

RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP
Meeting Minutes. DRAFT
2/4/2023 @ 9:30 AM via Zoom

In attendance: Linda, Deana G, Chris Cooke, Pike P, Wendy, Sarah (monitoring)

Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Linda opened with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes: Deana inquired if we all read Minutes of last meeting we can pass on reading them now. We had.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept minutes.

A: Reports:

Treasury Report:

There is presently \$ 784.85 in the bank account in checking. We started last month with \$230. and \$40. came in from Literature; \$113 from event proceeds; \$180 from the Friday Group and \$50 from the Saturday Group, bringing it to \$641. In Paypal account there's \$19.40. and recent 7th Tradition donations of 145.45. The only pending bill is the annual Post Office of \$80. For the Linda said she has also collected about \$150 from her group.

The upcoming recovery Rally table will cost \$250 and we may need some funds for the second May Breakfast at Freedom Hall.

Chris inquired about making a donation to WSO in light of their recent email for needed funding. We as a group agreed to keep our funds as our prudent reserve and for upcoming needs and if there is an overage we will send it to WSO. Pike asked what our figure is for prudent reserve? Deana and Pike will get together to discuss figure.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Treasury Report

Literature Report:

Joe was unable to attend so we agreed to Table Report until Joe is present.

Motion made and unanimously approved to table Literature Report

Technology and Newsletter Report:

Deana reported the data showed there were 962 visitors to the website and 448 were repeating visitors which means the traffic is good. The email list is growing monthly and we now show 385 are actively subscribed including "Zoomers" and 45 persons unsubscribed.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

NE Regional:

Chris reported that WSO is doing the delegate meetings on a quarterly basis now. Every person in ACA is invited to attend as a non-voting member and the next meeting is this February 18th, and after that there's one in May. They are discussing updating all the literature to include the phrase "and dysfunctional families" especially in the 12 Concepts, particularly 2 and 6. Chris met with [?] Banker and said she was totally impressed with the website. Deana acknowledged the

credit really goes to Tracy McGraw, a founder in the RI IG and that she described the design for most of it. Pike said as Tracy did so much for IG, perhaps we send her a thank you and acknowledgement from Intergroup. Chris and Linda concurred with the gesture. Linda agreed to find an appropriate card for us to sign and send.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

WSO Report: No report except what was mentioned above.

Outreach Report:

Linda reported that she and Joe spoke about having breakfast meeting after next Intergroup to plan more Outreach, though Joe will be away in March perhaps Chris and Reb

Discussion: Chris said in the rehab field he is aware that the aftercare suggests AA and NA, so we should ask them to include ACA meetings and literature as recommendation for aftercare. Pike suggested updating the tri-fold meeting list to put in racks of clinics, etc. and is official committee Public Information of 12 Step organizations. Chris said there was an ACA group starting in Woosocket. Deana mentioned since the Loving Parent Guidebook came out ACA is growing. Deana suggested making presentations to staff in recovery organizations of web literature and zoom links. The point is to have ACA meetings in rehab and Treatment centers, even bulletin boards in laundry mats and grocery stores. To add to next months 'New Biz.'

Motion made and unanimously granted to accept Outreach Report

Old Business:

Movie Event was a success. Headcount of about 60 people and some from out of state. Fireside ACA Meeting was powerful.

Next event will be second annual Spring Gathering and Deana suggested holding it in same venue as movie-she called Sara and got word that March 26th as planned, the hall will not be available so we booked the following week April 2nd, 2023. We can promote a 'save the date' now. Pike suggested a printed program, IE: door opens time, pot luck, music, etc. and perhaps offer some fun things like fundraiser games and bigger raffle of literature. Also, we might use the opportunity to campaign to recruit members to Intergroup. Linda mentioned Steve's book and also suggested making an art exhibit available again to members.

New Business:

Event: Planning and poster/program.

Attracting IG members.

Chris offered to postpone next meeting 1 week so Pike and Joe can attend.

Next meeting March 11, 2022 9:30 AM

Motion made and unanimously accepted to close the meeting.

Meeting closed at 10:25 AM with ACA Serenity prayer

Respectfully submitted, Pike, secretary