

## BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Date: SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Maureen B (Co-Chair), Sam H. (GB Men's), Mike M. (Treasurer), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry B (Office Manager), Lisa T. (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Elaine B (Keep it Simple Group), Bob R (young at Hearts), Courtney L(Thursday GB Woman's), John (Area Chair), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire Group), Paula C (Central Berkshire Group), Mike M (Secretary, Lynn M (Sober at sunrise-in person)

- Preamble
- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Roll call

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

- Report accepted

### **OFFICE MANAGER**

- Open 13 days in August, 6 days there were visitors and sales. 7 days no one came. Paula C will be leaving Thursdays due to new commitment.
- Larry placed \$2300.00 book order
- Report accepted

### **TREASURER**

- Report accepted

### **AREA 31 (area31aa.org)**

- **ALL INFO ON area31.aa.org**
- Fall Assembly will be October 15-16 at the Lenox Community Center. Saturday, 9:00-3:00, will be "Service Fair" with representatives from various Area Committees. Berkshire Intergroup is invited to have a table there. Sunday will be the business meeting from 12:00-4:00.
- Call for stories for 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Big Book, until 10/31/2022

- Mass State convention Panning committee meeting (HYBRID), next is on September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>
- 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. Let them know you are with convention when you book
- There is an ad hoc committee that is trying to put together an AREA for online only meetings (US and Canada). Filling out delegate area form for that now. • Area 31 hosts a Hybrid Concept meeting 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

- Tom is looking into having an event in December, possible in Cheshire with the hope of generating some interest in service in the northern part of the county.
- Monthly Traditions meeting, at 7:00P.M. second Sunday every month more information on intergroup website.

### **CHAIR**

- Film update. The original “theatrical” film will be shown (not the PBS version). The theatre is limiting its capacity to 75. Vaccination and masks are required unless eating or drinking. People can sign up via the link under events on the B.I.G. webpage. Free admission.
- Movie is 1 O’clock October 23<sup>rd</sup>, no tickets needed; at Images in Williamstown on Spring Street. There may be a fall assembly around that time, but Area Chair doesn’t have a date yet.

### **CO-CHAIR**

- Retreat update. The retreat is at its capacity of 70. There is a waiting list. Because the original budget was for 50 people, an additional \$200 is needed for food (\$10/person).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The retreat facilitator recommended attendees have a journal supplied specifically for the retreat at a cost of \$471.84 of which he would pay half. This was voted down.
- A discussion took place on whether or not to have a Q&A after the film on October 23. A motion was made to have a 5-minute break after the film and limit the Q&A to 20 minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Paula C has secured St. Charles Church again as the location to have the holiday alkathon. It was voted to have one on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Coffee, tea, etc. will be allowed. The consensus was that we follow the schedule we had last year: 5:00 pm-midnight and 7:00 am-noon in-person and Zoom from midnight to 7:00 am. Because Christmas Eve/Christmas Day fall on a Saturday and Sunday, there was a concern expressed as to conflicts with church services. Paula will look into when Masses will take place. A planning meeting will take place on Monday, September 26 at 7 pm on Zoom using the Intergroup access account.
- Larry initiated a discussion around the idea of changing the hours the Intergroup office is open—that now is a good time to look at it because he will be leaving in 3 ½ months. Ideas about evening and/or Saturday hours were brought up as a way to accommodate working hours for volunteers and visitors as was the idea of having curbside pick-up. There was also the beginning of a discussion about how the office might want to do things a little differently. For example: perhaps people might be interested in being able to order online and pick up what they need at a specified time. Further discussion will continue next month.

Close with responsibility pledge.