

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES Date:

JULY_11_2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Maureen (Co-Chair), Mike M. (Treasurer), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry (Office Manager), John G. (Area 31 Delegate), 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), Stephanie (Berkshire Big Book), Courtney (Thursday Night Women's Meeting)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call

SECRETARY REPORT

- Report accepted

OFFICE MANAGER

- Open 11 days in June, had 4 days of business. Putting together an order for literature.
- Report accepted

TREASURER

- Report was sent out via email with 6-month synopsis.
- Report accepted

WEBSITE REPORT

- Nothing to report

AREA 31 (area31aa.org)

- **ALL INFO ON area31.aa.org**
- 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 3rd 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
- If your group would like to do an inventory, you can email 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
- EVERYBODY welcome Area31 meeting

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 all recorded and available to everyone. Email District 3 rep if interested.
- Still Hybrid District meeting at Lee courthouse, third Friday of the month (this Friday July 15), meeting virtual and in person 7:00-8:00 PM, good attendance.
- We have dozens of groups in the district but not that many at the meeting. Another past district rep (from CT) talked about how they are cutting down the size of districts to have better communication. Most of our reps are from South County. Thinking about what to do to improve attendance. Discussion stopped at 8.
- Don't need to be a GSR to go to District or 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

- There are other districts that did not have a lot of people showing up and they divided the districts. There was discussion on dividing up the district. Would like to get more input from groups.

- There are recordings of all the tradition 3 speakers that have been speaking at the Sunday night meetings...more info, contact district 3 rep.

- **CHAIR**

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Images theater (Williamstown) available for \$350, licensing fee \$150, but we get 15 copies of the movie (DVD) included with the \$150 to do with what we want. Movie is Bill W.; it is 100 minutes long. We would be getting the PBS version with extra content.
- Meeting Accessibility: there is a form called accessibility for meetings check list on AA.org. If groups check that and your meeting is accessible let us know and it can get listed as accessible.

- **CO-CHAIR**

- One day retreat focused on the 11th step; Date is September 24, 2022, from 10-4 at the Christ church “Rainbow” in Sheffield. Putting together a flyer. The leader committed. Working on menu, will probably open at 9 for fellowship. 50 people max, not an AA meeting. We want everyone to attend who wants to and there will be no charge. Will put a flyer up on the intergroup website. Money approved last month will cover all expenses.

- **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

- o Paula reports St Charles is available for alcathons for Christmas and New Year’s, can have food, coffee, etc.
- o Thoughts on movie, feedback is positive. Possible date would be the 5th of November, Saturday before the convention. Motion for movie day to move forward, voted and passed. Cost is \$350, concession stand will

be manned, masking unless eating and drinking, 75-person capacity. \$150 for licensing fee, which includes 15 DVDs of the movie, we can decide to raffle or sell. It will be a no charge event. Motion to set date of November 6, 2022, passed. Time request 1 P.M.

- o There was discussion about minimum amount needed in treasury for 3-6 month operating expenses, cost break down, etc. Discussion revolved around; that groups support intergroup, intergroup has fixed costs with other money being spent by the intergroup for the groups, as decided by the group representatives at the meeting on a monthly basis
- o Discussion around informing groups of intergroup expenses and functions so groups can make informed decisions about their pie chart distribution.

Motion to close; carried

Responsibility Pledge

Meeting closed.