

RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP  
Meeting Minutes.  
11/12/2022 @ 9:30 AM in person and via Zoom

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

Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Agenda: Minutes; Committee Reports; Event; Other business

Minutes: Deanna read Minutes

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept minutes.

Reports:

Treasury Report:

There is 530.69 in our bank account Deana reported, that is before pending payments; Due is a check to reimburse Joe \$130 for a gift card; A check to Linda for reimbursement of table ware and food; and a payment to Salvation Army \$ is due-we gave \$150 last year for use of office. Deanna made P&L spreadsheet. The annual donations were \$1560. and contributions were a little down this year from last year. The Event income was \$220. and expenses were \$550. and Deana remarked that there were many more benefits not financial. Linda added there was a lot of printing and pot luck materials supplies; paper goods, etc. left in our inventory and added there were other values too-a lot was learned through the event.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Treasury Report

Literature Report:

Joe said there were many T-shirts and literature for the event. The table was successful-It is all inventoried-though he does not have those numbers on hand.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Literature Report

Technology and Newsletter Report:

Deana is editing the recording from the Event into a video to post on YouTube to publish for the ACA community. She noted when the Guzman's sent their PowerPoint she discovered when logging into our Mac email account it had been regularly monitored by someone who was not authorized to log in using his or her I-phone and computer, as recently as an hour prior. Deana immediately unlogged that user and assured the account was no longer accessible by that person. Discussion: Joe said that this person has no authority to be checking our email even though we don't communicate personally on that account, it's for others on the email list who make donations, send complaints and other personal member information on Intergroup Deana spoke to another former member who attended the Event about the unauthorized login and he defended the behavior saying the group wants to stay informed. Linda inquired if there was still access. Deana responded, no, they have been logged out permanently. Chris added the email account is not available for all members only Intergroup. Deanna added the account was accessed frequently the entire time by computer and phone and was concerned members' messages viewed had donation and IRS information. Rebecca inquired how the access happened and Deana explained a year ago intergroup had a technology person liasone who at the time was given security code and after quitting Intergroup two months later continued using the code to log in to intergroup's email. Email hacking is a serious offence and the group agreed permanent lock out was an appropriate action.

Discussion continued; Rebecca inquired what intergroup should do suggesting notifying the person by email or letter. Joe said we made motions last meeting to not give out the host key numbers Rebecca added we had never needed them before, and it has become problematic. Chris questioned if we are being more than observant and reminded intergroup to be supportive of the groups. Rebecca said she was aware of that thought there are some real problems. Deana said there are rule agreed to at the at the beginning about the use of our open Zoom channels 1)- keeping the channels open and 2)- access through email to intergroup or trusted servant not published elsewhere (IE WSO). Persons don't have the authority to override our ownership of Intergroup's Zoom channels. Chris suggested we step back and remind us to be supportive. Linda added this is the only renegade group and its a tricky situation and an email letter explaining rules of zoom channel use would be appropriate. Chris made motion.

Motion made and accepted unanimously for Deanna to email WSO.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to have Deana and Rebecca draft a letter informing group of actions to remove host key and the zoom passcode from WSO

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

#### NE Regional Report:

The region declined to assist RI Area Intergroup with financial help for both new group start-ups and the November speaker event The question came up about supporting NE Reg. or not. We haven't donated this year. It was noted that financial support may be available in the future- there is a plan for a scholarship fund forthcoming. Joe mentioned he wished there was more reciprocity from Regional. Chris added not to be acting tit for tat and that NE Reg. did receive a donation from a RI Group perhaps the 7AM zoom meeting.

Also, the WSO quarterly meeting is 11/12 today- all are welcome to attend. Also the region has service positions open.

WSO Report: No report

#### Outreach Report:

Joe said we need o let people know that the Event Video of the Guzmans' is available. Thank you Deana. Linda added that we need to do more outreach. Rebecca added we need intergroup reps. We agreed the event went well , just a good amount of people. Rebecca noted here say that an announcement was made about the event not being an official ACA approved speaker event which may have had a negative effect on the in-person turn out. Linda said we'll need to table plans for next event. Pike called a motion to postpone outreach planning and do a whole one year plan.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to make a one year plan for 2023 in December Meeting.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to close the meeting.

Next meeting December 3, 2022 9;30 AM

Meeting closed at 10;30 AM

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Respectfully submitted, Pike, secretary