

Berkshire Intergroup Committee Minutes

July 8, 2024

Roll Call: Robin D (Office Manager), Courtney L (Chair), Cheryl V (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Bob M (Area Chair), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), Tim C (Sober at Sunrise), Dwayne M (Co-chair), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Sam H (Treasurer), Bob W (Keep It Simple), Craig (Web Servant), Peg F (Monterey 11th Step, On Awakening), Lisa L (Southern Berkshire), Bill M (Lee Young People's), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan B) Minutes accepted

Treasurer: (Sam H) Presented summary; approx \$440 contributions, approx \$730 sales, approx \$1208 expenses yielding a loss of \$31. Report accepted.

Office Manager: (Robin D) The office was open 15 days, there were 24 transactions, and 11 calls (approx. 8 minutes). Robin ordered more copies of "Meeting in a Pocket" (from Boston Intergroup). There are 10 copies left of the Western MA meeting booklets.

Website: (Craig) Craig reported that he fixed links that weren't working on the website. Any questions or problems can be directed to Craig.

Area 31: (Bob M)

The Fall Assembly will be October 19-20. It is likely that it will be in Chicopee. Location to be determined. It will be hybrid.

Steve, the area delegate's report from the General Service Conference is available on the Area 31 website.

The Accessibilities and Public Information Committees need help. They currently have 6-7 commitments per month. There may be some overlap with the PI, CPC and Accessibilities Committees. Another calendar reflecting the work of these committees is going to be added to the area's website.

There were 162 attendees at the Round-up. The 2025 Round-up will be June 7. The next planning committee meeting will be September 11.

District 5 will be presenting "The Traditions Play" on July 20 at Morningstar Baptist Church in South Hadley from 10-1. Lunch will be served.

Meetings on the Concepts continue to take place on the first Thursday of the month.

A non-trustee director is needed at AAWS. For more information, contact Steve M (delegate@area31aa.org).

Past delegates are available to help groups with inventories. The purpose of a group inventory is to look at how well a group is doing carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic using a check list.

Area committee members are available for outgoing commitments.

Institutions: Robin attended the meeting and reported that commitments are being filled. A reminder was made for people bringing commitments into institutions to focus on the *solution* not the *problem*. Committee positions will be rotating soon.

Chair: (Courtney L) There will be a picnic on Saturday, July 13 from 1:00 to 5:00 at the Pittsfield State Forest. Rob B and Janet B will be the speakers. The last ad hoc meeting will be on Wednesday.

Co-chair: (Dwayne M) No report at this time.

Old Business:

Rusty reported that a speaker exchange was set up between the Lee Young People's and Stockbridge Tower Groups. One person came to learn more. Reps were encouraged to spread the word.

The 35th anniversary of Berkshire Intergroup will be in February, 2025. No ideas on how to celebrate or acknowledge this were proposed.

A discussion took place regarding officers rolling out of positions in December and the idea that the search should start now. Reps were encouraged to reach out to individuals who might be interested in learning more and announce this at meetings. Information will be included in this month's newsletter and on the website.

New Business:

Contributions are down. Sam will put together a 6-month report.

A discussion took place around ordering more of the Western MA meeting booklet taking into account anticipated need, shipping expenses and how often it is updated. It was decided that 100 more will be ordered.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.