

RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP
Meeting Minutes **draft**
4/5/2024 @ 9:30 AM via Zoom

In attendance: Ann M., Deana G., Linda M., Joe G., Chris C., Pike P.

Meeting was called to order and was opened with the ACA Serenity Prayer

Linda read last month's Minutes

Motion was made and unanimously accepted to approve the minutes of last meeting.

A: Reports:

Treasury Report:

Deanna reported \$727.15 is in our Citizen's Bank account. There is 0 in the Paypal account, and payments made for \$91 to the Post Office Box and Quickbooks for \$32.10. The bill for the 2 new banners was paid for \$108.35 and they have been delivered. Ann reported the Sat. North Kingstown "Learning to Thrive" meeting will be sending 50% after expenses to the RI Area Intergroup. Pike said the Monday Night NK Meeting will be doing the same.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Treasury Report.

Literature Report: Joe reported there is a healthy supply of literature. He's not sure of exact amounts though there are plenty of T-shirts and some recent sales of books to groups. The BRBs are a little low so he will be putting in an order about the same amount as last order. He will get together with Deana to make recent sales payments and inventory.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Literature Report

NE Regional: Chris reported from the last he attended in April there was more discussion on the WSO Ballot Proposals. Rhode Island did not have a lot of input. All is in place and will be voted on during the ABC meeting May 18/19, 2024. Ann asked about the ballots. Chris explained the function of ACA's ABC-Annual Business Conference is to hear from groups and Intergroups about suggestions to be proposed and put on ballots to be voted on by the general service representatives from all the groups that are officially registered with World Service Organization. Only important changes are made that benefit ACA as a whole world-wide. One ballot suggestion is to change the name of the organization adding options to ACA; IE: 'and Dysfunctional Families'. We are all welcome to join the conference online, where the ballots are listed on WSO's Website.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept the Northeast Regional Report

Technology and Newsletter Report:

Deana reported the there were over 600 viewer-opens of the Website and 400 unique visits. Presently there are 420 actively subscribed members registered. She will post the Spring Event on the updated Newsletter. She designed the poster to look like last year's for continuity and remarked this is our 3rd Annual Spring Gathering.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

WSO Report: No report.

Outreach Report:

Linda reported that she is excited about the spring event season coming! Ann suggested we consider more occasions to make ourselves known as in the Rally for Recovery-passing out pamphlets and marketing what we do. Chris reported he is doubling his efforts to get a new meeting going on Monday or Wednesdays perhaps at 5 PM or later.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Outreach Report

Old Business:

Spring Event: Deana booked St. James church for the next ACA Spring Event for Saturday, April 27th. We can enter at 11 am for set up. Doors are open at 12:00 and Potluck begins when people show up with the food. We will have a group meeting at 5 PM and then clean-up and be out by 7 PM. Chris said the musicians will be coming to play outdoors with their own PA system. Deana suggested the Event be free and only donation box at the door. Linda suggested a donation box and showed an example. Deana will order it. She also suggested a Raffle-a, a Free raffle and she will donate things as self-care items, stickers, etc., so bring donatable items if you like. Raffle tickets are in the event bin. Chris suggested people bring chairs for outdoors.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to have no charge for the event-and donation only.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to purchase a donation box.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to offer a free raffle basket/s.

New Business:

Linda proposed to hold our meetings on Sundays so not to overlap with events and meetings. This was met with mixed feelings so it will be tabled for further discussion. The upcoming Rally for Recovery as part of RI Cares project was interested in a volunteer for their large summer rally. Chris said he would volunteer to be a rep with them.

Motion made and unanimously accepted for Chris to be a rep of ACA for the Rally for Recovery.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to close the meeting.

Next meeting 5/4/2024 9:30- AM

Meeting closed at 10:25 AM with the ACA version of the Serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pike, secretary