

Berkshire Intergroup Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

Serenity Prayer

Preamble

Roll Call: Robin D (Incoming Office Manager), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Maureen B (Chair), Courtney L (Co-chair), Steve M (Alternate Delegate), William (Tower Group), Rusty C (GB Men's Group), Bob R (Young at Heart), Kellie (Sober at Sunrise; virtual and in-person), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Elaine B (Keep It Simple Group), Larry B (Outgoing Office Manager), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan) GSO bus trip canceled. Agawam "You Gotta Wanna" sent along a contribution to Berkshire Intergroup. Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer: (Sam – absent) Report accepted. Questions should be sent to Sam at berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com.

Office Manager: (Larry – outgoing) The broken microwave is gone. All three volunteers are showing up. Coins have been ordered. Re: banking – Sam is looking into current signatories and switching over.

(Robin – incoming) Literature is being sold at cost; the Big Book at \$12 and 12&12 at \$12. Our prices were raised due to AAWS raise in prices which took effect in April. Price lists were requested and will be sent.

(Maureen) No one came on Saturday, June 3. She will be there July 1.

Webservant: (Craig – absent)

Area 31: (Steve M – Alternate Delegate)

BIG Area 31 area officer report:

Concept meeting July 6 7:30 pm UMC 30 Carew St South Hadley MA also online logon info at area website

Area meeting June 14th 7:30 pm UMC 30 Carew St South Hadley MA also online logon info at area website

Archives Committee Listening Party July 29th 7-9 pm UMC 30 Carew St South Hadley MA also online logon info at area website. food

MSCPC Meeting July 25th 7:00 pm Sturbridge Host Hotel Sturbridge MA also online. Carpool leaves at 6:15 pm from Bowling alley parking lot on Burnett Rd in Chicopee MA.

Mass State Convention November 10-12th. Rooms available now for \$129 a night. Must reserve with the hotel by phone and make sure to ask for the event rate.

District 4 workshop August 12th 10:30-1:30 pm Holy Family catholic church 29 Sugarloaf St Deerfield, MA food. Theme: Keeping Triangle Balanced.

District 2 Workshop September 8th 5:00-9:30 pm Agawam Congregational Church 745 Main St Agawam MA

WMIG Picnic August 20th 11:00 am Moose Family Center Fuller Rd Chicopee MA. WMIG Golf Tournament Aught 25th Agawam Municipal Golf Course 9:45 am Tee Off. \$45 for 18 holes. Food.

District 3: (absent)

Institutions: (absent) (Courtney) CSS would like to have incoming meetings every day. Groups are encouraged to have institutions reps to go to the monthly meetings to be able to sign up for commitments. CSS, McGee, Jones and the Men's jail are the institutions being served. There is some interest in having a workshop with the district and GSRs. Madison and Carl are working on going to groups who don't have commitments in an attempt to encourage involvement.

(Lisa) A workshop is a great idea. Since the district did this a few years ago, perhaps the intergroup could plan one instead. Is CSS using technology to have meetings which are available every day?

Chair: (Maureen) A meeting of the committee officers was held. There will be a review of the bylaws and proposals for changes.

Went to the Western MA Intergroup meeting. Plans to incorporate some of the mission statement into the beginning of the committee meetings.

Larry has been office manager for 8 years. Robin has stepped up to volunteer and needs to be voted in. It passes with a majority.

Mike W, Mike M and Mike K are interested in the "bookie" meeting starting again.

The 11th step retreat was a success last year and is being considered for September. Last year's facilitator is available on September 16. There was a request for a committee to form. It is brought up that the committee does not need to only have intergroup reps. Examples included the alkathon and last year's retreat. The question was raised regarding whether or not there would be a charge this year.

Old Business: The bus trip to GSO was canceled due to very low registration. The deposit will be returned.

Bringing back the "bookie" meeting is being considered.

The transition of outgoing to incoming office manager is under way.

New business: (Tom L) The Sheffield 12 & 12 meeting will now split into two meetings; one on Zoom and one in-person. He does not see a lot of people willing to do service. Lisa also reported there being trouble getting people to do service.

There was some support for the idea of Intergroup doing a workshop on institutions.

Larry B celebrated 33 years of sobriety on June 14 at Berkshire Big Book.

Meeting is adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge