

RHODE ISLAND AREA
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

8/7/21 @ 9:15 AM via Zoom channel

In attendance: Brian K, Bridgit B, Chris C, Deana G, Bridget V, Pike P; Joe G, Matt M, Guy T
Bridgit B opened the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from 7/8/21 Intergroup meeting

Agenda Item #1: Treasury:

There is \$1,486.80 in the treasury currently. It was recommended not dispersing any funds for now as there are expenses coming up.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the report.

Agenda item #2: Literature:

Joe G suggested he and co- chair Bridget V be contacted by text if and when ordering literature. Joe stated the Freedom Hall meeting is slowly purchasing books. He mentioned there is new literature coming in: ex Loving Parent Guidebook.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the report.

Item #3: Outreach:

Pike P is developing a contact pocket book listing people who are willing to talk to others in need. Discussion included whether it is appropriate for RI Area Intergroup to provide any contact information, as there may be potential for privacy / confidentiality breaches? If there was to be any organizational input, should there be a waiver for people to sign divesting RI Area ACA of any responsibility? It was suggested only individuals contribute their contact information, and perhaps this could be announced at meetings?

Motion made and unanimously carried to table discussion.

Agenda Item #4: Website / Technical / Newsletter:

Deana G stated 191 people visited the website 383 times in the past month, and 539 people visited 1,053 times in the past 90 days. There are currently 141 people on the email list (up from 130 in June). The newsletter is sent out to 440 people.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the report.

Agenda Item #5: 501 7 C Non- profit status:

No report. No tax ID # yet. Matt M is using his SS# for now.

Agenda Item #6: NE regional / WSO:

No reports

New business:

1. Loving Parent Guidebook author visit: Plans are in the works to bring a co-author to lecture in RI soon. She is currently unavailable; Joe G will be in touch with her soon. Sites were discussed; local churches? Salvation Army? Brown University? What will expenses be (possible hotel costs, etc)? It was noted that her WSO presentation was well received. Discussion was tabled.
2. Promoting Intergroup participation: Discussion included; Not all RI area ACA are represented in Intergroup. Can we get back to in-person Intergroup meeting? Should we develop a hybrid (part in-person part Zoom) to attract people? There have been previous attempts with technical difficulties occurring. Motion made and unanimously carried to have Chris C and Matt M explore development of a blended / hybrid as a way to present meetings.
3. Recovery picnic: Sunday 8/29 at Haines Park Riverside from noon- 5. Matt M is sending out an electronic flyer. Notice will also be posted in ACA newsletter. Should Intergroup support? Motion made and unanimously carried to donate \$100 to picnic for expenses.

Brian K was welcomed to the group.

Members sang happy birthday to Bridget V!

Motion made and unanimously carried to close the meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 9/11/21 @ 9:15 am via Zoom Channel

Potential topics for next month's meeting agenda:

Election of new co-secretary, All reports: Literature, Treasurer, Website/ technical, Newsletter, Outreach, etc.

Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with The Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted 9/2/21 – Chris C, Co-Secretary