

RHODE ISLAND AREA
ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

7/8/21 @ 9:15 AM via Zoom channel

In attendance: Bridgit B, Jessica B, Guy T, Deana G, Linda M, Bridget V, Pike P

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

Agreement made to re-order meeting to do Treasury Report first.

Agenda Item #1: Treasurer Report:

Guy T stated we currently have \$1,268.64 in donations received. He remarked that donations from Zoom meetings are different; they come often in thirty and forty dollar increments. Nothing has been received in the Post Office box yet.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury Report.

Minutes of June 2021 Meeting:

Pike read the Minutes of the 6-8-2021 Intergroup Meeting. Bridgit B and Pike will Make corrections to prior month meeting minutes clarifying the Bridgit/ Bridget-s.

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve minutes from 6-8-2021 Intergroup meeting

Agenda # 2: Literature report:

Bridget V reported there are no changes . Pre-orders for the new book: The stated pre-orders are coming in for the new '*Loving Parent Guidebook*'- and Guy mentioned ordering 5 books.

Jessica asked about donating unused Big Red Books to the Intergroup as they were not being used for online meetings. Group was in favor of returning the books to Intergroup.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

Agenda Item #3: Outreach:

Pike reporting the design of a new ACA RI Area members pocket sized booklet and displayed the image for the booklet in progress, and to create a digital version that people could download and print themselves.

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve Outreach Report

Agenda Item #4: Website / Technical / Newsletter reports

Deanna reported doing the update on the 133 people currently on the email list. The latest ACA Intergroup Newsletter has been published and she reported that all email inquiries have been responded to to date.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept website / technical / newsletter reports.

Agenda Item # 5 North East Regional ACA:

Chris C not present today; Bridgit B reported that she will contact Tracy about her involvement with RI Area Intergroup and other status. No NERACA report

Agenda Item #6: Non-profit status:

Donna sent via email information on 501-c7 non-profit status. Guy indicated he read the different non-profit descriptions and suggested we move forward on pursuing this arrangement.

Member discussion ensued on benefits of 501-c7 standing as follows:

- +Able to open a business banking account
- +No tax liability for book sales and donations
- +Less cumbersome and not likely to have annual IRS audits
- +Members' names remain anonymous

Motion made and unanimously carried to move forward to attain 501-c7 standing for RI Area ACA

Guy volunteered to work with Donna to pursue next steps to apply for 501-c7

Motion made and unanimously carried for Guy and Donna to lead a 501-c7 application process

Old Business:

On Hosting the author of *The Loving Parent Guidebook* to RI for a lecture / appearance? Cost? Availability? Space?

Discussion on contacting people to have an event/workshop/speaker meeting type of gathering in order to host the (ghost) author was being considered. Guy suggested that we form a subcommittee to look into an event. Jessica Band Bridget V offered to contact Joe G and become the new sub-committee for contacting and discussing and determining a potential event involving the author of the book and report back to us.

Motion made and unanimously carried to form a sub-committee of Bridget V, Jessica B and Joe G to research potential event/s around the new: *The Loving Parent Guidebook*

New business:

Linda M in attendance commented on the question of Zoom versus in person meetings. 'Tuesday night Zoom has 14 regular members of a national scope; When Zoom meetings at same schedule go to live in person meetings, often the Zoom one dies. There is ongoing discussion on this matter.

Pike Announced the **Art/Music/Potluck Get-Together for Saturday July 17th 2021** at 162 Shady Lea Road, North Kingstown, RI Noon ish -5 ;ish Music Bring Art, Bring a chair! Pass the word

Motion made and unanimously carried to close the meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 8/7/21 @ 9:15 am via Zoom Channel

Potential topics for next month's meeting agenda:

All reports: Literature, Treasurer, Website / technical, Newsletter, Outreach, 501-c7, Event, etc.

Meeting closed at 10:15 AM with The Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted 7/10/21 – Pike P~ Co-Secretary