

RI Area ACA INTERGROUP EVENT

Sub-Committee Meeting: Loving Parent Guest Speaker Bonnie M.

MINUTES 10/30/21 9:30 AM

In attendance: Guy T and Joe G Co-chairs
Bridgit B, Deana G, Meg, Eric, Diane, Doug, Chris C, Matt M, Pike P,

Guy T. ,Co-Chairperson opened the meeting with The Serenity Prayer

Registration:

Deanna reported we have 29 people signed up in person and 14 Zoom registered for the event.

Set-Up and Clean Up:

Doug said he will check people in. We have tables, sign-up sheets and will greet people. He plans to be in Providence Friday night and on site early at 8 am. We will have name-tags at sign-in.

Deanna will email the registration list of attendees to Doug and Sherry to have at registration table.

Matt has Banner to hang and asked if we need to ramp up attendance?

Chris added that he attended the Regional ACA meeting and it is on their calendar

Joe asked what if there is an overflow? Deanne said she will bring third laptop to hold Zoom meeting in another area such as the courtyard. Guy mentioned there is room to overflow. Joe offered that Salvation Army is very cooperative and has plenty of other spaces to extend the audience if there is need.

Meg acknowledged we , Meg, Matt, Joe and Pike met yesterday to review what equipment was there. People may need help connecting to Zoom and will help.

Dianne asked if we have enough bandwidth in case there are a lot of last minute attendees on Zoom?

Deanna responded that there's enough as we have forty people signed up for zoom and also mentioned we need to be Covid aware and not crowd the room.

Joe G. There are money issues to get reimbursed such as speaker and we will need a donation box at registration table. There will be a literature table and books for sale for cash only sales as we dont have a card reader or check verifier.

Matt said no checks, no credit cards. Books may be bought online with Paypal.

Pike has 2 canvas versions of the Loving Parent Guidebook flyer: one framed by Jody to present to Bonnie, and one to raffle for donations.

Discussion circled back to Zoom and technology on issues over recent past planning events that devolved into heated dialog over people stating their perspective on the course of events that lead to notification of the chair's resignation the night before.

Deanna spoke of volunteering to chair technology for the event months ago and to do the event recording for ACA and met with Joe once the venue was decided. Meg attending Intergroup in September offered to co-chair technology for the event and motion had been made for her to co-chair.

Due to numerous break-out sub committee meetings and communication break down, roles of participating members became confused and overlapped leading to hurt feelings and impulsive dialog.

Matt called for order asking to state just facts.

After hearing both sides of the members' differences and their offers to make amends and Bridget offering to resume as chair of Intergroup, Guy and Joe as co-chairs resumed chairing.

Eric offered to be there at 8 am to help with set-up or what ever needed to be done.

Matt and Guy have secured tents and tables.

Matt with Bridgit and other members have the food taken care of to have small items, finger foods, Continental style and hot and cold beverages.

Guy asked for the necessity to have another meeting Wednesday before the event that was met with mixed reactions.

Note: the November monthly RI Area Intergroup Meeting was postponed to **Saturday, November 13 at 9:30 in person and on Zoom hybrid.**

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:35 AM

Respectfully submitted –Pike P. Co-secretary