

## BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES Date:

JUNE\_2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Maureen (Co-Chair), Mike M. (Treasurer), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry (Office Manager), Mike B. (Area 31 Delegate), Bob (Young at Heart), Brent, (Men's 12 Step Group), Sam H (G.B. Men's Group), Lisa T. (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Lisa L. (Southern Berkshire Group), Elaine B (Keep it Simple Group), Nicholas M (Thursday Night Big Book Step Study), Collin (GB Men's Meeting)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call
- Secretary Report, accepted

### **OFFICE MANAGER**

- Quiet at office, copier had snafu, was repaired. Talley up may, just sold medallions, no books. Open 13 days in May, no business for 5 days. •

### **TREASURER**

- Report was sent out via email. Operating funds on hand not correct in report. Good month over \$600 in group donations, made \$4.84 for the month. We agreed last month to give back \$3600 to area, still working on that process.
- Report accepted

### **WEBSITE REPORT**

- Getting a lot of help from Karen and Susan, Tom and Bob. Made a change because of google calendar link, fixed links. Meetings not listed correctly, hopefully changes will be corrected soon. There are a lot of our meetings not listed on area.
- Discussion on printability of meeting list off the website

**AREA 31** (area31aa.org)(no rep present)

- Mass State convention set for November 11-13, 2022; rooms are available now for \$129/night. They ask you call Sturbridge Host Hotel to book your room directly.
- Area 31 hosts a Hybrid Concept meeting 1st Thursday every month, 7:30 P.M., and a Service manual meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month at 7:30 P.M., and both meetings are hybrid (Zoom and in person), location 30 Carew Street, South Hadley MA.
- Area 31 also hosts a Service meeting first half of service manual, third Wednesday (same as meeting parameters concept meeting)
- AREA 31 is willing to go to groups and talk about service work and rewards associated with that. People will come in person. If you are interested email me at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)
- 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 including in person visit.
- Need help with leading Hybrid meetings, if people can help email me [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)

### **DISTRICT 3 (area31aa.org)**

- Monthly Traditions meeting, at 7:00P.M. second Sunday every month more information on intergroup website. The speaker portion of the meetings are recorded. Email District 3 rep if interested.
- Still Hybrid District meeting at Lee courthouse, third Friday of the month. Meeting virtual and in person 7:00-8:00 PM in person and Zoom. represented, good attendance.
- There is talk about cutting down the size of districts to have better communication, still discussing. Don't need to be a GSR to go to District of Area meetings
- If your group doesn't have a group service rep (GSR), consider coming to the meeting. The GSR is your voice to changes throughout the AA community.
- District 3 Rep can be reached at **[Redacted]** or email to [distrcit3@area31aa.org](mailto:distrcit3@area31aa.org)

- Next meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.
- Meeting list that is linked to area website is synced up to the AA meetings guide APP. There is App available; that is updated and can be used to get one to the closest meeting.

## • **CO-CHAIR**

- One day retreat date will be September 24, 2022. No times nailed down yet. The leader is Steve from California, he is a retreat leader, facilitator, recommended by member of our committee. To be held at the “Rainbow” church in Sheffield. Great space and kitchen. Total expenses around \$2500. Suggested contribution \$15/ person. Not mandatory. Retreat focus will be the 11<sup>th</sup> step. 50 people. Discussion about paid facilitator. It is a spiritual retreat for people in recovery paid for by Intergroup.
- Motion for 1 day retreat 9/24/2022 cost about \$2500, money not from Area money (which is being returned). Motion carried

More discussion on details; start times- length of day- etc.

## • **CHAIR**

### NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- \$3600 being returned to Area because we were having money issues at the time, but we have money in the bank, and we will return the money. Much discussion on the \$3600/ should we use it/ send it back/ already had motion passed to send it back/what will they do with it/ does it go to GSO.....
- Motion made and passed to send money back again
- Discussion on phone service and how much used over the last 5 years. Cost is \$99.50/month up to 100 calls. Originally set up as way to contact people for 12 step calls, back when intergroup open 7 days/ week. Now mostly people looking for meeting information. 12 step calls are forwarded to AA members on list for 12 step calls.

- Ray of hope meeting folded.
- Maybe set up Alkathon committee in September.
- Maybe set up Movie night, Bill W story. Available for anyone, maybe November (early)
- Great Barrington Men's meeting is having a summer picnic on Aug 21, Sheffield Town Park 12-5, food, games, round up with meeting. Food provided.

Motion to close; carried

Meeting closed.