

RHODE ISLAND AREA ACA INTERGROUP  
Meeting Minutes.  
3/4/2023 @ 9:30 AM in person and via Zoom

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

Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Linda chaired and read last month's Minutes

Motion made and unanimously accepted to approve the minutes.

**A: Reports:**

**Treasury Report:**

Deana reported funds in our Citizen's Bank account are \$999.59 In cash income deposited today is \$180 and there is \$85. in our Paypal account. Pending bills are \$83. for the Post Office Box and \$120 to the Salvation Army. We received a nice thank you card and donation of \$200. from Lynne, a Zoom Thursday LPG fellow.; \$30 from Ann on Zoom; and other donations from Saturday AM Providence. See our expense detailed account online. There is presently over \$1000 in the bank to cover expenses for the next two future events.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Treasury Report

**Literature Report:**

Joe reported that there were no sales since the last event and the inventory is good for the next event. At the last Event, we raffled off one ' Loving Parent Book' that took in \$20., enough to pay for the book and we can perhaps do that again with more literature.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Literature Report

**Technology and Newsletter Report:**

Deana reported the data showed there were 365 Event Flyers sent out by email and 335 opened it. The subscribers are growing monthly and we now show since January 2023, 671 previewers; 44 new contacts who are active; and only 3 persons unsubscribed.

As an aside, Deana said a long-term fellow wanted to start a group meeting on the IG Zoom channel to do the 12 Steps and not use a script or preamble. Deana noted it was out of character to do that for ACA meetings and felt uncomfortable or qualified to make a decision to create the link or not. Its up to us to make a group conscience. She also asked the person to offer some type of preamble for the proposed meeting and she was not comfortable to do that task.

Linda noted it was a slippery slope to alter the meetings format that already in the literature. Pike mentioned that we already listed the guidelines for meetings in last Minutes. Chris added that we have to maintain a level of flexibility within the structure of ACA. It was left that we will reconsider if there is another request.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Technology /Newsletter Report

**NE Regional:**

Chris reported the particulars from the last NW Region meeting:

The Region is interested in focusing on more events; either in person or virtual.

WSO's latest quarterly meeting report stated that 89% of delegates are in favor of new 7th tradition contribution guidelines: 50% to Intergrups, 25% to region, 25% to WSO.

The ACA Annual business conference is being held 5/6& 5/7 this year (virtual). Inter groups and individual groups are encouraged to send elected representatives. Individual ACA members are invited as well.

Subcommittees are working on ballot proposals. Preregistration is required (see WSO website). Inter groups are invited to discuss and recommend ballot proposals worthy of being put on ABC agenda (information is available on WSO website as well).

New Hampshire ACA members are trying to get an Intergroup up and running. Filling service positions is a challenge so far. The Connecticut Intergroup is hosting "The Gathering" 4/7-4/9. Details on their website.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept the Northeast Regional Report

**WSO Report:** No report

**Outreach Report:**

Linda noted that after the Spring -Joy of Living event, (she has printed color copies of the flyer to hand out) that we might plan an additional hour-long meeting for Outreach to focus on the Rally for Recovery statewide event in September. Deana added we can also announce an Outreach meeting at the April 2nd Event. After some discussion the group agreed to add a meeting on April 15th at the IHop Restaurant in Warwick at 10 AM to go over planning details. The group acknowledged that we have a part in this important effort distributing more literature in Rally for Recovery representative agencies in Woonsocket, Providence, Newport, Bristol. Chris noted that what we are offering in Literature and books for people coming out of rehab, ACA is not the focus for those having emotional breakdowns. It is a way to carry the message.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept Outreach Report

**Old Business:**

Announce the need for more ACA IG Representatives at coming event.

**New Business:**

We received positive feedback on the last event movie showing; Gabor Mate's the "Wisdom of Trauma" and the group meeting afterwards was very heartfelt and strong. We had out of state attendees too.

The April 2 Second Spring Event will be in the same Centredale church.

Doors will open at 11:30

Set up for talent show open mic begins at 11:30 am. Ed has big Kareoke machine.

We need a performance Open Mic Sign up board.

Artists also are welcome to exhibit their work-bring their own hangers and pedestals.

As it's a talent show type event, Steve can bring his new book to sell.

Bring what you like to eat to the Potluck. Lunch and dessert and fireside discussion will follow.

Joe suggested sharing proceeds with the church.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to close the meeting.

Next meeting April 1, 2022 9:30 AM

Meeting closed at 1030 AM with the ACA version of the Serenity prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pike, secretary