

**RHODE ISLAND AREA**  
**ACA INTERGROUP MEETING**  
5/8/2021 @ 9:15 AM via Zoom channel

**In attendance: Bridgit B, Chris C, Guy T, Bridget V, Pike P; Donna**

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

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve minutes from 4/3/21 Intergroup meeting following strike of Bridget B.'s comment on intergroup

**Bridget stated a change in agenda order to get comment from Donna regarding research on 501 c-3 and 501 c-7 status formation; all agreed.**

**New Agenda Report:**

Donna stated that Guy asked her to look into the differences in the non-profit and not-for-profit government statuses for organization of our ACA Intergroup. Her initial search showed that there are 5 versions of 501 c-3 and 501 c-7 and she has questions for the groups needs before she can give details on the options available. Pike noted we were looking for not for profit status without any tax liability. Donna will send more specific questions to the group members so we can preview them before giving the groups detailed answers.

Motion made and unanimously carried to have Donna email group questions on 501 c-3 and 501 c-7 status for further information gatehring.

**Agenda Item #1: Literature report**

Chris C reported that Joe G ordered \$300. of new literature with 30% discount and that there is \$150. remaining in the literature budget.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

**Agenda item #2: Treasurer's report:**

Guy T reported there was \$ 741.03 existing \$300 new cash and Total of \$1,091.03 in the Treasury; There was discussion on getting a credit card account to receive future payments. Donna suggested it would be best to hold off on that until we establish 501-c status.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Treasurer's report.

Motion made and unanimously carried to table credit card account item.

**Agenda Item #3: Website / Technical report**

No Website / technical report.

**Agenda Item# 4: Newsletter report:**

No Newsletter report.

**Agenda # 5: North East Regional ACA Report**

Chris C reported as of yet the minutes for the WSO Conference and Convention reports are not published yet and will report when they become available. He attended the 4/15/2021 meeting at WSO and noted the following:

- More volunteers are needed in the meetings

- WSO had a glaring concern for changing the distribution of donated funds and to flip the percentages of contributions from 30% to region onto the WSO. The WSO balance of funds is approximately \$4,000.
- Encouraging ACA Intergroups to go to USACA.org site for intergroup information.
- The WSO 'Loving Parent Guidebook' is coming out
- Whether and how Intergroup Meetings could or should be recorded
- Reaching out to States that do not yet have Intergroup Representation
- Chris will become more involved in P I –Public Information to professional organizations as part of outreach concerns

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Outreach / WSO Report

**Old business:**

Guy and Matt have switched service positions; Guy is now Treasurer, and Matt is now co-treasurer.

**New business:**

**Intergroup:**

RI Area ACA Intergroup needs representation from all local groups

New discussion continued on How to promote participation?

Bridget B noted it may be best to have Intergroup members to discuss groups' business meetings.

Chris added that there is now the new statement in the Newsletter about representation

Pike noted the Weekly 7 AM Zoom ACA held its first Business meeting last week to vote on becoming a Hybrid with the Freedom Hall MWF meetings that are ongoing in person. Currently it is a merger of several groups from Providence, Cape Cod and with members from the Islands and even Chicago and New York.; hopefully we will get an Intergroup Rep. in the future. She offered to draft an email Invitational for groups to choose reps. for Intergroup

Bridget V pointed out that we need to gain members by attracting not promoting and the pandemic has interrupted Home Groups for members due to this merger restructuring of mixed groups

Bridget B noted the 8 AM ACA group meetings have little structure and she considers it an informal meeting and noted we need to understand the criteria for identifying groups

Chris stated he will look into what requirements that are needed for groups to participate with non-voting representatives, and made a motion for Pike to draft and e-mail Invite to select group reps.

Motion made and unanimously carried to have Pike draft an email to invite representation for Intergroup next month.

**Intergroup Chairperson:**

Chris reported that Tracy M will be stepping down and a new Chairperson will be needed soon

**Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 6/5/2021 @ 9:15 am via Zoom Channel**

**Potential topics for next month's meeting agenda:**

All reports: Literature, Treasurer, Website / technical, Newsletter, Outreach, 501-c Status

**Meeting closed at 10:05 AM with The Serenity Prayer**

Respectfully submitted 5/8/2021 – Pike P, Co-Secretary