

RHODE ISLAND AREA
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

4/3/21 @ 9:15 AM via Zoom channel

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

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

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve minutes from 3/6/21 Intergroup meeting and minutes from the Special meeting on WSO 18 proposals held on 3/11/21

Agenda Item #1: Literature report

Bridget V reported the WSO discount is operational. Matt M stated Joe G has concerns over slow book sales currently, due to fewer in-person meetings, COVID-19 restrictions, and the popularity of Zoom meetings. It was suggested we hold off ordering new literature for now.

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 \$988.63 including prudent reserve. Deanna stated she still has a \$200 donation yet to be put into the treasury. Adding the new mail box will expand ways for group contributions coming into Intergroup treasury.

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

Agenda Item #3: Website / Technical report

The 2nd Zoom channel is operational, and has been an effective venue for the monthly Intergroup meeting, group meetings, and workshops.

Deana stated her email list is now comprised of 120 people.

The new post office box address is now listed on the ACA website.

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

Agenda Item# 4: Newsletter report:

The current Newsletter is still in production, and will be available soon.

Movie night has been a success. Coming attractions are being emailed out to ACA members.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Newsletter report.

Agenda Item #5- Other reports:

North East Regional ACA- Chris C reported there is a trifold pamphlet available for download on the WSO website focused on Health Professional outreach.

The Region is looking for volunteers to fill service position.

Chris has volunteered for a role in the Regional Outreach Committee.

The Region Technical Committee is following all virtual meeting activities, information is in graph format available for viewing on the Regional website.

Chris will forward a brief report monthly for posting on RI Area ACA website.

Outreach / WSO Reports:

Reports are tabled.

Old business:

Guy T reported the new RI Area ACA post office box is # 40901 (zip code 02940). He has two keys. He will keep one. He stated he has prepaid the postal box rent for 6 months as a donation to ACA. Discussion followed; it was recommended that future costs be made through Intergroup budget rather than an individual's gift.

Motion made and unanimously carried to give the second key to Matt M.

New business:

Guy and Matt are to switch service positions; Guy is now Treasurer, and Matt is now co-treasurer in a motion made and carried unanimously.

Guy will research possible 501 C7 status (non- profit). If approved, ACA Intergroup will be an entity unto its own. Guy will provide a future update.

New discussions included;

Only share personal information of Intergroup members when necessary. ACA is not dependent on individuals.

RI Area ACA Intergroup needs representation from all local groups. How to promote participation? Ask individual members to discuss at meetings / group business meetings? There are less business meetings being held with groups on Zoom. Develop a list of contact persons for individual groups? Some group have none.

Is it appropriate to set a format for a "healthy ACA group" in order to encourage Intergroup participation? Groups are autonomous. 12 step groups operate on an inverted pyramid model. There is no hierarchy; no "us or them".

Website newsletter has an ongoing invitation for service on its first page.

There is a 5 week workshop available; Ready Set Go (How ACA Works).

Zoom meetings may mean less local attendance; anyone from anywhere can join in. Does that mean less commitment to local service generally in the past year?

Zoom meetings are evolving.

Remember RI Area ACA Intergroup Vision Statement for direction.

Motion made and unanimously carried to have Bridget V research the above discussion material for a presentation next month.

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 5/8/21 @ 9:15 am via Zoom Channel

Potential topics for next month's meeting agenda:

All reports: Literature, Treasurer, Website / technical, Newsletter, Outreach

Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with The Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted 4/27/21 – Chris C, Co-Secretary

