

RHODE ISLAND AREA
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

10/2/21 @ 9:30 AM via Zoom channel

In attendance: Bridget V, Linda M, Bridgit B, Chris C, Deana G, Joe G, Pike P; Matt M, Guy T,

**Bridgit B opened the meeting with a moment of silence
and The Serenity Prayer**

Matt M read "Sharing in Business meetings" from BRB

**Bridgit B read Intergroup meeting agenda reminder (from proposed Intergroup meeting
template):**

**"This is a business meeting, all requests to speak go through the chair. In order to give
everyone a chance to speak, comments should be succinct. We are here to represent RI area
ACA, not our own personal agendas."**

Chris read minutes of last meeting.

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from 9/11/21 Intergroup meeting

Agenda Item #1: Committee Reports:

A. Treasury Report: Matt M reported \$1,485.37 in the treasury currently. Joe G. has collected \$350 from individual groups buying literature (total \$467 in book sales).

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

B. Literature report: Bridget V has ordered 12 newcomer packets. 37 Loving Parent Guidebooks are on hand, more will be ordered from WSO (there is currently a back log).

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

C. Technology / Newsletter report: Monthly newsletter has been sent out. There have been emails sent to Deana G requesting passwords; she refers them to website. The Loving Parent event has not been posted yet. There will be a special meeting mid- month to finalize details of event; information will then be made available.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Technology and Newsletter report.

D. NEUSACA report: From Zoom meeting 9/22/2021- Chris C stated WSO is looking for volunteers in many capacities; access their website for information. Ballot proposals for next ABC need to be submitted by 9/30/2021. Discussion included proposed changes to Concepts II & VI from The 12 Concepts (ballot proposal). There are multiple new pages added to the regional website. They are available as PDF files. As is "How to Start an ACA Meeting" – copied from BRB.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Regional report.

Agenda Item #2: Items of Business

A. Tax exempt status: As co-treasurer, Matt M currently has personal information tied to RI Area ACA Intergroup bank account (SS#, etc). In order to eliminate him from the account, Intergroup needs to file for tax exempt status. A spirited discussion ensued; whether to decide on 501 C 3 or 501 C 7 status?

Motion made and unanimously carried to table discussion for now.

B. Loving Parent event: Bonnie M- cochair of The Loving Parent Guidebook subcommittee, will be giving a talk on Saturday 11/6/2021 at The Salvation Army chapel on 201 Pitman St. Providence from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. In person capacity of chapel is 75 people. The talk will also be offered on Zoom channel.

Discussion included particulars; mask mandate?, open to the public?, how to register?, does Intergroup donate to SA for the space?, etc. Matt M will be planning for light food fare. The LPG workshop committee will hold a special meeting to finalize details on Saturday 10/9/2021 at 9:30 AM.

Motion made and unanimously carried to table discussion for now.

Meeting closed at 10:30 with The Serenity Prayer; Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 10/30/21 @ 9:30 am via Zoom Channel

ADDENDUM:

Special meeting 10/16/2021 at 9:30 to discuss tax exempt status:

**In attendance: Guy T, Deana G, Bridgit B, Joe G, Pike P, Matt M
Bridgit B read "Sharing in business meetings" from BRB.**

Agenda: Tax exempt status is needed to eliminate any individual's personal information from the Intergroup back account.

Discussion ensued whether to file for 501C 3 or 501C 7 tax exempt status. Pros and cons were presented.

Motion made and carried to accept 501C 7 tax exempt status. 4 yeas 1 nay 1 abstain

Meeting closed at 10:05 with The Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted Co-secretary-Chris C 10/20/2021