

RI AREA ACA
INTERGROUP MINUTES

Meeting Minutes 8-2-22 @ 9:30 AM Live and Zoom
In attendance: **Bridget V, Deana G, Joe G, Rebecca, Linda, Linette, Pike**

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

Bridget called to accept last months Minutes

Motion made and carried to approve minutes from 7/5/22 Intergroup meeting

Agenda Item #1: Committee Reports:

Treasury Report:

Deana G reported \$1,322.90 in the treasury currently. \$300 is earmarked for T-shirt fund.

For upcoming event and currently all bills are paid. New Paypal link website brought in \$ 38. income.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Treasury report.

Literature report:

Joe G stated books are on order for inventory and we will need a literature table set up for books to sell during the event. We need Newcomer literature Packets and we need books for new groups prior to a decision by Regional to potentially fund them. Literature is not selling much through our website and prices for ACA literature went up in price-unspecified. No new literature was requested via the site.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Literature report.

NE Regional report: Pike read the report from Chris C in his absence as follows:

Region met 7/27/22 Wednesday @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Discussion included-

7th Tradition contributions to the region are way down for 2022

Zoom meetings have had a big impact on 7th tradition and intergroups (less money, Intergroups disbanding, fewer business meetings, etc). They have altered the recovery landscape. Region needs to adapt to the change in order to stay relevant.

There are currently **2 ACA regions** in the US- at least one more is being formed- details to follow **Recent ABC meeting-** The “only” meetings (ex- “only LGBTQ” “only Women” “only men”etc) are listed on WSO website as a safe space for the marginalized. Groups that are merely supportive of “only” meetings- do not list yourself as one.

Ad hoc committees are being formed to discuss numerous issues: All ACA members are invited to join See their Volunteer online sign up- [form @acaworldconvention.org](https://form.acaworldconvention.org)

Request from RI Area Intergroup for funding / underwriting- not all region members were ready to vote- discussion included possibly creating a scholarship fund for these type of requests- it will be brought for further discussion & vote in August meeting.

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept NE Regional Report

Technology / Newsletter report:

Deana G reported there are over 300 new emails and 819 visits to website 318 are unique hits.

Flyer is posted for the recovery Picnic this August 21st 2022. Deanna said there were more donations coming in than usual since the letter went out.

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

Outreach Report:

Speaker event- Joe reported the committee has found speakers and a location-Church of the Mediator on the first Saturday in November for the speaker event titled: “From Shame to Forgiveness”. They are Major Bryan Thomas of the Salvation Army and Dr. Mario Guzman a speaker on youtube. Joe will

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send out their Bios to Deanna and Pike who will design a flyer for publicity. Others ahelpers are needed for set-up, food, literature, music, etc., and will be meeting again soon to plan further. Perhaps we could have Bonnie involved. As MC. Linette asked if the entry fees will be \$10. Discussion followed.

Motion made and unanimously accepted to have entry fee of \$10.per person with scholarship funds available via donations.

He reminded of the Annual AA picnic coming up August 21st, 2022 and ACA donated \$100 last year and can afford to donate more this year.

Motion made and carried to donate \$150 this year for the Annual 12-step Recovery Picnic

Motion made and unanimously carried to accept the Outreach Report

World Service Organization Report: ABC have announced they are looking for proposals.

Agenda # 2 Other Business

Old Business:

The "Get Involved~7th Tradition reminder" * letter discussed last meeting was sent to zoom groups reminding for support as well as illustrating the benefits of Intergroups service. Deana, Pike and Rebecca exchanged information and Rebecca drafted and sent the final letter to our area members and addresses from the morning meeting group. Deanna added it generated \$200 new donations.

New Business:

Joe, Linda, Linette and another fellow traveler are trying to start a new meeting at Wilson House that will travel like an AA commitment group and asked for book loans to help start new meeting groups. Joe suggested 3 BRB and 3 Daily books. Discussion ranged from funding book loans, seed books, and an application process be offered through Intergroup for persons wishing to start new groups, on through to 'we do not give books away, we sell them'. For this, Intergroup members agreed to offer start-up loans for books, and to support new groups rent for 3 months up to \$150. In order to help keep meetings afloat. [Note, the live Wednesday at the Mediator meeting is seeking a new place as the rent is too high to sustain it and they are seeking another site.]

Motion made and unanimously carried to have a prudent reserve loan fund for seed money offered through an application process on our website to aid newly forming ACA groups in our area.

Tabled: RI Area Intergroup to send to ACA Region a letter requesting funding for new groups in RI Area.

Meeting closed at 10:05 with The Serenity Prayer;

Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 9/6/22 @ 9:30 am live and via Zoom Channel

Respectfully submitted on 8/14/22 by Pike P, secretary

* Secretary PS` Add a hard copy of this letter to our ACA Archive folder.

Note: Pike will not be able to attend September 6 Intergroup meeting so a volunteer is needed to take minutes. Thank you.