

# **Berkshire Intergroup Secretary Minutes Report**

December 14, 2020

Serenity Prayer & Preamble

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

## ***In attendance –***

William L., BIG Chair; Karen S., BIG Co-Chair; Robin D., BIG Treasurer; Maria C., BIG Secretary; Mike B., Area Committee, Area 31 Alternate Delegate; Todd H., Co-DCM; Nancy A., Great Barr. Women's Group; Susan B., SOS Group; Mike M., Watch Your Step Grp.; Nicholas M., Ray of Hope Group; Joan P., Southern Berkshire Group.

***Secretary's Report, Maria C.*** – Accepted.

***Office Manger's Report, William L.*** (Larry B. Not in attendance) - William read the Office Manger's Report which is as follows:

- Two Friday office hours were missed due to illness and misplaced phone numbers; issue addressed and corrected.
- 12-Step Call List should be finalized by January.
- Our lease expired in 2019; we are now month to month.
- No need for World Service order because it needs to be \$500+ for free shipping.

Report Accepted.

***Treasurer's Report, Robin D.*** – Our total operating expenses for the month came to \$879.96. Our operating funds on hand as of 11/30/20 were \$3,222.61. Literature funds on hand at the end of November were \$2,447.03. With the prudent reserve of \$3033.92, total funds now come to \$8,703.56. In November, a total of 3 groups contributed to Berkshire Intergroup. Nancy A. expressed concern over Intergroup's finance stability, and Robin answered that we are financially solvent. William also responded that Intergroup is losing \$600 per month, and we will be at the prudent reserve within 6-mos.

***Also with the various positions rotating out, Robin will organize a meeting at the bank so that the correct people are on the account. Robin's and William's name will be removed and Larry B. (already a signer), Mike M., and Karen S. names will be added. All above-mentioned names need to be in attendance.***

Treasurer's report (attached) was accepted.

## **Ad Hoc Standing Committee Reports –**

- ***Website*** – Mike M. – our new and improved website is up and running and please send any updated information to Mike at [Berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:Berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com) . Karen, the upcoming Chair, will get access to the website.

## **Invited Committees:**

- ***Berkshire Institutions***, Connell M. – Not in attendance.

- **Area 31, Mike B., Alternate Delegate**
  - o Area 31 is currently financially solvent.
  - o Finance Committee to meet before next Area Mtg. to discuss how much money should be sent to GSO.
  - o GSR/DSM presentation will be a virtual meeting on Feb 6, 2021 from 11-12:30.
  - o NERAASA will be virtual on February 26 – 28, 2021. There is a \$21 registration fee.
  - o Western MA Intergroup is having a virtual Alkathon from 12/24 at 6 p.m. until 12/25 6 p.m. All Zoom Id's and passwords are available on the website [westernmassaa.org](http://westernmassaa.org).
  - o MA State Convention will be held in November 2021. No decision has been made on it being on Zoom or in-person. Next Convention Meeting will be held on 1/26/21 at 7 p.m.
  
- **District 3, Todd H., Co-DCM**
  - o Elections for LCM and Secretary to be held at the District Mtg. on 12/18/20 at 7 p.m.
  - o Send GSR contact information to Tom H. At \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*.\*\*\*. Only 5-6 groups on average are represented at the District Mtg. when there are well over 50 in the District.
  - o Lisa B. to serve for 3 years as DCM and Tom H. will be serving 2 ½ years as Co-DCM.

## **BIG Chairperson's Report, William L.**

- NERAASA information is on the Berkshire Intergroup website.
- PayPal is up an running for contributions on the Western MA Intergroup website.
- Western MA is also having a Bookie Mtg. in December.
- Area 31 has a link for professionals on the website from the CPC committee; it reads "CPC letter to professionals about virtual AA meetings".
- Past Delegates will be available for group inventories.
- New book entitled "The Virtual History of AA an Archival Journey" will be available 2/14/21; can preorder.

## **Old Business**

- Opening position for Co-Chair in Intergroup. Mike M. nominated Susan B. and Robin D. second it; Susan B. graciously accepted. All were in favor.
- Intergroup now hosts our meeting on Zoom; Robin D. was able to obtain an account. New Meeting ID is **876 1377 6813** and Passcode is **306885**.

## **New Business**

- Nancy A. informed the group that the "Women's Mtg. Every Night" is not available through Zoom. Mike M. responded that he sends all information regarding meetings to Western MA Intergroup and to the Hotline. The District is currently working on verifying the meetings. However, groups are not providing regular updates. Mike M. to research as well. Will revisit at next BIG Mtg. on 1/11/21.
- Mike M. would like the representatives from the Groups to go back to their Groups to see if we can post the passwords on the website now. Karen said that we have split

communication with Facebook reporting information about meetings as well, which can add to the confusion. We need to decide between passwords and waiting rooms for Zoom. They will report back at our next meeting.

- William to connect with Larry to see where we are on the 12-Step Call List.

Motion to close at 8:03 pm – second and accepted; Responsibility Pledge; meeting adjourned.

*Please send any corrections, suggestions or comments to \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*.\*\*\**