

Berkshire Intergroup Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024

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

Roll Call: Robin D (Office Manager), Cheryl (Virtual Sober at Sunrise), Courtney L (Chair), Tim C (Sober at Sunrise), Craig (Web Servant), Dwayne M (Co-Chair), Brian W (DCM), Bob W (Keep It Simple), Elton (Men's 12th Step), Devin A (Great Barrington Men's (alternate)), Elaine (Keep It Simple (alternate)), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Michael W (Northern Berkshire), Peg F (Monterey 11th Step and On Awakening), Kaitlyn B (Sheffield 12&12), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan B) July minutes accepted

Treasurer: (absent) Questions can be directed to Sam.

Office Manager: (Robin D) Over \$1000 in sales in July. The office will stock the Plain Language Big Book when it becomes available, which is anticipated to be in November. Reps were asked to check with their groups whether or not they would be interested in purchasing them and, if so, how many.

Western MA Intergroup When and Where booklets are in stock again.

There was a low number of calls. Repeated calls have been made by someone drunk who complains.

Robin suggested we consider where our next location could be; somewhere with climate control, parking, accessibility, wifi and utilities.

Website: (Craig) Broken links have been fixed.

Area 31: (Ray M – alternate delegate) Districts 2 (The Forgotten 12) and District 6 (Carrying the Message) will be having workshops.

The Fall Assembly will be October 19-20 in Chicopee.

The next NERAASA in February will be totally online.

The Mass State Convention will be November 8-10 in Marlborough.

See the Area 31 website for more info on these (and more!).

District 3: (Brian W) There remains a need for a Co DCM. The Monterey 11th Step meeting will be having a potluck after their meeting on August 18.

There is an ad hoc committee planning a workshop on Emotional Sobriety which will be on October 5.

A Grapevine writing workshop was organized by the Area Grapevine Committee.

Institutions: (Robin D) CSS has some open dates for incoming commitments.

Robin is now acting as the Jones 3 liaison where there are meetings on Wednesday at 6 and Sunday mornings at 10.

The committee is working on bylaws and position descriptions

Chair: (Courtney L) An estimated 80-100 people attended the picnic. Less than \$1000 was spent. Purchases made have been documented in the Google drive to help future planning. There was a lot of positive feedback including such sentiments as, "This is the first time I felt like a part of Berkshire County AA."

Co-Chair: (Dwayne M)

Old Business:

Michael W reported that 5-6 people attended the "bookie" meeting and made speaker exchanges. Robin has started creating a bookie contact list.

It was suggested that reps ask for people who might have been around in the early days of Intergroup which started almost 35 years ago.

Contributions to Intergroup look good this month. There is no concern at this time.

It was asked if there is any interest in upcoming Intergroup positions which will open up in January. (There was no response.)

New business:

Robin made reservations for the Pittsfield State Forest for September and October. Ideas were discussed and an ad hoc committee (Robin, Cheryl and Dwayne) formed which will look into going there on October 12. They will come back in September with a proposal. Those who are interested can contact Robin.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.