

Berkshire Intergroup Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Serenity Prayer

Articles of Purpose

Roll Call: Robin D (Office Manager), Dwayne M (Co-Chair), Courtney L (Chair), Mary E (Watch Your Step), Joan P (Southern Berkshire), Ray M (Area 31; Alternate Delegate), Rusty C (Great Barrington Men's), Jena B (Stockbridge Tower), Devin (Great Barrington Men's), Craig (Web Servant), Sam H (Treasurer), Susan B (Secretary)

Secretary: (Susan B) August minutes accepted. No questions.

Treasurer: (Sam H) August report accepted. No questions. Sam reported a net gain for the month of August.

Office Manager: (Robin D) The office is well stocked. Preparation is underway for a new Grapevine book order. Robin would like to know what the interest is for ordering the new Plain Language Big Book when it comes out, which is scheduled to be November 1. Let her know how many you would like. The Western MA printed meeting booklet is in stock. 150 8 ½ x 14 meeting lists were printed in house during August. It was reported that District 7 from Southern VT comes to Pittsfield regularly to make purchases.

Website: (Craig, Web Servant) Updates have been made. Craig raised the question of whether or not that was any interest in posting the newsletter on the website.

Area 31: (Ray M, Alternate Delegate)

The Fall Assembly will be October 19-20 at Rose de Lima Church in Chicopee. On Saturday the Assembly will go from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be A.A. Jeopardy. On Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm there will be a business meeting. It is possible that there will be a vote for a trustee.

The Mass State Convention will take place November 8-10 at the Best Western in Marlborough. The next hybrid planning meeting will be Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm. Those interested in going in person can contact Ray; altdelegate@area31aa.org to get a ride from Chicopee.

District 3: (Absent) From 9:00 am to noon onn October 5 at the First Congregational Church in Stockbridge there will be a workshop on Emotional Sobriety: From the Bedevilments to the Promises.

Chair: (Courtney L) No report.

Co-Chair: (Dwayne M) Dwayne reported on the Chili Cook-Off which will take place on October 11 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will also be a speaker with experience in service as well as a sobriety count down. \$300 was approved for expenses.

Old Business:

There are still no ideas for an event to acknowledge/celebrate the 35th anniversary of Berkshire Intergroup.

No interest was expressed for anyone to take on the services on co-chair, secretary and treasurer.

Three groups participated in the bookie meeting and were able to exchange speakers.

New Business:

\$300 was approved to fund Dwayne to be able to represent Intergroup at the Mass State Convention in November.

A discussion took place on whether or not the BIG newsletter should be on the website. As part of the discussion a concern about anonymity came up. For example – would we want to post the newsletter if anniversaries were not listed? Questions came up about what info should be posted where. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.