

RHODE ISLAND AREA  
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

12/2/2023 @ 9:30 AM via Zoom channel

In attendance: Deana G, Pike P, Wendy C, Joe G, Linda M, Chris C

Meeting opened with a moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from November 2023

Agenda Item #1: Committee Reports:

A. Treasury Report: Citizen's Bank account balance is \$840.60. PayPal account \$27.16 is awaiting transfer. There is \$ 222.00 cash on hand. Recent literature purchase of \$522.07. #1 Zoom account was paid (\$160.39). #2 account will be paid in January.

EVENT : \$250 was taken at the November speaker event, \$100 was donated on line, all event costs are covered, including \$ 50 to Linda M for supplies,  
\$ 206 was deposited after costs.

Motion made and unanimously carried to pay \$100 to St James Church (event host).

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

B. Literature report: Joe G reported North Kingstown group is purchasing literature. He proposed distributing newcomer brochures to groups. Cost to print is \$2.00 each.

Motion made and unanimously carried to offer 5 free newcomer brochures to in-person groups each.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

C. Region report: Chris C reported the region meeting was held on 11/28. The majority of the meeting involved details of the recertification procedure that region needs to submit in order to be recognized by WSO. Without the certification, Regions cannot elect a trustee to sit on the WSO Board. Some concerns with the process addressed the WSO's requests. The general consensus was that WSO Board of Trustees is acting as a Governing Body rather than Trusted Servants (see ACA Tradition 2); the Region answers to the Conference, not the Board of Trustees, who are not accountable to The Conference. Chris offered to provide more information as needed.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Region report.

D. Technology / Newsletter report: Deana G reported there were 959 website views, and 459 unique views in November. She reported the 2 Zoom channels continue to host healthy meetings, including an Australian meeting @ 3:00 AM (which day not was not recorded). Deana stated there were 402 Christmas Party invites sent out via email 55% were opened, and there were 2 requests to unsubscribe.

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

E. Outreach report: Linda reported she dropped off ACA brochures at walkathons visited on Thanksgiving. She stated she will continue this service during the Christmas Alkathons. Discussion on the St James Church as an event site going forward. November's event was complicated by a breakdown of the church's heating system. Central Congregational Church in Providence was suggested as an alternative for future events. Joe G offered to look into it.

Results of the survey developed by Pike P and filled out at the November speaker event; 8 were gathered, results were varied. The newer version of the survey is to include a QR code.

A spring / summer event was suggested; perhaps to be held at City Park in Warwick? There will further discussion in the future.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept Outreach report.

F. WSO report- Joe G stated WSO is considering a name change to ACA.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept WSO report.

Agenda Item #2: Old / New business

1. Newcomer workshop; Plans are being discussed. Should the survey be included? In what other ways can we help the newcomer? Further discussion was tabled.

2. A date needs to be decided for winter event (either in January or February).

3. Surveys will continue to be processed. Metrics will be provided.

Motion made and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Meeting closed at 10:24 with The Serenity Prayer; Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 1/6/2024 @ 9:30 am via Zoom Channel

Respectfully submitted on 1/4/2024 by Chris C