

# **RHODE ISLAND ACA INTERGROUP MEETING**

8/1/20 @9:20 AM via Zoom channel

**In attendance: Matt M, Joe G, Chris C, Guy T,  
Lauren S, Pike P, Tracy M, Bridget V, Deana G**

**Lauren S opened the meeting with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer**

**Lauren S set the time & format of the meeting and read from pages 596-597 in  
The Big Red Book**

## **Announcements:**

Chris C will be stepping down as Secretary pending a new election.

Amy S can no longer be ACA representative for Saturday North Kingstown group

## **Agenda Item #1: Treasurer's report:**

Matt M stated there is currently \$184.79 available, with about \$100 in checks coming in (total approximately \$280.00). He stated a more detailed report is forthcoming.

Matt stated the website has been helpful with Intergroup donations from state groups.

Deana G stated she has paid for \$155.00 for 1 year of Zoom channel fees as a gift to RI ACA. Bridget V asked should personal funds / gifts pay for Intergroup business?

Discussion was tabled.

Should we figure out spending; contributions to WSO, sponsoring workshops, etc?

Discussion was tabled.

## **Agenda item #2: Literature**

Joe G and Mark J will continue as Literature coordinators. They will communicate with all Intergroup members.

An order was placed totaling \$193.00 (cost \$179.88 / profit \$22.02). There is now a case of Big Red Books available for sale.

Joe and Deana will work on uploading an order form onto the website.

Instructions to follow.

Literature coordinators will continue working with the Treasurer on all orders that come in.

Discussion included:

Should Intergroup continue with literature? Is the profit margin enough? Should we only purchase leaflets and pamphlets? Shipping can be costly (hand deliver instead)? One advantage of Intergroup purchasing is the stockpiling of books. How to encourage individual groups to order through us instead of Amazon et al? Connecticut Literature representative will be contacting Joe G to provide advice and information.

Joe and Deana will work on uploading an order form onto the website.

Instructions to follow.

We need to gather more information in order to make informed decisions.

**Agenda item #3: Website, Zoom channel, meetings:**

Deana stated the website is up and running. She stated RI ACA membership appears to be increasing due to the website.

There will be a “members only” access area available for members to sign onto an email list. That email chain will be a link to meeting lists. Deana has volunteered to be the contact person who will respond individually; a member cannot just click on a link for group information. We have not made group lists public.

Any and every ACA group has its own autonomy; they are free to open up their own private Zoom channel meetings, or access through Intergroup.

All Zoom channel meetings accessed through the Intergroup website need a monitor/ moderator. Deana volunteered for that role.

Deana requested if anything is sent to her, ask for it to be posted on the website.

Discussion included:

Should another Zoom channel be added? (Intergroup can only supply access to 1 group per channel).

Can we add a notice on the website for groups that need support?

Can we develop a 12 Step list for those in need? Tracy and Deana volunteered to explore this.

Is it appropriate to attract people to in-person meetings during COVID-19 pandemic?

**Next meeting to be on 9/12/20 via Zoom channel at 9:15 am**

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

- Literature
- New Secretary
- Tabled discussion items

**Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with The Serenity Prayer**

Respectfully submitted 9/10/20 - Chris C