

Intergroup Committee Meeting: January 9, 2023

Meeting opens with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble.

Roll Call: Maureen B (Chair), Courtney L (Co-chair/Thursday Night Women's Group), Mike M (2022 Treasurer), Susan B (Secretary/SOS), Larry B (2022 Office Manager/Berkshire Big Book), John G (Area Chair), Chaula H (DCM), Jon M (Young People's/In Focus), Paula C (Central Berkshire), Lisa T (Sober at Sunrise – Virtual), Bob R (Young at Heart), Nick M (Lenox Big Book Step), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire), Kellie (Sober at Sunrise – In-Person), Robin D (Observer), Craig (Observer/Moving to Area)

Secretary: December report accepted and approved

Treasurer: December report accepted and approved. Mike M will send year-end summary reporting when expenses were met and when they were not.

Office Manager (Larry B): December hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 1:30-4. The Friday volunteer, Gail, now has a sub (Heidi). Reported were two “disturbing” calls: 1) someone challenging the spirituality of the program and 2) someone angry about meetings that weren't listed. The latter was encouraged to submit the group change form.

Website: Craig , who will be moving to the area, volunteered to take on the website duties and will be in contact with Mike M.

Area 31 (John G): Area committees are looking for help (eg. Grapevine, Archives, PI, etc.). More information and the calendar can be found at the area31aa.org website. NERAASA will be coming up February 23-26 in Albany. The host hotel is full. For more information go to NERAASA.org. For a ride write areachair@area31aa.org – leave name and phone number. Speaker meetings and help with group inventories can be arranged.

District 3 (Chaula): Chaula is looking at technical issues. She would like to emphasize work with service committees this year. Recommended Traditions (2nd Sunday), Concepts (1st Thursday) meetings.

Institutions: Susan described the current effort underway to get Institutions back. Liaisons have been established for CSS, McGee, Jones and the jail along with a secretary to handle communication. Inquiries can be directed to berkshireainstitutions@gmail.com.

Chair (Maureen B): Maureen reported that she is excited to start her term. The first Saturday offering office hours went well.

Co-chair (Courtney L): Courtney had nothing to report this month.

Old business: Paula C reported that the alkathon went well with 88 people attending Christmas Eve and 39 Christmas morning. Expenses (sign, food and supplies): \$161.04, Donations in basket: \$100, Donation to church: \$200. Maureen reported problems with the

overnight Zoom component (very low attending and technical issues). Thoughts were expressed that staying in-person overnight could be considered for 2023.

Position opening: Office manager: contact Larry B if interested.

New business: Maureen brought up the topic of possible events in 2023:

Have another spiritual retreat (which went extremely well in September). Chaula brought up the thought that a new site might make the retreat more inclusive, for example, for people who don't have cars.

Bus trip to GSO in April or June on a Friday. Susan is looking into it using research that William L did a few years ago.

Trip to Bill Wilson House (East Dorset, VT) or Stepping Stones (Katonah, NY). The point that going to the Bill Wilson house is much easier than Stepping Stones, where scheduling is required.

Lisa L brought up keeping costs and treasury in mind.

Chaula brought up the desire to move District meetings to the Intergroup office from the Lee Courtroom. Evening building access and space were discussed.

Further discussion and committee decisions will continue in February.

Meeting adjourned.