

## **Berkshire Intergroup Minutes**

November 13, 2023

**Roll Call:** Mary E (Watch Your Step), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Courtney L (Co-chair), Robin D (Office manager), Maureen B (Chair), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Brian W (District 3), Mike B (Area 31 Delegate), Bob R (Dalton Young at Heart), Kellie (Sober at Sunrise), Elaine B (Keep It Simple Group), Paula C (for Alkathon), Susan B (Secretary)

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Articles of Purpose

**Secretary** (Susan): Meeting minutes approved and accepted

**Treasurer** (Sam – absent): Report approved and accepted

**Office manager** (Robin): A new copier/printer was donated to the office. A discussion took place on whether or not to have a maintenance contract. It was decided that it was not worth the fee (\$40/month + \$.01/copy). A vote passed to not have a contract. The toner cartridge is reported to be good for 12,000 copies and the drum for 24,000.

**Website** (Craig – absent)

**Area 31** (Mike B): The state convention was November 10-12. 630 people attended. Hybrid planning meetings for the 2024 convention will begin on January 30. It will take place at the Best Western In Marlborough. NERAASA will be in Hershey PA the weekend of February 22-25, 2024

**District 3** (Brian): An ad hoc committee (which includes members of the Institutions and Intergroup committees) has been working on a hybrid service workshop which will be on January 20 at the Congregational Church in Stockbridge.

**Institutions** (absent): Groups can send reps to the Institutions committee meeting which takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8:30 on Zoom.

**Chair** (Maureen):

**Co-chair** (Courtney): Courtney reported on the ad hoc committee effort to make a recommendation to the Pittsfield police department regarding updating the resources portion of their website. A test call was made to the number in Boston that was listed on the website which was not helpful. The person who answered knew nothing about the Berkshires. She is working with a social worker to replace the Boston number with the Intergroup hotline number and the first line of the preamble.

### **Old Business:**

Paula C reported that all is set for us to be at St Charles Church from 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve to noon on Christmas Day. Brian H, Dwayne M, and residents of the Keenan House have made a commitment to help. A planning meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm. A vote on a budget of \$400 passed.

There remains a need for a co-chair in January. Reps will announce this to their groups. It was reported that being a rep is not a prerequisite.

The facilitator of the retreat, Steve, agreed to a flat fee of \$1,750. His request of an additional \$250 to cover expenses was voted on and approved.

The hotline list needs to be updated. A form with responsibilities will be sent to all reps to bring to their groups.

A request was made for reps to look at the updated bylaws. A final copy will be voted on in December.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.