

March 22, 2021 Steering Committee Minutes

Opened at : with the Serenity Prayer

Voting Members Present D3Maggie D4Linda D6Jeanne D25Al D24beth
D30Bryant Steering Committee Chair IGChair MR IG Vice chair Paul Finance Dan
B, Treasurer Rita H

Members not in attendance D-1 Michael T,

Visitors: Mike M. IG office, Debbie Mc recording secretary

Previous Month's Minutes M Jeanne 2nd Al

Treasurer's report

cash\$12,440.82 inventory\$13,697.72 savings/CDs \$30,674.83

Office report Paul C-Interviewed Tim M for open IG office position, more interviews are scheduled.

- office liability insurance is required since we usually have 4 employees
- commercial/residential real estate agent working on possible office space move if given notice by landlord
- direct deposit for office workers suggested.

Committee Reports:

AAL vacant office position has been advertised in the Feb and March AAL,

- Angie will continue as the editor

Special Events new Chair: Monique H has catering experience

Finance Dan B. all 2020 year-end financial reports are finished, Mike's input-our older Quicken is unable to use cloud storage, Dan reviewing Liability Insurance, Rita H monitoring CD's and working on 2021 budget

Old Business

- Finance Article X amendment refining exact wording to be published in the April AAL
- on-going insurance review limiting IG Office employees and Steering committee members from liability. Required for businesses having 4 or more employees; workman's compensation being explored. D&O company proposal received.
- continuing search for Intergroup Services office space if needed.

Previously tabled

-Appendix K p. 21 misreading of voting clarification A. 4) Responsibilities SC members over the years have sparked discussion of At-large Steering Committees members that is not needed. For example) the SC Chair has the vote for their represented district but cannot not engage in the discussion to discuss their opinion. Also holds for SC positions that carry a vote; it's better for the district to send a representative also so as not to lose their voice. Still under discussion.

New Business

- an amendment by Kevin JrG. to Appendix L to establish a Literature committee. Proposed language: **Literature: Informs Groups and Districts through displays, intergroup**

website, newsletter and other suitable methods of current and proposed General Service Conference approved printed, audio and video material and other special literature items. After some discussion tabled. Linda G. will get Area 14's By-law wording

- Maggie proposed an amendment to Appendix L Standing Committees, page 23 to change the wording "Special Needs" to "Accessibility". Also affects both pages 8 (Add 'Accessibilities' to the standing committee list) . We may not need vote by IG body. If needed the motion reads **"In Appendix Ten item L page 23 of the NEFL Intergroup By-laws: The committee title 'Special Needs' be changed to 'Accessibility' "** motion by beth seconded by Jeanne "was 7 in favor no opposed to make the change.
- Bryant suggested a wording change to Appendix K pg 21 regarding the composition of the Steering Committee. This involves the loss of discussion privileges for the district whose SC representative has been elected as the Steering Committee Chair. That may imply that the chair is to remain neutral in discussion and whose vote is required only in the case of a tie. Motion was rescinded for time to present a well-worded motion for the next meeting. Several points were given including that this idea has been brewing for at least 6 years in the SC. It deserves research and it was pointed out that our by-laws are legal documents and the exact wording is to be taken from the minutes.

Next IGSC meeting April 27th 5:30PM

Announcements: resignation of Part-time Office employee Angie, resignation of Parliamentarian Linda G.,

Adjourned 6 :41 PM

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge "Who is responsible?..."