

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Date: NOVEMBER 2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Mike M. (Treasurer), Courtney L (Thursday GB Woman's), Mike B (Area 31 Delegate), Nicholas M (Thursday Night Big Book Lenox), Bobby (Young at Heart), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Lisa T. (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Sam H. (GB Men's), Larry B (Office Manager), Michael W (Northern Berkshire Group), Lynn M. (Sober at Sunrise-in person), Maureen B.(Intergroup Co-Chair), Elaine B.(Keep It Simple Group), Paula (Central Berkshire Group), Lisa L. (Southern Berkshire Group GB)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call

SECRETARY REPORT

- Report accepted

OFFICE MANAGER

- Mon, Tues, Fridays 1-4
- Four volunteers.
- Manager said okay to have Saturday hours, without opening doors. There is a way to unlock via phone code, but not clear how to do that.
- Business doing well.
- Larry placed book order
- Report accepted

TREASURER/WEB-MASTER

- Had our largest sales month in October since April
- Website still website, still looking for someone to take it over and transition to new Webmaster.
- Nicholas' group had question about hiring a webmaster. Discussed 2 years ago but is being done by volunteers. Currently a couple of hours a week goes into it now. Discussion about hiring somebody (office manager/Webmaster) so as not to be 100% volunteer.

- Can change meeting information by sending message on website.
- Report accepted

AREA 31 (area31aa.org)

- The latest news is there is confidential copy of 72nd conference is out. Would B.I.G. want any copies? Will send some to BIG office
- **INFO ON area31.aa.org**
- 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.
- **NERAASA - Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly**
February 24-26, Desmond Hotel, Albany. The purpose of NERAASA is to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the Area of the Northeast Region.

DISTRICT 3 DCM (district3@area31aa.org)

- Coming to end of term. Many positions for Area open, need DCM, C0-DCM, LCM, Committee member.
- 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. All speakers are recorded
- Last Event of the year (Food and Gratitude) on Saturday 12/3/2022 from 12-3 P.M. at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, 159 Church Street Cheshire, MA. Catered Buffet lunch and speakers. No basket will be passed.

CHAIR

Film matinee went well.

CO-CHAIR

- Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

- Alcathon/ Paula sent list to Susan. Next thing is finding coffee makers every 2 hours, set up and close up.
- Coffee makers in 2-hour increments, need to get out sign up meeting list. Christmas only, heard South county doing something on new year's. Mike will put-up sign-up list online. Meeting Monday after Thanksgiving.
- Office Manager/Elections. Maureen will move into chair. Will need Office Manager, Treasurer, Secretary.
- Door Code and operations management, if we change to Saturday hours. How many Saturdays do we need to be open?

NEW BUSINESS

- Customer wanted to order specialty coins (\$50/each) not comfortable ordering very expensive coins that may be left in the corridor. Made a call to not order (people can order those coins online themselves)
- Motion to not sell specialty coins at office, no vote taken
- Suggestion to hire someone to run office
- Can people place orders over the phone? (can assemble orders for pick up, but not pay for it over the phone)
- Western Mass intergroup takes orders online, we don't do credit cards
- Our office has been open for 33 years, we don't keep/make change
- If open on Saturday, would we still keep same hours during the week. Last month office was open 12 days we did 7 sales on 4 of the 12 days.
- Maybe start one Saturday a month to start
- Motion to open one Saturday a month 11-2, seconded, passed. Start January 7th.

Close with responsibility pledge