

Berkshire Intergroup Minutes
September 11, 2023

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Preamble

Roll Call: Kellie (In-person and virtual Sober at Sunrise), Courtney L (Co-chair), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's Group), Maureen B (Chair), Craig (Webservant), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Joan P (Southern Berkshire Group), Robin D (Office Manager), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Brian W (District 3 DCM), Elaine B (In-person and virtual Keep It Simple Group), Bob R (Young at Heart), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary (Susan) – minutes accepted

Treasurer (Sam) – Not in the red this month. Sam would like information about Bruce S making contributions for Mark K through PayPal.

Office Manager (Robin) – The printer is not repairable. We need to decide whether we want a small machine (\$800) or a large machine (\$2,000). There will be a \$250-300 disposal fee if we do not continue with MacFarlane. Prices have been updated. There have been inquiries about Bridging the Gap.
Robin will send a separate report.

Website (Craig) – Updates have been made. Some discussion took place about the importance of group change information needing to start with Berkshire Intergroup and the possibility of returning the Google group change form.

District 3 (Brian) – According to the Area registrar, there are 180 inactive groups. This list is established when GSR information is not updated in 2 years. The area accessibilities chair came to the August meeting and talked about what is being done in the area and the possibility of doing outreach in Berkshire County at nursing homes. The Fall Assembly will take place in Springfield October 14-15. On Saturday, there will be an inventory and on Sunday a business meeting.

Institutions (absent) – An ad hoc committee will be established for a service workshop.

Chair (Maureen) – The retreat is less than two weeks away. 54 are registered and \$400 has been received so far. Maureen is looking into history on the Bylaws. The hope is that the larger committee can review them next month. Brian will take the lead on creating a service panel for early November and finding a location and date. The idea was brought up of forming a committee to look into phone service options. The research for the replacement of the printer³ will be kept separate. Let Maureen know if you would like to work on the Alkathon.

Co-chair (Courtney) – Courtney reported on looking into the information on the Pittsfield Police Department website and whether or not they should list the Berkshire Intergroup hotline. The vote was unanimous for Courtney to contact the police department to have the number and information changed. There was some interest in looking into other police departments.

Representatives – A number of groups have responded to Intergroup's need for additional contributions:

Great Barrington Men's (rep: Rusty) has agreed to give Intergroup the biggest piece of the pie chart

Southern Berkshire Group (rep: Joan) will disregard the pie chart for 3 months

A contribution of \$600 came in from the Monterey 11th Step meeting

Keep It Simple Group (rep: Elaine) sent \$500

Watch Your Step (rep: Mary) will contribute in the next month

Close with Responsibility Pledge