

RHODE ISLAND ACA INTERGROUP MEETING Minutes

3/6/21 @ 9:15 AM via Zoom channel

In attendance: Bridget B, Chris C, Deana, Guy T, Matt M, Bridget V, Pike P; Observing: Kelsey

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

Minutes read:

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve minutes from 2/6/21 meeting

Agenda Item #1: Literature report

Bridgett V reported WSO discount has still not gone through and Deanna said the WSO has not been transferred from Tracy M's email address to Intergroup yet and will contact them again March 12th. It was suggested we hold from ordering literature until this is resolved.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

Agenda item #2: Treasurer's report:

Matt M reported there is currently a balance of \$819.15 including prudent reserve.

Deanna said there was \$360 remaining from her meeting's treasury: from this she has also paid the second Zoom channel of \$160 and will send the difference of \$200 to the RI Area Intergroup this month. Matt reported that some funds from the new channel group meetings were coming in.

Guy and Matt will work in near future to expand modes of payment for 7th Tradition funding with suggestion of getting a Post Office Box for the group-to be discussed under New Business below.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Treasurer's report.

Agenda Item #3: Website / Technical report

Deanna made the Paypal hot-link posting for ease in collecting 7th Tradition funds: Guy reporting using it. The second Zoom channel was set up by Deanna and Bridgett to expand access for more meetings to the RI/MA community on a month-to-month basis. Bridgit B is developing an Application Form for new meetings that want to be hosted in the future.

Deanna suggested to move the ACA Business Meetings to the new Zoom channel to avoid interrupting existing ACA scheduled meetings. Discussion followed.

Motion made and unanimously carried to move Intergroup's Business Meetings to new Zoom channel.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Website / technical report.

Agenda Item# 4: Newsletter:

As part of furthering outreach Deana and Bridgit added a hot-linked Google calendar to the RIAREAACA website for both In-person meetings and Zoom online meetings that is in operation. The newsletter will hold its next meeting Saturday at 9:15 am 3/13/21.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Newsletter report.

New Business: RI Area/Regional Representative Positions

Due to New England Regional meeting schedule change, Guy T will be stepping down as group's representative.

Chris C offered to be our New England Regional /WSO Representative agreeing to attend regional meetings online one Saturday a month.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept following positions: Chris to replace Guy as our RI Area Regional Representative [ARR]; Bridgit B, as Alternate AAR; and Deanna as WSO Representative.

Guy attended last month's New England Regional meeting and reported their schedule change to [First?] Saturday typically held 4:30-6 pm with an extra meeting to be on 3/27/21 to address their 18 Proposals that are to be brought to the WSO Annual Conference for voting. These proposals are in the *WSO Traveler Newsletter*. Also Deanna sent them to RI Area members by email today to pre-view.

Discussion: Do we vote on the proposals?

A new Meeting was set for us to pre-view the 18 Proposals for Sat., 3/13/ 2021 prior to the WSO to decide to vote or not. Chris C will attend the 3/27/21 NE Regional 18 Proposal meeting and report results.

Secretary's Note: We are lacking in Representatives from the 19 + RI/MA Meetings in our own RI Area Intergroup, so without this foundation, will our Intergroup votes be a true representation of the meetings we are to be serving? {Cart/Horse situation?}

Motion made and accepted for RI Area ACA to preview 18 proposals in meeting held 3/13/21.

General discussion: Post Office Box

Guy suggested that RI Area ACA acquire a rental Post Office box to receive checks for 7th Tradition at cost of \$134. per year in Providence and he would check into it..

Motion made and unanimously carried to rent a POB in Providence

Banking:

Discussion followed on potential tax liability and the possibility of forming 501C-7 Not for Profit (a "club" like non-taxable) status for RI Area Intergroup. Deanna offered to research and report back.

Motion made and unanimously carried to review attaining 501c-7 status.

Motion made and unanimously carried to close the meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 4/6/21 @ 9:15 am via Zoom Channel

Potential topics for next month's meeting agenda:

Literature report; Treasurer's report; Website / technical report; Newsletter; Outreach

Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with The Serenity Prayer

DRAFT: Respectfully submitted 3/07/21 – Pike P, Co-Secretary