

RHODE ISLAND AREA  
**ACA INTERGROUP MEETING**

11/4/21 @ 9:30 AM via Zoom channel

**In attendance: Deana, Chris C, Joe G, Bryan, Pike P [Zoom]: Bridget V, Diane, Jessica, Kelsey**

Bridget V opened the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer

Bridget read the agenda that was sent in the Newsletter last week and opened the discussion.

**Agenda 1:** There were questions and suggestions offered to determine guidelines for whom is a voting or non voting member with considerations for consistent attendees, members that have accepted positions of office and local group representatives. Comments over what other groups including WSO do, ACA guidelines and RI Area Intergroup' own history became confused with the topic of Safety and Meeting Conduct.

No resolution was made so with the intent to revisit the Information Diane had gathered and Deana sent out we agreed that in order to gain clarity we agreed to do the homework before the next meeting, and postpone further discussion to New Business following Committee Reports, if time allowed.

Motion made and accepted to approve last Intergroup and Finance Meeting Minutes.

**Agenda 2: Committee Reports:**

**1. Treasury:** Deana stated there was a Finance Meeting and new statements are posted on the website; We have \$640 in the treasury after disbursements. Our Prudent Reserve to cover the Annual Zoom: \$160 x 2 and Website: \$175 expenses is \$500. The Bonnie M Event raised \$1,155. We donated \$586 to New England Regional, \$390 to WSO, \$150 to Salvation Army and \$50 to Bonnie M.

Motion made and accepted to approve Treasury Report

**2. Literature:** Joe G reported there was \$200 in cash and the rest is in book inventory. There are still "Loving Parent GuideBooks" available.

Motion made and accepted to approve Literature Report

**3. Outreach:** Pike reported there has been no discussion with Auburn the new co-chair and herself yet. Next outreach occasion was Joe's suggestion to pursue a table at the February 2022 AA Convention in Newport, RI to sell literature as 12 step Outreach and she has a contact person in AA Regional.

Motion made and accepted to approve Outreach Report

**4. Newsletter:** Deana said the Newsletter went out with 8 -9 downloadable attachments for viewing including minutes and WSO information. Square neatly tracks all our donations on the website.

Motion made and accepted to approve Newsletter Report

**5. WSO Report:** No Representative so no report.

**6. New England Regional Report:** Chris C reported he attended the November 17, 2021 Zoom Meeting and they discussed goals for 2022. Some had attended the Bonnie M Event and unanimously agreed it

was a success and asked Chris what NE Regional could do for Intergroup for support in the future. Chris said he would bring that to the group to discuss.

Motion made and accepted to approve NE Regional Report

**7. Secretary Report:** Co-secretary Kelsey will produce a mail list with Pike. Deanna has email list already.

**Old Business:**

**Who can Vote?** Diane expressed her history on Safety Committee in the past and talked about her contact with WSO's Code of Conduct information. Chris offered that local Group elected Reps and Service (Officers) members can vote. Joe asked if ACA has written criteria. Chris said it is up to each Intergroup to determine. Jessica said she is now Rep of the 7 AM Daily Zoom Meeting and commented that literature stated 'Less control is better'. Pike stated we have to attract members. Chris stated he understood having 'open' meetings yet there may be levels of participation: voting members, observers and auditors. Diane spoke again on Safety issues and asked for 2 minutes explaining she had history of being closed out of AA meeting discussions.

Kelsey said as a co-secretary she could vote though she was feeling uncomfortable in the Intergroup meetings and felt unsafe about sharing-her inner child came out as she had had prior experience with a current group member. Diane and Deanna agreed to disseminate the WSO and other voting member info before next meeting. Bridget called for clarification and asked for a Motion on the Topic

Motion made and accepted to research voting guidelines info before next meeting vote.

Motion made and accepted to revisit and clarify Membership guidelines til next meeting.

**New Business:**

Chris made the suggestion to consider holding meetings bi-monthly as there's been a lot of pressure to get things done every month and the holidays are coming. Deanna said she'd agree if meetings were 1 ½ hours. Bridget stated we need to decide on topics first. Joe suggested the month off would give committee group time to assemble and called a motion to hold next meeting in February 2022 when we will establish a schedule for the following meeting dates.

Dianne brought up Norms of Conduct again and Deanna acknowledged some people in the room could be grandfathered in having attended Intergroup meetings for months. Diane suggested a Safety Committee. Pike stated we have too few working members to fill the active committees to make one more sub-committee. Discussion continued a bit then Bridget called for a vote in the interest of closing meeting on time and revisiting the topic in the next meeting..

Vote on next meeting in February: 5 Yays: 3 Nays

Motion made and accepted to hold next meeting on February 5, 2022 for 1 ½ hrs.

Motion made and accepted to close the meeting.

**Meeting closed with the ACA Serenity Prayer**

**Next Meeting: February 5, 2022 at 9:30 AM-11:00 AM**

Respectively submitted-Pike co-secretary