Berkshire Intergroup

Minutes July 13th, 2026

Roll Call: Hedley (Co-Chair), Craig (Secretary, Monterey Rep), Ray (Area 31 Delegate), Debbie (Watch Your Step), Elaine (Keep It Simple Group), Scott (Becket Grapevine), Louise (Cheshire Big Book, Lanesboro Women's Way), Ilene (watch your step), Louise (Cheshire Big Book, Women's Way Laneborough)

Officer Reports:

- Craig (Secretary): Moving forward with incorporation. Engaged a lawyer to review the documents.
- Events (Debbie): Morning of Meditation confirmed for Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 am at Christ Church in Sheffield. Eileen M. will lead the workshop. There will be food. And we will plant flowers. 10 registrations so far.
- Steering Committee Meeting (Robin): Discussed draft of Articles of Incorporation, discussed draft of revised bylaws, engaging lawyer to review changes, budgeting process.
- No Webservant report
- Treasurer report submitted via email
- Ray Area 31: Area 30 is hosting the Women's Convention in Boston in 2028 and is looking for service participation. Email areachair@area31aa.org. https://internationalwomensconference.org/
    - WMYPAA is looking for support. Business meeting 1st Sunday of every month, 5:00pm, Serenity Club, 143 Main St, Springfield, MA
    - Upcoming Workshops:
        - Saturday July 25th, 11-2 Grapevine workshop, 485 East St, Ludlow, MA
        - Saturday July 18th, 11:30-2:00 Twelve Traditions Play, 7 Woodbridge St, South Hadley, MA
    - Northeast Regional Trustee Position Open
    - Ray selected to be on an Ad Hoc Committee to document the process by which motions to censure or reorganize the Board are carried out
    - Northeast Regional Delegate Meeting Sunday July 12th asked Finance Committee for list of things that got cut. Talked about the Everything AA app to complete transition from purchase.
    - Need more people to show up and support the committees at World Service.

- Northampton Accessibilities Committee looking for people to cover a commitment to a local facility.

- Area 31 Treasury is rebuilding after a number of unusual expenses. Came close to dipping into prudent reserve, but did not have to.

Group Reports:

- Craig (Monterey): Beginning to go through Group Inventory, one or two items at a time, and have Group Consciences about them.
- Elaine (Keep it Simple): online participation has
- Louise (Women's Way Lanesborough): attendance regularly 8-10. Use topics on popsicle sticks. Began institutions work.
- Louise (Cheshire Big Book): 25-30 people. Commitments at McGhee and GSR.
- Debbie (Watch Your Step):
- Ilene (Southern Berkshire Group): Big meeting. Giving out beginner's packets. Commitments filled.
- Scott (Becket Grapevine): 24th Anniversary meeting July 25th 6pm picnic/potluck followed by 7pm meeting. Attendance up. Had meeting outside. Very well sustained by contributions. Made additional contributions to the Church.

Old Business:

1. Bylaws changes to support incorporation.
    a. Adding Traditions and Concepts
    b. Changing Name of "Steering Committee" to "Board of Directors"
    c. Adding what happens to the money if Intergroup dissolves
    d. Adding sections covering indemnification and insurance
    e. Adding section detailing process for reimbursement of expenses
2. Include changes made to the prudent reserve into the bylaws.
    a. Ilene - possible to document a process by which we have the
    b. Elaine - wants to be sure the fact that we have a prudent reserve of 6 months' operating expenses is in the bylaws
    c. Robin - Bylaws already include a process under the Treasurer's job description, which includes a process to use the Prudent Reserve
    d. Elaine - we can update the current Treasurer's description to six months

[no voting. Per existing bylaws, will be able to vote at the next IG meeting.]

New Business:

3. Renting Intergroup Offices for Meetings. Process, rental fee, schedule.
    a. Debbie: where in the office would the meeting be? It's pretty small.
    b. Hedley: there's a conference table that can accommodate 10 people
    c. Louise: former Office Manager. The office is very small. When there are even four people, it gets crowded very quickly.
    d. Elaine: not in favor. Hasn't been there. Doesn't seem right to have people walk around
    e. Robin: Space perfect for IG needs now. Very difficult to secure $15,000 of inventory would be a challenge. The building has had some challenges with break-ins. It would be impractical to open the office to non-trusted servants.

[no motion]