

## **BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES**

**Date: February 2022**

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Maureen (Co-Chair), Mike M. (Secretary), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry (Office Manager), Joan (Berk Southern Group), Mike B (Area 31 Chair), Nicholas M (Ray of Hope), Bob (Young at Heart)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call
- Secretary Report, accepted
- Office manager: Open 3 days a week, Tuesday volunteer is out sick. Typically, one day a week we have good sales, all is going well.
- Treasurer's report: treasurer not present for meeting. Report was sent out via email to last meetings participants. Report accepted
- Webmaster: there is an intergroup phone app up and running available on the website now. Looking for feedback. Early feedback is positive

### AREA 31

- There is Concept meeting 1st Thursday every month, Area 31 hosts a Service manual meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month, and both meetings are hybrid (zoom and in person), at 7:30 P.M., location 30 Carew Street, South Hadley MA.
- If your group would like to do an inventory, you can email [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org), and you will get hooked up with a past delegate to help with that process.
- GSO has new website, with new conference agenda material available to view. There are 178 agenda items
- NERAASA (North East Regional AA Service Assembly) is happening at the end of the month

- There are multiple committees that are in hold during the pandemic, but we hold the line and keep hope alive and as things allow for more in person meetings the committees will once again get out into the community to carry the message

- Need help with leading Hybrid meetings, if people can help email me [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)

- Any/more information can be found at [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org)

- DISTRICT 3

- DISTRICT 3 event on March 5, 10 AM St Charles church (Combo meeting, info on Berkshire intergroup website), the theme of the event is about agenda items that will be coming out. A handful of presenters will give 3-minute presentation of what is being proposed. People can take it back to the groups and they can get more information if they would like.

- Still looking for more volunteers (6 or more would be good)

- New tool through registration system that keeps track of meetings “Fellowship Connection” that keeps track of what groups are active in district 3

- There are some meetings that are listed that we do not know if they are meeting, and there are other meetings listed under different name. Always looking for feedback.

- Still looking for CO-DCM and LCM (local committee member), suggested 5 years sobriety.

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Intergroup:

- 126 People on list for email newsletter.

- Survey results presented. General feedback, most people not ready to go indoors yet. Varied response on different activities.
  - Survey sent out again with February newsletter.
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- Co-Chair
  - Would like to put on a one-day mini retreat, put together by committee, reaching out through groups. Looking for feedback from committee. Focus on steps 3 and 11.
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- Old Business
  - No update on phone APP. Was tabled last meeting. People that get referred to list online follow up with phone call to find out if info is accurate.
  - Phone APP looks good, but changes so often that we could put QR code in rack at meetings that will direct people online (where things might be more up to date) as opposed to printing lists that may be out of date when they are printed
  - Will discuss with phone APP developer at next meeting.
  - Institutions looking for printed lists, to send people home with.
  - Having an phone APP that gets updated, would be a lot more efficient than printing 500 meetings lists and then throwing out 400 when they change

## NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made to be able to donate a Big Book to a member that is institutionalized. Motion seconded and approved by all.

- Issue at a group, new person coming to meeting, joins group and wants to discuss issue about change to preamble.

Much discussion about group members that join groups at first business meeting, make changes then don't come back.

Groups are autonomous and can have by-laws to avoid issue.

Issues can also be tabled so single issues cannot take precedence over overall group conscience.

- PREAMBLE is actually owned by the Grapevine. One of the agenda items for upcoming General Service Conference Meeting is ongoing discussions. But the General Service Board cannot change the Preamble.

Motion to close.... meeting closed

Responsibility pledge followed by Serenity Prayer