

Berkshire Intergroup Secretary Minutes Report

September 14, 2020

Serenity Prayer & Preamble

Roll Call & Sign-In, 7:00 pm.

In attendance –

William L., BIG Chair; Karen S., BIG Co-Chair; Larry B., BIG Office Manager; Maria C., BIG Secretary; Mike B., Area Committee, Area 31 Alternate Delegate; Lisa B., DCM; Nancy A., Gt. Barr. Women's Group; Joan P., Southern Berkshire Group.

Secretary's Report, Maria C. – Some corrections noted: Pg. 2, Lisa B's position corrected to DCM instead of Chair; Pg. 3, first sentence changed to read "Nominations will be held for Intergroup Officers in October with the election being held in November." Accepted with Corrections.

Office Manager's Report, Larry B. – Office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 – 5:00. Business still slow; selling more coins than literature, some phone calls filtering through, and Hotline received 74 calls in August. This is 24 over budget and it would not be cost effective at this time to change the plan. Report Accepted.

Treasurer's Report, William L. (Robin D. Not in attendance) – Our total operating expenses for the month came to \$810.12. Our operating funds on hand as of 8/31/20 were \$4,570.37. Literature funds on hand at the end of August were \$1,750.13. With the prudent reserve of \$3033.41, total funds now come to \$9,353.91. In August, a total of 5 groups contributed to Berkshire Intergroup.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Ad Hoc Standing Committee Reports –

- ***Website*** – Mike M. – Not in attendance.

Invited Committees:

- ***Berkshire Institutions***, Connell M. – Not in attendance.
- ***Area 31, Mike B., Alternate Delegate***
 - o Much discussion at the Area Meeting about Online meetings and virtual GSR's. At this time no action or plans were made for creating GSR's for Zoom meetings. One of the reasons being that Online groups aren't recognized by the GSO.
 - o The Motion to convert the Area Website to Spanish failed because Google Translate can be used to convert the website instantly into Spanish.

- **District 3, Lisa B., DCM**
 - o The planning committee has made much progress on the District 3/Berkshire Intergroup Workshop. It is going to be held on Zoom on Saturday, October 17th at 11 a.m., and the topic will be: **AA 2020 – Fulfilling Our Primary Purpose in a New Age.** (see the attached flyer). The next committee meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 6:00 p.m. before the District Meeting (use same login as District Meeting).

BIG Chairperson’s Report, William L.

- Nominations for the positions of Berkshire Intergroup Treasurer and Co-Chair will be held in October. For both Treasurer and Co-Chair two years of sobriety and one year of service is recommended. The Treasurer position is held for two years and the primary duties are compiling financial statements, making deposits, and dispersing payments. The Co-Chair is held for one year; this position supports the Chair; attends the Intergroup Meeting monthly, and in the Chair’s absence attends the Area and District meetings.
- William was concerned about a lack of attendance at this meeting; therefore he asked the Secretary to send out a memo to all three days prior to the monthly meeting.
- In regards to Online Meetings the Chair read a passage from the AA Guidelines on Pg. 5. It reads as follows:

ONLINE A.A. MEETINGS/GROUPS

Just like regular A.A. meetings, online A.A. meetings/groups are Autonomous. Due to the lack of a central geographic location, online A.A. meetings/groups are not a direct part of the U.S./Canada service structure. A.A. members are encouraged to participate in service where they physically reside and to participate in group conscience decisions locally. In addition, some online A.A. meetings/groups have business meetings and collect Seventh Tradition contributions.

Old Business

- The Intergroup Office Manger continues to keep an updated list of the local AA in-person meetings; however it keeps changing constantly. There is an updated list of Zoom meetings on the BIG website and the passwords are kept on our Hotline.

New Business

- Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form (attached) – William explained to the group this form needs to be filled out and sent into the GSO with group and/or GSR changes. You can also forward it to registrar@area31aa.org.
- Groups need to register for a new number for their online meetings if they also have an in-person meeting as well. The reason being GSO needs to track where the money is coming from. No policies for Hybrid meetings ...this is all new. Need to re-register your meeting, and use the above form, if it is going to be an online meeting only.

Motion to close at 8:01 pm – second and accepted; Responsibility Pledge; meeting adjourned.

Please send any corrections, suggestions or comments to #####@#####.###