

RI AREA ACA
INTERGROUP MINUTES

7-5-22 @ 9:30 AM Live and Zoom

In attendance: Chris C, Deana G, Joe G, Rebecca, Pike P

Deana made a call for emergency vote in the absence of Bridgette V, chair and elected Rebecca as co-chair.

Motion made and accepted to elect and accept Rebecca as the Intergroup's co-chair.

**Rebecca, newly elected co-chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence
and The Serenity Prayer**

Pike read last month's Minutes

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from 6/4/22 Intergroup meeting

Agenda Item #1: Committee Reports:

Treasury Report:

Deana G reported \$1,216.92 in the treasury currently. \$180 is earmarked for new literature and T-shirt fund.

Annual overhead is currently \$520.29 and Income \$417.49

The bills have been paid; Zoom 1 & Zoom 2, P.O. box, Web domain, and web site.

Group decided no donations will be made to Region or WSO at this time.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

Literature report:

T shirts and literature were sold at May Day's recovery breakfast. Joe G stated inventory is plentiful: 7 BRB; 1 Laundry List Traits; 7 Strengthening my recovery; 5 Loving Parent Guidebooks. T-Shirt sales are up. Prices for ACA literature will be going up though we will sell the present inventory for original prices paid. Joe G reported he is making a donation to support the speaker for the new coming event.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

Regional report:

No meeting held; No Report

Technology / Newsletter report:

Deana G reported there were 247 new emails and 542 website views, so is going healthily. She stated there are approximately 200 new visitors to the site. in the RI Area mailing list. Deana stated the Zoom meetings are still not well funded.

Discussion: Ideas were shared about how to get more funding when zoom meetings tend to promote other sources of information and detract from RI Area Intergroup getting support. There are issues with the early morning meetings promoting other Intergroups and though every group is autonomous there is a responsibility to support the sub structure such as Zoom account that is analogous to paying rent for use of a facility. Joe asked if accusations were verifiable and Chris said we must avoid shaming.

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Looking forward, intergroup needs to attract more members to the intergroup; and we need to further the education of the Traditions, Concepts and the real expenses of holding zoom meetings for groups as well as the benefits of the service.

Also, we need to do more recruitment, perhaps at events or in a summit or campaign. Rebecca brought up documenting what we do and its costs and Deanna said the financials are all on the website. It was agreed to draft a letter to go out soon, before next meeting. Rebecca agreed to write the letter with Pike's and Deanna's our input by the 15th of July.

Motion made and unanimously carried to send a "get involved" letter before the next meeting.*

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Technology and Newsletter report.

Outreach Report:

Speaker event- The committee has found speakers and a location-Church of the Mediator on the first Saturday in November for an speaker event titled: "From Shame to Forgiveness". The committee met and have recruited others for set-up, poster, food, music, etc., though a lot more hands are needed, and will be meeting in August, to plan further to determine answers to questions as entry fees, etc. Joe also announced the Annual AA picnic coming up August 21st, 2022 and ACA will attend and contribute-unspecified.

Joe G. stated there is a new meeting starting up in Pawtucket soon.

Pike mentioned a new live meeting at Yana Club- a facility for all types of 12-step meetings Mondays at 7pm in Middletown, Aquidneck Ave.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Outreach Report

WSO- No report. Intergroup currently needs a rep.

Old Business: Tabled: RI Area Intergroup to send to ACA Region a letter requesting funding for new groups in RI Area.

New Business: No new business except what was noted in reports.

Meeting closed at 10:00 with The Serenity Prayer;

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 8/6/22 @ 9:30 am live and via Zoom Channel

Respectfully submitted on 8/2/22 by Pike P, secretary

*Secretary post script: The 7th Tradition reminder and 'get involved' letter written by Rebecca was sent by the 15th to our web addresses and other group mail lists that we have.