

## RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

### Minutes

10/1/2022 @ 9:30 AM in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Chris C, Linda, Deana G, Joe G, Rebecca S, Sage, Pike P

### **DRAFT min 10.1.22**

Rebecca opened the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer

Minutes: Read

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from September 2022 Intergroup meeting

Agenda Item 1: Committee Reports:

A. Treasury Report: Deana G reported \$1,050.28 in the treasury currently at Citizens Bank Account; \$77.60 in donations is holding in the PayPal account. Accounts are paid to date and Deana stated all treasury spreadsheets are available in the RI Area website.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

B. Literature report: Joe G currently has collected \$300. in sales of T-shirts and literature. He stated we will need to order more of both for the upcoming Nov. 5th event. Book sales were good for last event. We also will need to print flyers and to print more meeting updated schedules before the event.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

C. Region report: Chris C stated he attended via Zoom the NE (North East) Regional Meeting last month, though there was not a full meeting with a quorum of voting members to move on any topics of discussion, including to help fund seed money loans for literature requested by meetings re-transitioning to in-person meetings.

Another issue was that ACA on world-wide level is believed not to have a charter in place and whether not-for-profit could exist without a charter of sorts. Inquiry followed about how can not for profit status be achieved with out a charter: possibly ACA was grandfathered into AA's or AIAnons original charter. ACA wants to start a committee to draft a charter and NE Regional was looking to the fellowship for member to be on the committee. Joe offered that perhaps Lawrence from Connecticut Intergroup could help with recruitment of such new members. It was noted we have not made a donation to NE Region in several months.

Rebecca asked that this topic be added to New Business.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the NE Regional report.

D. Technology / Newsletter Report

Deanna announced The poster depicting " the Journey from Shame to Forgiveness" for the coming speaker event is made and the Paypal registration is up on the website. The shopping cart gives options for registration including scholarships, gift books, etc. She also reported there were 831 website views, and currently 314 people on the RI Area mailing list. She stated online meeting attendance is growing; she gets frequent email requests for the Zoom meeting passwords. She also noted receiving reports of safety issues of the Zoom PM and AM meetings so she gave Zoom host key codes out to trusted members who can block intruders if necessary. She made the other Zoom channel link available for a second 7AM meeting. Rebecca noted that giving the Host Key to the 7 am Daily meeting trusted servants was a good idea. Rebecca and Pike who attend the 7AM meeting posed the question on the decision process; and raising the notion of discussion first, collective conscience, and voting? Chris asked if they asked for second channel and was this meddling in the group? Brief emotional debate ensued about authority, traditions, process. Acknowledging scolding was not in order,

the rebuttals ceased, and there was agreement it was done in good faith as a trusted servant and to keep link open to see if it becomes populated or to delete it in the future.  
Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Technology and Newsletter report.

E. Outreach report: Joe asked Linda to talk about the Recovery Rally she had attended. Linda reported the September event at Roger Williams Park in Providence by the non profit Rally4RecoveryRI and RI sober houses was very well attended by people representing numerous 12 Step programs and varied other organizations in support of and celebration of National Recovery Month. There were tents, tables and booths with various family friendly activities, displays and food. She spoke to several agencies on ACA, in particular Woonsocket and Pawtucket groups who were interested to find out more on becoming involved with RI Area ACA. She said they seemed open to having more literature on ACA and that we consider having an information booth for the next Rally. A motion was offered to put this on our agenda.  
Motion made and accepted to participate in the Annual Recovery Rally in 2023  
Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Outreach report.

F. WSO Report - No report.

### **Agenda Item 2:**

A. **New business:** November speaker Event concerns.

Intergroup has another speaker who is Dr. Guzmans wife, also a Doctor. Joe is looking for an MC and Guy T was suggested to be asked.

Potluck Food, \$ 250. will be allocated for food, utensils and sundry supplies.

Music and visual art will not be part of the speaker event.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to allocate \$ 250 for event potluck supplies.

Posters and a printed program to be available on the day of the event; \$ 75 for printing.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to allocate \$75 for event printing.

The Church of the Mediator rent will be \$ 250 and no deposit is required in advance.

Next Event meeting; A breakfast meeting time TBD -Oct 15th possibly.

The Event is on our meeting day; we need to reschedule the Intergroup meeting.

Motion made and accepted to hold the next Intergroup Meeting on Saturday, October 29th and an event follow-up meeting on Sat., November 12th, 2022

**B. Old business:** Discussions were tabled for next meeting.

Should RI Area ACA Intergroup continue supporting the NE Region, offer Tech support help, or ask NE Region consider hiring a paid person for tech support?

Recruitment of new members: Intergroup, and Regional.

Meeting closed at 10:30 with The Serenity Prayer; Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10/29/2022 @ 9:30 am at Salvation Army and via Zoom Channel

Respectfully submitted on 10/22/2022 by Pike P