

Mid-Shore Intergroup Minutes – December 11, 2024
Church of the Brethren, 412 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601

20 Attendees

Anna M., Seeking Serenity, Cambridge (z)	Larry R., Office Manager
Anne E., Eye Opener, Queenstown	Matt S., Vice Chair, Easton
Barbara W., Tues Big Book, Easton	Meg G., MSIG Chair
Bob N., As Bill Sees It, Stevensville (z)	Nancy A., MSIG Secretary (z)
Chuck R., Corrections Chair, Hillsboro	Pat G., Hillsboro,
Don S., Stepping Stones, Easton (z)	Rob J., MRG, Dover Street
Gary Z., Wed Night Beginners, Easton	Rose R., Tilghman Acceptance
Jim R., Oxford Group, Oxford.	Jimmy C. - visitor
John McQ, BYOL, Easton	Erin L. ,Tilghman Acceptance
Katrina K., Easton Tuesday Night Group	Marvin B. , Fuente de Vida

Opening, Agenda and Quorum

The meeting was opened with reading Tradition 2 and the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were made. A quorum of 18 was present.

Chair - Meg G.

- The Chair's report for October was submitted in writing.
- Credit cards are now accepted for literature purchases in the office. 4% fee will be added to literature purchases made by credit card to cover processing fees.
- The Steering Committee gathered to sort through pamphlets and create the Public Information packets. The next meeting will be December 29, 2024.
- Office lobby renovation is underway and the landlord will replace the floor for MSIG. Volunteers are needed to pack up the office and move furniture in and out.
- Thank you to Gary Z for his generous contribution to cover half the cost of the printer and computer in memory of his wife, Beth.
- Welcome new Intergroup Rep, Katrina from Tuesday Night Easton group.

Vice Chair - Matt S.

Matt is looking for a location to take the Intergroup meeting on the road for the first quarter of 2025.

Treasurer - John McQ

Beginning Balance:	\$6,528.24
Contributions Received	1,174.74
Literature Sales	138.84
Total Expenses	<u>-3,180.79</u>
Ending Checking Balance	\$4,661.18
CD Account	\$5,059.85

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Secretary – Nancy A.

A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2024 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Activities - Anne E.

- The Sobriety Show was a huge success. 130 people attended. Contributions collected were \$1,372. Expenses were \$1,398. The cost to Intergroup was \$26. The committee has debriefed and will meet in March, 2025.
- Rachel, Chris and Megan are finalizing plans for the Thank-a-thon to be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miller Hall on November 28. There will be a lot of food. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and there will be meetings at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00p.m.
- The Holiday Alcathon will be held on Christmas day at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miller Hall. Meetings will be held at 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. Speakers are needed.
- The New Years Eve Alcathon will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miller Hall. Meetings will be held at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00p.m. Bring an appetizer or a dessert. Speakers are needed.
- Contact Anne E. if interested in speaking at the Alcathons. (410) 443-4471
- Dover Street will have meetings all day on Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day every two hours starting at 8:00a.m.

Digital Communications and Outreach - Anna M.

- There were 463 unique visitors to the webpage.
- An AA member who is an IT Professional is looking at the website and will make recommendations to improve.
- An 11th step meeting is being held on Saturday at 4pm at the Elks Lodge in Easton for 8 weeks ending on January 25 unless the group decides to continue.
- A new Woman's AA meeting is being held at Grace Street in Easton at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.
- The usual 7:30 p.m. meeting will be held at Church of the Brethren on Christmas Day. It will be an eating meeting.
- The Tuesday Easton group will not be meeting on Christmas Eve.
- The DCO meeting will be held on December 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Jim R.

The Finance Committee includes Barb W., Gary Z., John Mc, Jim R. and a new member, Brian. The first meeting will be mid-January and will review end of year information.

Office Manager - Larry R.

- Warwick commitment is covered for January and February. Anyone interested in volunteering to take a meeting to Warwick, please contact Larry.
- If any literature goes out, please let him know so he can track the inventory.
- Shore Answering Service had 47 total calls. There were 21 visitors to the office, three literature orders were filled and one committee meeting was held.
- The Plain Language Big Book will be available in three months.

Corrections - Chuck R.

- Meetings will not be held at Dorchester County jail. They are short on guards.
- Need women to help with the Talbot County jail commitment.
- Trinidad will continue to volunteer in Kent County for one more year. They are holding alcohol classes in the jail so not many people are coming to AA meetings.
- Caroline County is doing okay.

- Queen Anne's County is doing well. There are consistent meetings with a good schedule and system that works.

Treatment Committee - Barbara W.

- Bridging the Gap - Mike is training Christie and Gy to take over BtG.
- Mo is getting contacts for Bridging the Gap. Sign up sheets will be distributed requesting people to sign up to be a contact person for a person just getting out of rehab.
- Warwick Manor - Homegroup participation is needed for Warwick Manor. Ask at your homegroup if they would be interested in committing your group to a month of service at Warwick Manor and if so, please contact Barbara at Treatment@midshoreintergroup.org.
- The Avenues Recovery Center is taking care of their own meetings.
- The Whitsitt Center is handling their own meetings.

Spanish Speaking - Marvin B.

- There are 3 Spanish speaking meetings in Easton each week at the Multicultural Center on Dover St.
- There is also an Hispanic Intergroup in Area 29.
- The information about Spanish speaking meetings is on the website.

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) -

- Literature was delivered to a few locations in the different counties.
- When pamphlets are delivered please send an email to Meg to let her know they were delivered.
- Ask your doctors about allowing AA literature to be placed in their offices.

New Business

- An ad hoc nominating committee will be set up to find replacements for the next term of officers. Volunteers are needed for this committee. Current officers can be on the nominating committee.
- In January, MSIG will do an inventory. Intergroup reps will be asked to go back to their groups to get feedback about how Intergroup is doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A., Midshore Intergroup Secretary