

Berkshire Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Articles of Purpose.

Roll Call: Steve M (Area 31 Alternate Delegate), Craig (Web Servant), Bob R (Young at Heart), Casey (Lee Young People's), Robin D (Office Manager), Tom L (Sheffield 12&12), Bob M (Visiting from Western MA Intergroup), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), William (Stockbridge Tower), Joan P (Southern Berkshire), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Brian W (District 3 DCM), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Elaine B (Keep It Simple), Maureen B (Chair), Courtney L (Co-Chair), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan) Minutes accepted. No questions.

Treasurer: (absent) Report accepted.

Questions can be directed to Sam via the Intergroup email address.

Rusty asked if there was an amount of money that Intergroup needed to get to after which reps would not have to ask for extra contributions. Robin reported that Intergroup is currently meeting expenses which are approximately \$800/month. Maureen stated that Intergroup is no longer asking for extra contributions.

Office Manager: (Robin) A report was sent out. There were no questions.

Website: (Craig) The area meeting list has moved to a new website. The change has been seamless. Meeting changes should be sent to the Intergroup email address to be updated. Susan will forward.

Area 31: (Steve M) The hybrid meeting will begin again at Concept 1 on January 4. All Area meetings are hybrid. NERAASA will be in Hershey, Pennsylvania February 23-25, 2024. Western MA will have an alkathon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Appleton in Holyoke from 6 pm Christmas Eve to 6 pm Christmas Day.

District 3: (Brian) A service celebration will take place on January 20 at the Congregational Church in Stockbridge. The exact time is yet to be determined. There will be 3 panels with 3-4 speakers. The District is looking for a Co-DCM.

Chair: (Maureen)

Co-Chair: (Courtney) The Pittsfield Police Department has updated their website to list the Berkshire Intergroup hotline and the first line of the Preamble.

Old Business:

Position of Co-Chair: There has been no response to the search for an Intergroup Co-Chair for 2024. Reps were asked to announce this at their groups.

Bylaws: The bylaws with new edits will be sent out to be looked at in January.

Alkathon: Nine meeting time slots have been filled with 10 to go. People can sign up through the Intergroup email. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday at 4:30.

Hotline list: Robin called all the phone numbers that are currently listed to determine who will be staying on the list. Updates and additions should be sent to Robin. Terry Vallone is the new contact at Berkshire Receptionists (formerly Berkshire Communicators) and will update with new additions in January. Robin would like to make it a goal to update the list annually.

Western MA Intergroup: (Chair Bob M) Elections were held. Yolanda will be the new Chair and Lindsay will be the new secretary. Elections for other positions to take place on Thursday. Information on the Alkathon in Holyoke is on their website. They will be returning to printed When and Where meeting lists which will have in-person meetings and a QR code for those that are virtual. It is expected that they will be out in mid-February.

New Year's Eve Alkathon: Tom reported that the Sheffield 12&12 Group will sponsor an alkathon at the Senior Center in Great Barrington from 3 pm to 1 am.

New Business:

A discussion took place on the subject of printed meeting lists and their usefulness. The options of ways to make copies were considered taking into account the limitations of the new printer and the cost of going somewhere like Staples. Also brought up was the issue of quantity and how often they need to be updated. Reps were asked to go to their groups to determine whether or not there is a need.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.