

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Date: DECEMBER 2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Mike M. (Treasurer), John G (Area 31 Chair), Kellie (Sober at Sunrise; in-person), Melissa, Courtney L (Thursday GB Women's), Maureen B. (Intergroup Co-Chair), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry (Office manager & Berkshire Big Book), Lisa T. (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Michael W. (Northern Berkshire Group), Lynn M. (Sober at Sunrise; in-person), Sam H. (GB Men's), Chaula (DCM elect), Lisa L. (Southern Berkshire Group), Tom L. (Sheffield 12& 12), Bob (Young at Heart)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call

Please put anniversaries in the chat

Sheffield will have a mini Alcathon on New Year's Eve at the GB senior Center starting from 4 until midnight (ends at 1)

SECRETARY REPORT

- Reports accepted

TREASURER REPORT

- Forgot to put McFarlane in report this month, so will be double next month.
- Discussion of report
- Report accepted

OFFICE MANAGER

- All going swimmingly
- Mon, Tues, Fridays 1-4
- Four volunteers.
- Usually, one day a week no business
- Report accepted

AREA 31 (area31aa.org)

- **INFO ON area31aa.org**

- **NERAASA - Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly**
February 24-26, Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany N.Y. 12211.
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, all 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.
- Anybody can just show up to any meetings listed on area website, do not have to be associated with a group. If interested, please check out some different committees.
- If someone is looking for opportunity to do service, we can always use more help, can contact me at areachair@area31.aa.org

WEB-MASTER/WEBSITE

- Have Alcathon calendar up, but in order to sign up, must send an email to Intergroup to get a slot
- Also looking for someone to take over WEBMASTER position

DISTRICT 3 DCM (district3@area31aa.org)

- Thank everyone for coming to December 3rd event, went well. Got 50 people, was perfect.
- Have opening for Co-DCM.
- The GSR is the home group voice in AA , can always use more. Given wider access with WWW hopes are to get more involvement from more different groups
- Monthly Traditions meeting, at 7:00P.M. second Sunday every month more information on intergroup website. Last one was last night.

Starting in January we will start back at tradition 1. All speakers are recorded for future access

CHAIR

Institutions not here, hope for more involvement. This is my last meeting. It's been a pretty good year with all we have been able to do (retreat, movie).

Alkathon going well, calendar filling up, need more commitments

CO-CHAIR

Thanks to Susan for all she has done this past year. Not much to report, next month we are going to start volunteer group once a month on a Saturday at Intergroup.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elections for coming year.
- Courtney L nominated Co-Chair for next year, seconded, nominated without opposition.
- Susan B nominated as secretary, seconded, nominated without opposition.
- ALKATHON Discussion
- Met with Alkathon group last night, lots of items needed, long list, thoughts on list of items and budget. Discussion, \$300-\$350 seems reasonable. Larry reports that historically groups used to bring the food for their time slot, bringing what ever you group would usually have. Basket passed money would go to Intergroup. District has left over health food they can contribute, along with coffee. Historically the alkathons were break even. Groups contribute all year. Motion made set a budget of \$400, does not include donation to church. Motion carries for \$400 budget not inclusive of rent to church. Motion to give church \$200 as a donation for rent, motion carried
- Discussion on Virtual part of Alcathon meeting. Maureen: Can set up separate Zoom sign with present account, someone can log in, then meeting stays open and each lead passes on the host to the next person. The last person closes Zoom meeting. Southern Berkshire group opening at midnight, but if not a meeting every hour how can the lead get passed on. Host key process discussed. The problem with keeping open without a host is zoom

bombers. Motion to follow Maureen's plan for Alkathon Zoom procedure;
Motion carries.

- Chair grateful for everyone making B.I.G. 2022 a great year
- Motion to close, passed. 2022 closed

Close with responsibility pledge