

Rhode Island Area ACA Intergroup

Meeting Minutes.

January 6, 2024

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

Meeting Opened 9:30 with the ACA Serenity Prayer

Item 1: Minutes

Linda read the Minutes of the December 2023 Intergroup Meeting

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Minutes of Meeting on 12/2/20023

Item 2: Reports

Treasury Report: Deana reported our account balance at Citizens is \$1024. 25, and with PayPal account of \$31.48 our total is \$1055.83. Zoom#1 account was paid December 2023 and Zoom #2 account paid this January. Ann inquired about the donations proportion coming from the North Kingstown Meetings. Linda said the suggested amount from WSO is the net after rent, prudent reserve and other overhead to be 60% to Intergroup; 30% to Regional and 10% to World Service. Deana noted more donations come in on Zoom than from Live meetings. Ann said she will put it on the group's agenda for their next meeting.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Treasury Report

Literature Report: Joe G reported ordering new literature including the 5-per group newcomer brochures for each in-person groups as a starter. North Kingston Saturday Meeting ordered literature.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Literature Report

Regional Report: Chris C. reported meeting with the Regional Group last Saturday. The main takeaway was that the group is still in progress of pursuing the Re Certification. The Western Regional group is concerned with the Board of Trustees alleging they are 'overstepping' in their service. They are working on an Operations Manual and requesting Regional become certified every year instead of three years. They want to meet with the Board of Trustees to discuss Tradition2; the Concepts of ACA; with the gist of having the NE Regional group more answerable to the Annual Conference as opposed to the Board of Trustees. They have 90 Days to respond.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Regional Report.

Technology/Newsletter Report: Deana reported there were 462 website viewer and after 65 unsubscribed we are left with 402 regular viewer and 392 unique views in December and this does not include repetitive site traffic. The Tony A. version of the ACA 12-Steps is still the most visited page. Overall membership for the site is slowly growing.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Technology/Newsletter Report

Outreach Report: Linda reported an impromptu meeting over breakfast where Joe, Deana Linda and Pike discussed varied approaches to a winter event such as a movie or fireside night meeting. A movie list of recovery related themes was gathered from various sources with the idea to collect a them to review, edit down, and to present to members to take a vote on their favorite. A list will be sent out soon.

Linda mentioned putting our meeting brochures in public places and as the Big Red Book has suggestions for spreading public information. Brief discussion about location of information should be affiliated with mental health and drug recovery programs-IE for people already seeking help. Ann offered to assist. Joe added that we might put them out at a site in. the upcoming AA Conference in Newport.

Pike commented that as we are legitimately a Not-for-profit that we consider paying something for Deana services as it is keeping within our Traditions and it is a legitimate expense to pay for technology and web design, etc. to outside parties. Some discussion concluded that Deana did not want that, as its her personal donation.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to accept the Outreach Report

[Secretary Note: note taking was resumed by Chris C. as I was needing to leave.]

Item 3. New Business: The event is set for February 10, 2024 of the Angell Street Church where Friday night meetings are held though in the newly renovated back room and rent would be \$200. and \$20. an hour to use their tech equipment, if approved.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to pay \$200. rent for the event.

Deana offered to research and purchase an overhead projector and necessary other tech equipment for less than \$300. that we could use for future events.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to purchase the camera and projector needed for the event for max of \$300.

Item 4. Old Business: Updating the printed meeting list to include all RI area meetings whether or not they are part of Intergroup such as the Monday Night Yana Club meeting in Middletown. Movie information to be collected.

Motion made and unanimously agreed to close the meeting.

Next Meeting online via Zoom February 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Pike P and Chris C.