

Berkshire Intergroup Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

Serenity Prayer

Preamble

Roll Call: Maureen B (Chair), Courtney L (Co-chair), Craig (Acting Website Coordinator), Susan B (Secretary), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Kellie (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Bob R (Young at Heart), Nick M (Lenox Big Book Step), Elaine B (Keep It Simple), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire), Robin D (Visitor)

Secretary: (Susan B) Minutes accepted. Update to GSO Bus Trip in Old Business.

Treasurer: (Sam H - absent) Report accepted. Maureen later raises the concern that group contributions are not matching expenses.

Office Manager: (Larry B - absent) Reported that the office welcomed a new volunteer on Mondays - Dwayne M. He will be putting in an order to A.A.W.S for approximately \$500. A.A.W.S. conference approved literature prices went up April 3rd; 20% for books and 30% for pamphlets. Proposed raising literature prices May 1, that he will get or create a new price list. Maureen noted that A.A.W.S. prices have not gone up since 2014 when they went up 18.75%. Before that they went up 33.3% in 2009.

Website: (Craig) Craig expressed a need for clarification on communication and how meeting list updates happen. Worked on the group change link. Maureen will reach out to the Area and Western MA Intergroup for website manager position descriptions.

Area 31: (John G - absent) The Area 31 Round-up will be May 19-21 at the Clarion Hotel in West Springfield. Among other meetings and activities, on Saturday afternoon, the Area delegate will report on the General Service Conference.

District 3: (Chaula H - absent)

Institutions: Has been meeting twice a month. Looking for groups to send institution reps to committee meetings to take on commitments.

Chair: (Maureen B) Asked reps to announce the need for an Intergroup office manager at meetings. Brought up the fact that Intergroup is operating at a loss, not covering expenses. Asked reps to remind groups that Intergroup need money to be self-supporting.

Co-Chair: (Courtney L) Nothing to report.

Old Business: GSO trip update: a \$250 deposit has been made for the bus. All 40 people will go on the 12:15 tour. Masks will be optional on the bus and required at GSO and in the building.

The position of office manager remains open.

Maureen will reach out to Mike M and Western MA Intergroup regarding revisiting the idea of bringing back “bookie” meetings for speaker exchanges.

New Business: A discussion took place around when and in what way prices of literature at Intergroup should be raised. The consensus was that this should be at the office manager’s discretion.

A discussion took place on an interest in people gaining more access to printed meeting lists for in-person meeting lists. Suggestions included having a link to a pdf on the website, providing printed lists to more of the community in addition to those in institutions.

Concerns raised included how quickly the list goes out of date and associated expenses.

Reps were asked to return in May with their group’s conscience on this. It will be discussed again at the meeting in May.

Michael W brought up the topic of C.P.C. (Cooperation with the Professional Community) and the need for more help from Berkshire County. The Area meeting takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40.

Responsibility pledge