

Berkshire Intergroup Secretary Minutes Report

July 12, 2021

Serenity Prayer & Preamble

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

In attendance –

Karen S., BIG Chair; Susan B., BIG Co-Chair; Larry B., BIG Office Manager; Maria C., BIG Secretary; Paul H., Area Committee, Area 31 Delegate; Tom H., District 3, Co-DCM; Nicholas M., Ray of Hope Group; Nancy A., Gt. Barr. Women's Group.

Secretary's Report, Maria C. (not in attendance last month – Joan P. took minutes) – Accepted.

Office Manger's Report, Larry B. - Larry reported that the office has increased its hours and is operating on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 – 4:30 p.m. The 12th Step Call List is finished and an office email will be forthcoming. Office supplies are currently in good standing.
Report Accepted.

Treasurer's Report, Mike M. – not in attendance. Mike emailed Treasurer's Report (attached).

- Our total operating expenses for the month came to \$674.04. Our operating funds on hand as of 5/31/21 were \$8,432.58. Literature funds on hand at the end of May were \$3,021.18. With the prudent reserve of \$3035.93, total funds now come to \$14,489.69. In May, a total of 5 groups contributed to Berkshire Intergroup for a total of \$735.43.

Ad Hoc Standing Committee Reports –

- ***Website, Karen S.*** – Website is up and running nicely. Flyer for the District 3 event that happened in June was posted. Groups are still encouraged to use/complete the online form regarding any information pertaining to the status of a group.
- Any questions and/or any updated information can still be sent to Mike M. or Karen S. at Berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com .

Invited Committees:

- ***Berkshire Institutions, Jennifer C.*** – Not in attendance
- ***Area 31, Paul H., Chair***
 - o The General Service final conference report will be published later in the summer.
 - o The Registration for the 2022 NERAASA is open and it will be held in Pittsburg, PA from Friday 2/25/22 – Sunday 2/27/22. More information can be found on NERAASA.org.
 - o As many AA meetings around the country move back to live meetings, it does appear that virtual meetings will continue to be apart of AA. The following 2 items were passed at the conference:

- *D. The Policy/Admissions committee recommended that the U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings."*
PASSED
- *E. The committee recommended that the General Service Board form a committee to explore future possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada General Service structure.* **PASSED**

- Also, another 2021 General Service Conference action was that AA Grapevine, Inc. will be starting Instagram accounts for both AA Grapevine and LaVina magazines effective July 7, 2021.

- **District 3, Tom H., Co-DCM** – reported that 10 groups attended the hybrid meeting on June 26, 2021, which was a Roundtable Discussion: Navigating a Time of Change – Where are We and Where Can We Go? From this discussion, more questions were generated on how groups update information; how are GSR's contacted; and that the meeting list and group information must be in sync and accurate.

BIG Chairperson's Report, Karen S.

- **Berkshire Intergroup News, Susan B.** - informed the group that over 100 newsletters went out for June. However, not a lot of information is getting to her. Others have expressed an interest of there being a link on the Berkshire Intergroup website.
- Karen initiated some discussion about this meeting going back to being live, and all agreed to keep it virtual at this time. She also asked about the verbiage for **The PreAmble**, and Paul, our delegate, informed her that indeed the GSO voted to implement the change from **Men & Women** to **People**. Groups should have a group conscious on this matter.

Old Business

- Grapevine subscriptions. GSO suggested supporting area in Grapevine subscriptions. We will table this until next month after we are in receipt of the current Treasurer's report.

New Business

- Much discussion prevailed over getting correct and updated information to our website. This information should also be accurate and consistent with the Facebook account. Tom is going to look at editing the current BIG Change Form. Most were in favor of maintaining two forms: (1) Group Change Form and (2) A Form for GSR and/or Intergroup Rep. Change. Also, the group felt that a link on the Berkshire Institutions website might also be helpful in compiling more updated information from the Groups.
- Drafts of the two forms to be viewed at the next meeting on August 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Motion to close at 7:55 p.m. – second and accepted; Responsibility Pledge; meeting adjourned.

Please send any corrections, suggestions or comments to