

Berkshire Intergroup Committee Minutes

May 13, 2024

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Preamble

Roll Call: Joan P (Southern Berkshire), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Karen L (Great Barrington Women's), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), Bob R (Young at Heart), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Michael S (Men's 12th Step), Kaitlyn B (Sheffield 12 & 12), Peg F (Monterey 11th Step and On Awakening), Bob W (Keep It Simple), Courtney L (Chair), Robin D (Office Manager), Dwayne M (Co-chair), Craig (Web Servant), Steve M (Area 31 Delegate), Brian W (District 3 DCM), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan B) Minutes accepted

Treasurer: (Absent) Report accepted

Office Manager: (Robin D) The office is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 to 4:00. There are approximately 60 Big Books with dust jackets left in stock. Agencies have reached out to Intergroup for meeting lists, which are being made available. Robin stated a need for help organizing information in the office. Bob W volunteered.

Website: (Craig) Craig is updating the literature price list.

Area 31: (Steve M) Steve had a "mind-altering, spiritual" experience at his first general service conference. Steve will give his report on the conference from 1:00 to 2:50 at the Round Up which will be June 1 from 9 am to 9 pm at St John's Lutheran Church in Westfield. There will be a keynote at 3:00 and workshops throughout the day. \$20. Lunch and dinner will be provided. It is not necessary to register in advance.

Next hybrid Concepts meeting will be on June 6 at 7:30.

Next hybrid Area meeting will be June 12 at 7:30.

Next hybrid Mass State Convention planning meeting will be May 28 at 7:00.

District 5 will be having a play about the traditions on July 20 at 10:30 at the Morningstar Baptist Church in South Hadley.

Western MA Young People meet on the first Sunday at the Serenity Club. 4-5:00 Tradition, 5-6:00 Business meeting.

The area can provide speakers for meetings on the experience and value of service.

Arrangements can be made for past delegates to help with group inventories.

District 3: (Brian W) Next hybrid District meeting this Friday, May 17 at 7:00.

An ad hoc committee has been created to plan an event in September or October with District 4.

Rebecca B will be chairing and finding a speaker for a workshop at the round up on "Having had a spiritual awakening."

Institutions: (Absent)

Chair: (Courtney L) No report

Co-Chair: (Dwayne M) A reservation has been made at the lodge at the Pittsfield State Forest for July 13. The next planning meeting will be on May 20.

Old Business:

"Bookie" meeting. After a discussion, it became clear that there is enough interest to open up the meeting at 6:00 pm beginning in June, acknowledging that it may be slow at first.

The *Western MA meeting book* is now available for 50¢ each in bundles of 20. It was decided that the Intergroup office will order 100.

New Business:

The 35th anniversary of the establishment of Berkshire Intergroup will be in February 2025. There was an expressed interest in making some sort of plan to acknowledge this milestone.

Picnic:

The plan to have a picnic on July 13 at the Pittsfield State Forest was approved and a \$500 budget was passed. Time TBD. It was proposed that Intergroup cover the cost of parking in case that would prevent someone from attending. It was also proposed that a container be available for donations.

The location and its many amenities were described including a lodge with a capacity for 75 people, handicap access, area for games, kitchen with large refrigerator, hiking trail, grills, a small beach, etc.

Mary, Rusty and Bob volunteered to join the ad hoc committee.

Because so many officers will be rolling out at the same time, the idea of staggering positions was raised to be discussed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.