

Berkshire Intergroup

Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble

Roll Call: Maureen B (Chair), Courtney L (Co-Chair), Susan B (Secretary), Larry B (Office Manager and Berkshire Big Book), Lisa T (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Elaine B (Keep it Simple), Kellie (Sober at Sunrise; in-person), Robin D (Observer), Bob R (Young at Heart), Collin W (GB Men's), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Nick M (Lenox Big Book Step), Gail R (Happy, Joyous and Free), Craig (Website Coordinator "in training")

Secretary: Minutes accepted. No questions. Susan will present update on GSO bus trip during old business.

Treasurer: Report accepted. No questions.

Office Manager: (Larry B) Jim is covering Tuesdays, Louise on Fridays. Maureen is covering the first Saturday. Need a volunteer for Mondays. Expressed a "thank you" to Gail for her service to Intergroup.

Website: (Craig) Craig is "in training", has questions and is waiting for a job description.

Area 31: (Absent) Area meeting report by Maureen.

Archives will hold a "listening party" on March 19 from 7-9 pm featuring 2 speaker tapes and pizza. Details on area31aa.org website.

Grapevine committee will hold a writer's workshop in June. More details to come.

A new Grapevine app is scheduled to be launched in September.

All Grapevine articles are recorded and available via the website and with a subscription.

Grapevine podcasts have been a huge hit and voted in the top 5% in the US.

CPC – The radio show is going well.

Spring Assembly – March 25-26 in South Deerfield. Details on area31aa.org website.

Round-Up – May 19-21 in Springfield. Registration is open at \$25 (regardless if one goes for one day or the weekend). Registration will also be possible at the Assembly. Donations are being sought because all supplies (signage, books, etc.) were lost due to the death of a committee member and the loss of a storage unit.

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) – June 2-4 at Boston Marriott Burlington. No registration fee.

District 3: (Chaula) Successful pre-mini-conference workshop. Delegate Mike B was in attendance. Agenda items that have been selected for the mini-conference were discussed. The mini-conference will be March 25-6 as part of the Spring Assembly. The business meeting will be on Sunday. Concept meetings continue on the 1st Thursday and District 3 Traditions meetings on 2nd Sunday. The General Service Conference will be April 23-29 in New York. The Area 31 delegate, Mike B, will present a report on May 20 as part of the Round-Up.

Chair: (Maureen) Attended NERAASA with Courtney and Susan along with 1300 others. Attended Intergroup Round Table where two common issues brought up were excess money and bylaws. Maureen plans to look into and review Berkshire Intergroup bylaws.

Co-chair: (Courtney) Will present update on possible trip to Stepping Stones during old business.

Old business: A deposit has been made on the bus. There appeared to be no interest in the idea of having an activity and/or movie on the bus. The idea of whether or not masks should be worn on the bus was brought up and a lively discussion ensued. A vote on this was tabled for the April meeting.

Courtney reported that tours at Stepping Stones take place at 1:00 pm and that it would cost approximately \$800 to go plus donations to the museum. Volunteer drivers would be compensated for mileage. It was decided to look at this again in 2024.

New business: A new office manager is still needed. Plan discussed to update position description and post on the Intergroup website. Reps were asked to announce this at meetings.

Berkshire Intergroup Office Manager:

Suggested: 2 years sobriety

Part-time volunteer position

Suggested term: 2 years

Time commitment: 1-2 hours per week

Train volunteer staff and coordinate schedules

Purchase inventory and supplies

Maintain working relationship with landlord/maintenance staff

Coordinate maintenance of printer (McFarlane Office Supplies)

Update hotline (Berkshire Communicators) as needed

Attend monthly Berkshire Intergroup meetings

Some interest was expressed for the possibility of bringing back the “Bookie” meeting. Michael W described how a speaker sign-up list was successful in New York.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.