

Berkshire Intergroup Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Articles of Purpose.

Roll call: Casey B (Lee Young People's), Robin D (Office Manager), Maureen B (Chair), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Brian W (District 3 DCM), Joan P (Southern Berkshire), Courtney L (Co-Chair), Craig (Web Servant), Bob R (Young at Heart), Will (Stockbridge Tower), Sam H (Treasurer), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Nick M (Lenox Big Book Step), Kellie (In-person and Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan) Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: (Sam) Report accepted.

Office Manager: (Robin) Report accepted.

Some discussion took place around whether or not to get a new service contract with MacFarlane for the printer that has been donated to Intergroup.

There was also discussion about the best way to update the hotline contact list, the guidelines to be a contact and what this type of service entails.

Research will take place and the discussion will continue in November.

Website: (Craig) Nothing to report. Maureen and Craig will be working on the group change form.

Area 31: (Absent)

District 3: (Brian) The Fall Assembly will take place the weekend of October 14-15 with an inventory on Saturday and business meeting and elections on Sunday. The Mass State Convention will take place the weekend of November 10-12 in Sturbridge. Info and links can be found on the Area 31 website.

Institutions: (Absent) Courtney reported that an ad hoc committee meeting has been held around the planning of a "celebration of service" workshop.

Chair: (Maureen) Other than a glitch in the registration process for several attendees, the retreat was considered a success and came in under budget. 51 people attended. Most of the feedback was positive. Maureen will send out a summary to the committee. Some discussion took place around the facilitator's request for an additional \$250 (above an agreed upon flat fee of \$1,750). A vote was tabled to next month.

Co-Chair: (Courtney) Efforts are underway to find an effective way to contact the police department in order to update website resource information.

Old Business:

A question was raised regarding the request for reps to ask for financial support for Intergroup and whether or not there is an end date. Sam reported that between \$1,000 and \$1,500 came in as a result of the requests. It will be decided in November whether or not to stop active requests

New business:

Maureen asked the committee to read the proposed amended bylaws to be reviewed next month.

Elections will take place at the November meeting. The position of Co-Chair for 2024 is currently open.

Intergroup Co-Chair responsibilities:

- Attend monthly Intergroup and Steering Committee meetings
- Chair said meetings in the absence of the current chair
- Become familiar with the functions of Berkshire Intergroup in preparation for becoming chairperson.
- Attend Area 31 and District 3 monthly meetings in the absence of the current chair
- Attend Area 31 Spring and Fall Assemblies in the absence of the current chair.

(I'd like to put in a plug for being Co-Chair and then Chair the following year. Acting in these roles was meaningful to me and a LOT of fun. It was a wonderful way to be able to give back to my AA community, learn more about the larger structure of AA and see others enjoy themselves at planned events. I came to love it so much that when it was time to rotate out, I decided to take on a new position so I could stay involved!)

The availability of St. Charles for the holiday alkathon is being looked into. The alkathon will run from 5:00 pm Christmas Eve to noon Christmas Day. There is an interest in it remaining open, in-person all night. The effort to have virtual meetings from midnight to 7 am last year was not effective.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B