

## RI Area ACA INTERGROUP

MINUTES 11/13/21 9:45 AM

### **We opened with questions of who was chairing the meeting and The Serenity Prayer;**

Matt M read "Sharing in Business meetings" from BRB: Follow Robert's Rules of Order, No personal comments" and asked for role call and Bridgit B was asked to facilitate.

### **Bridgit B opened the meeting with a moment of silence and another The Serenity Prayer**

**In attendance: Bridget V, Linda M, Bridgit B, Chris C, Deana G, Joe G, Meg, Pike, Matt M, Guy T, Autumn, Diane, Kelsey, Linette, Brian**

Bridgit read the meeting Agenda and posted the Minutes of 10/2/30 . We will not read the minutes; it is suggested everyone read in the monthly Newsletter before attending the Intergroup monthly meetings.

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from 10/2/21 Intergroup meeting

#### 1. Committee Reports:

A. Treasury Report: Matt reported that The Bonnie M Event received \$510 in donations and literature sales and there is \$2,300 in the bank. Matt is resigning as co-Treasurer explaining that he has been in the position temporarily for 3 years and meanwhile his personal information was used for the bank account for prior donations. Now as Deanna, Joe and he have transferred the account and removed him from the books he has resigned as co-Treasurer.

Guy stated that as co-treasurer he felt he has not had the opportunity to have much say in the treasury transfer and the cost of the new IRS non-profit standing of 501-c4 that cost \$600 was done with out him so he will go along with the group although he also will resign as co-chair.

Deanna offered to organize the accounts temporarily and noted we can always change the IRS standing to a 501-c3 at a later time. The IRS changed other 501-c tax positions in the meantime.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Matt and Guy as co Treasurers. Thanked for their service.

B. Literature report: Joe stated the Loving Parent Event sold books at \$150 income and thanks Rebecca for doing sales. We will need to order more books in next 30 days and groups are not placing orders.

Deanna said we will be using the Square accounting system for literature instead of Paypal and the money will go into the general Treasury fund and then to Joe for inventory. Square is free and comes as part of the website package.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

C. Outreach; Pike reported that the communal telephone and email list has been delayed for further review and consensus from the group.  
Deanna added the Youtube Loving Parent Video of Bonnie M has been viewed 132 times so far.

Motion made and unanimously carried to table the Outreach report.

**D. Technology / Newsletter report:**

Meg had questions of her involvement as co Tech person and there was brief discussion and reference to the voting of her into position as stated in the Minutes of the 9.11.21 Intergroup meeting.

Deanna apologized for the confusion in role over the transfer of tech information and said she will meet with Meg to go over details of co-teching the web and the newsletter.

Motion made and unanimously carried to table the Technology and Newsletter report.

E. WSO Report: Sue was not present

Motion made and unanimously carried to table the WSO Meeting report.

F. North East Regional ACA Report: Chris C. attended the meeting 10/27/21 and reported that he is now their treasurer. They have a bunch of money and donate \$500. to a scholarship fund for financially challenged people to buy Literature.

They keep no more than \$5,000. for tax purposes.

Also they have a webpage devoted to "Best Practices" as there has been a number of recent incidents of predatory activity.

There are now at least 2 new Loving parent Guidebook Meetings on Zoom out of the D.C. Area. And growing step study groups as well.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Regional report.

## **2. Elected Positions to be filled:**

Co- Chair; co-Secretary; co-Treasurer; another co-Treasurer; and co-Outreach:

Deanna volunteered to be temporary co-Treasurer.

Joe mentioned that we have outstanding reimbursements from Bonnie M and donations to the Salvation Army and Major Bryan for the event. Matt had questions of reimbursements for food as was in the budget.

A group Finance Committee was suggested and a meeting scheduled for next Saturday 11/20/21 at 9:30 AM was set.

Kelsey offered to be a co-Secretary with Pike for the group.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Kelsey to be co Secretary.

Bridgit mentions there are still more positions and Meg makes motion to extend the meeting as needed.

Motion made and unanimously carried to extend the meeting.

Bridget V nominates Bridget B to maintain co-chair position.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Bridget V as co-chair

Bridget B nominates Bridget V to be co-chair. Discussion about her availability follows and an extra meeting to vote on positions is set for next Saturday, 11/20/21 9:30 am.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Bridget V as co-chair

Co-outreach position. Bridget nominates Autumn to be co-outreach and she accepts.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Autumn as co-chair of outreach

Bridget nominates Matt for position of co-literature with Joe G. . Matt declines position offer. Brian is nominated and accepts offer.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Brian as co-chair of Literature

### **Other Items**

Increasing participation. There are outlying questions of membership, group representatives, and voting and non-voting members.

Meg suggests going through the ACA WSO service manual guidelines and questions the group's earlier suggestion of members prerequisite of attending 3 Intergroup meetings. Deanna mentions one does not have to be elected into the group, and the 3-meeting attendance has worked up to recently. There is further discussion on how we come to consensus on membership definitions and possibility of making a manual. Matt said the BRB page 597 explains service positions. This will be discussed at the extra meeting this Saturday.

Motion made and unanimously carried to close the meeting.

The next monthly business Meeting will be **Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**

Extra meeting, **Saturday, Nov 20, 2021 9:30 am** on event finances.

**Meeting closed at 10:45 with The Serenity Prayer;**

**Respectfully submitted Co-secretary-Pike P 11/13/2021**