Downeast Intergroup MINUTES September 27, 2021

I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm.

• Attending in person: (Mary A., Peter B., Joe M., Geoff W., Debbie M., Allen S., Matt H., Willy K., Phil H., Bill L.)

Serenity Prayer: GroupGroup Introductions

II. Officer Reports:

1. Chairman's Report: (Allen S.)

- Lamoine State Park picnic went very well with about 75 attendees. The Speaker, Spencer R. gave a great talk enjoyed by all.
- Allen suggested that the annual picnic should rotate between districts. Districts 3, 16, and 18 all have parks where the event could be put on. This was formerly a District 8 function, and now other districts should hosting responsibilities.
- 2. Secretary's Report: (Bill L.) *Motion to Accept the August 23rd Secretary Report as read* made by Geoff W., with a second from Joe M., passed unanimously.
- 3. Treasurer's Report (Geoff W.):- Full report enclosed as separate attachment)

Operating Account September 2021

Beginning Balance	\$2,103.19
Expenditures this period	\$582.74
Revenue this period*	\$505.00
Ending Balance	\$2,025.45

* Donations received included: \$ 55.00 from District 16

\$300.00 from District 18

\$150.00 from Safe Harbor Group

\$505.00

Literature Account September 2021

Beginning Balance	\$607.11
Expenditures this period	\$0.00
Revenue this period	\$439.00
Ending Balance	\$1,046.11

Motion to Accept *the Treasurer's report as presented* made by Bill L., seconded by Matt H., and passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports:

1. Meeting Lists: (Bill L.): We need new meeting lists, as the last ones printed in June are badly

- outdated. Phil H. suggested we should proofread the old list for errors before printing. Willy K. suggested printing out a smaller number of lists than last time. We decided to put this matter on the October agenda.
- 2. Hotlink: (Phil H.): There seemed to be a "charging issue" on the Hot line phone. A new phone is needed. There is also a need for volunteers- he will be stepping down in November and would appreciate help with updating the Call Lists.
- 3. PI/CPC: (Debbie M.) Has received the DEIG guidelines from Bill L. She and Allen S. searched for the PI/PCP Area workbook but have not yet found it.
- 4. Archives: (Joe M.): Archives are still safe and sound.
- 5. Literature: (Matt H.): A total of \$187.00 in Literature sales tonight which should put that account over \$1,000 once the deposit is made. More literature will be ordered soon.
- 6. Website: (Bill S. report given by Peter B.) The website committee met on August 23rd, and will meet again September 30th to review some requests made to the webmaster regarding changes to the DEIG website. It appears that some changes may already been made.
- 7. Newsletter: (Bill L. -TEMPORARY): We now actually have a beginning of a real committee. Several contributors have submitted material, and we are almost ready to put out the next issue for October.
- 8. Functions: POSITION OPEN: See "New Business"
- IV. Old Business: No Old Business
- V. New Business a: Plans for the Thanksgiving Alcathon were discussed for November 24th-25^{th:} Mary A. asked how the 7th Tradition would be collected. Geoff suggested a large bucket or basket would be set up at *Your Place*. A decision was made to make this a hybrid meeting with Geoff volunteering to set the equipment up. Each block of time should have someone familiar with ZOOM. He is considering setting up a new account just for the Alcathon so the DEIG regular ZOOM account won't be abused.

The format for the Alcathon was also discussed. Willy K. suggested a generic format, speaker followed by discussion. Others suggested that there could be a literature meeting such as reading from the "Daily Reflections" or "As Bill Sees It". Matt H. emphasized the importance of getting people to commit to a speaker time slot, and that we should reach out to all the Districts served by the Intergroup. Willy K. made a *Motion: to have Geoff design and print wallet cards and fliers for the Alcathon to be sent to Matt H. and Mary A. for general distribution.* The Motion received a second from Matt H. and passed unanimously. There was some discussion on which business would do the printing.

New Business b: There was a discussion about what criteria should be used for a meeting to be listed on the Downeast Intergroup website. One argument was that a group's meeting needs to be registered with the General Service Office in order to appear on our website, presumably as a safeguard against meetings that do not adhere to A.A. Principles or have other affiliations. The counter argument is that since the Intergroup is outside the General Service Structure, it should not use registration with the G.S.O. as an absolute condition for a group or meeting to be listed on the Intergroup website. There was no resolution, and the discussion might continue at a future meeting.

VI. Motion to Adjourn made by Geoff W., with a second from Larry M. at 7:05 pm.