2020.

Motion was made to add \$1K budget to Institutional, Corrections & CPC/PI committee budgets. Motion was 2nd, then passed all in favor

Evan made a motion to utilize the Surplus to buy a property for Intergroup to eliminate the ongoing expense of paying rent & potentially utilizing the space as an AA clubhouse for meetings & other fellowship events. Discussion – Evan was asked to put together an Ad-Hoc committee to explore how that suggestion would work with rotating leadership of Intergroup, legal considerations & how to even go about doing something like this. Once details are available the committee can present it to membership for consideration.

Tabled discussions regarding: clear definition of Prudent Reserve with the help of Dick H, additional suggestions to reduce the surplus.

Budget was passed with modifications to utilize \$6,980 of the surplus which will bring it down to \$12,967. Voted all in favor – no opposition.

Shelly's Non-Budget Report:

Next 2 months of Intergroup Meetings will be held on Thursday at 7pm, same location. The church needs to utilize the space on Wednesdays during Lent. The March & April meetings will be on 3/5 & 4/2. Reminder to Intergroup Reps to make sure their contact information is legible and correct so they can receive any updates/announcements from Intergroup via email. Spring Breakfast tickets are due at the next Intergroup Meeting, we have to give head count to Hockessin Memorial by end of day 3/12 – all tickets & money need to be turned back in either at the 3/5 meeting or by dropping them off at the Intergroup Office before 3/12. Speak for Spring Breakfast will be Pat F from Southeast PA, thank you to Emmy for helping us find her.

7. **Vice Chairperson Report:** Nothing to report

8. **Central Office Report:**

AA Info:	12 Step:	Member Misc:
Al Anon:	Alateen:	Home Answering:
Total Visitors:	Total Calls:	Total Contact:

Committee Reports:

- > CPC/Public Information: NTR - Did not attend

- Area 12: Area Assembly is being held this Saturday 2/8 in Camden, DE at 9am. All are welcome to attend.
- Institutional Committee: Nothing to Report
- Special Events Committee: Nothing to Report
- Corrections: Nothing to Report
- Web: NTR - Did not attend
- Unity: Open position
- Finance : Open position
- Literature: NTR - Did not attend
- Newsletter: Emmy needs volunteers to help with writing articles, long-timers to interview, fellowship event announcements for Newsletter. There will be a new column titled Stone Cold Sober beginning in February, written by Maria M.

Give out commitments:

Old Business:

New Business: Elections

- **Vice-Chair Candidates**
 - **Trudy – voted in unanimously**
- **Secretary Candidates**
 - **No one stood**
- **Member at large Candidates**
 - **Susan – voted in unanimously**

Group Concerns: Announced after elections took place that Institutional Chair is now an open position. Trudy gave a brief explanation of the role. If anyone is interested contact the office or Shelly directly, this is an appointed position & suggested sobriety requirement is 2 years.

Time Ended: 8:30 pm

Close with the serenity prayer and the lord's prayer, for those who care to join us

Thank you everyone for your support throughout 2019; it was a strong rebuild year of integrity and faith for NDIAA. I know that 2020 will be great with all of your support and passion for AA.

Your trusted servant,

Shelly C.

NDIAA Chair