

Berkshire Intergroup

Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2025

Opening

The meeting was opened with the **Serenity Prayer**, the **A.A. Preamble**, and the **Articles of Purpose**.

Roll Call

- Robin (Office Manager)
 - Rusty (Secretary)
 - Steve (Area 31 Delegate – General Service Conference)
 - Craig (Web Servant)
 - Mary (Co-Chair, Watch Your Step Group Rep)
 - Joan (Southern Berkshire Group Rep)
 - Ilene (Berkshire Institutions)
 - Bob (Keep It Simple Group Rep)
 - Karen (Thursday night Women's meeting Rep)
 - Dwayne (Chair)
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Minutes from April

Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Has a new format reflecting incoming and outgoing funds and current balances
 - Robin commented that there are various issues with the report; differences between this report and previous reports, showing the dollar amount for each group, etc
 - Motion to accept the report passed.
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Office Manager's Report

- Was finished and distributed at the last minute
 - We are well-stocked on literature and coins, including 70+ plain language big books.
 - About 225 updated meeting lists have been distributed.
 - 2 people have signed up for the round-up; volunteer positions have been posted.
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Website Report

- Craig reported that he is in the process of updating and cleaning up the info on the site.
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Chair's Report (Dwayne)

- Dwayne visited various groups to encourage participation in Intergroup
 - Reported on various recent and upcoming AA-related events in the area
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Co-Chair's Report (Mary)

- Mary reported from the 6th-7th step workshop subcommittee process.
 - Secured a location in Stockbridge
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Institutions Report (Ilene)

- A Western MA liaison communicated with the committee concerning individuals running institutions commitments, shedding light on details and benefits of this process.
 - Committee is working on updating letters of intent, and ways to increase institution commitments in the Berkshires
 - Mary asked for clarification about individuals running these commitments.
 - Joan asked for clarification about the guidelines and requirements for individuals running commitments.
 - Robin asked about the letter of intent draft
 - Karen asked for clarification about the sobriety time requirements and the nature of the institutions committee meeting
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District 3 Report

- Absent
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Area 31 Report (Steve)

- Area 31 has an outgoing commitment to So. Berkshire group this Friday.
- MSCYPAA has a workshop this Saturday (17th) at grapevine club in Greenfield MA put on by District 4, 10-2pm
- W. MA intergroup picnic coming up in August - food, music, etc
- Area 31 roundup in Pittsfield coming up in June; area is available on the Area 31 website
- MA State convention planning committee May 27, 7pm at best western crown plaza hotel+trade center in Marlboro MA, multiple carpools are available
- Northeast Regional Forum being held Dec 5 - 7 in Providence, RI, registration is required and available on aa.org, there is no fee (already paid for by contributions)
- MA State convention Nov 14-16 at best western in Marlboro MA

Ongoing Area Events

- **Concept Meeting**
 - 1st Thursday of the month
 - Reading Concept 5
 - Hybrid format, 7 PM at South Hadley, MA
 - Info: area31aa.org
 - **Area Committee Meeting**
 - 2nd Wednesday; Next: May 14.
 - Details on area31aa.org
 - **Available Area Services:**
 - Incoming speaking commitments
 - Group inventories moderated by past delegates
 - Contact: areachair@area31aa.org
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Old Business

- QR codes were
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New Business

- Step 6-7 Workshop
 - Mary moved that we have a step 6+7 workshop, July 19 at stockbridge congregation church, \$150 for use of the room.
 - Craig requested that we get a full budget for the event
 - Robin mentioned that we had an idea for a \$400 budget
 - Ilene referenced her committee notes to confirm the budget
 - Craig proposed an amendment to the motion, budget of up to \$500.
 - Motion passed: A step 6+7 workshop, July 19 at stockbridge congregational church, 9 - 3, starts at 10, serving breakfast and lunch, with a budget of \$500
 - Robin: 501(c)(3) registration
 - She suggested we begin the process of registration as a non-profit; she believes that the initial stages of registration cost \$200
 - Mary proposed we check with W. MA intergroup to see what they do; Robin responded that they are a registered 501(c)(3)
 - Robin reported that she believes we may be too small of an entity
 - Craig mentioned that this is a good candidate for an ad-hoc committee, volunteered himself due to his experience
 - Craig, Robin, Ilene, Dwayne volunteered to be on said ad-hoc committee. Craig mentioned that Bronwyn should be a part of it as well (she is absent)
 - Craig made the motion to form an ad-hoc committee to explore, gather information and report back to the group. The motion passed.
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Closing

The meeting closed with the **Responsibility Pledge**.