



# Reading - Berks Intergroup

## Meeting Minutes of 25 July 2023

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Read the long form of tradition 7

### New Representatives

Steve K is now the Topton Tuesday night meeting.

### Chair's Report –Kay. (Contact: [Chairperson@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Chairperson@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) )

Grapevine Seminar in KY in October

EPGSA area 59 in Lancaster 11/10 -11/12

### Alt. Chair's Report – Dave (Contact: [Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

### Secretary's Report – Gregg G (Notes to: [Secretary@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Secretary@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) )

Minutes are here for review and were accepted unanimously

### Treasurer's Report – Tammy G. (contact: [Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Donations will go into the General fund unless otherwise designated.

	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$3020.00	\$3020.00
General Fund	\$1788.96	\$1386.86
Activities Fund	\$1,139.28	\$1,139.29
Petty Cash	\$49.40	\$49.40
Workshop / Convention Fund	\$98.26	\$98.26

A motion was passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's report. You may send donations here: *P.O. Box 12157 Reading PA 19612*

### Service Position Reports

#### Institutions – Mark (Email: [Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) )

August commitments filled.

September commitments listed below. You can email Mark at [Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) and reserve your groups commitments in advance of the RBI meeting.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Clare of Assisi	Wernersville	Teen Challenge Women	Haven	Teen Challenge Men	Haven
7:00 PM	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Sept 3, 10, 17, 24	Sept 4, 11, 18, 25	Sept 5, 12, 19, 26	Sept 6, 13, 20, 27	Sept 7, 14, 21, 28	Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Hotline – Bill (contact: [Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Calls to Hotline

Talk: 13

Info: 26

Hang Up: 5

I will be calling all AA Hotline Volunteers in August to do yearly Update on list

Anyone interested in being a Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email [Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

#### Schedules – Tim (contact: [Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Schedules are available here in packs of 10.

**Website** – Steve (Email to: [website@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:website@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Finally got Google analytics sorted out & gave access to stats again! Last 90 days the number of all users up 47.8%!! From the previous 90 day period. The “event count” for that period is almost 25,000! (An event is a user action while on the site)

New users accounted for 25% of site visits.

The 4 Most visited pages are all meeting related.

.#5 is the events page,

# 6 is the 12th step page,

The most viewed meetings were Womens courage to change & SMSG.

65 people checked out the RBI monthly meeting!

There are new tear-off forms on the 12th step page, & new links for forms such as “New Group”, “Group Change” & “District Change”.

The latest update to the TSML has created some meeting links that are undesirable. If multiple meetings are linked as a “group” of meetings, like Boyertown, or Walnut St., it makes it easy to make a change on one day that populates across all meetings at that address. However, it makes it impossible to make a change on just one day at that address! (Ex: Friday is now going to be a speaker meeting. If linked as a “group”, it will update across all of them!) I just separated Gibraltar from Tea thyme because the app & schedule said both of them were outside with a Bonfire! Bottom line: Please be responsible & CHECK YOUR GROUP’S LISTING TO ENSURE IT IS ACCURATE & CORRECT!

Look for changes in features, themes, & options on your website in the near future.

**Archives** – Larry (Email: [Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

No report

**Literature** – Bill (To order online: [Literature@readingberksintergroup.org](mailto:Literature@readingberksintergroup.org) )

Inventory has been updated and is here

There are some back-order issues going on at WSO

**Virtual** – Lynsey and Jim (Email: [virtual@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:virtual@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) )

All is well.

## **Committee Chairpersons Reports**

**Alternative – Stu** (Contact: [Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

alternative newsletters are available at this meeting

**Unity** –Chris H. (Contact: [Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Taco & Trivia have outstanding bills of \$ 100.00 for EDI rent. The rest of the event was covered by the entrance fees

Unity Picnic is coming up and will need \$300.00 to cover drinks etc.. for unity

Approved unanimously

### **Corrections**

**Men's** – Robbie K (Email: [Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org](mailto:Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org) )

No Change meeting every Thursday.

Next training 8/8/23

**Women's** – Susan W. (via: [WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

No Changes

Need more volunteers

Meetings are happening Every other Monday

Approved to print 150 copies of the volunteer forms- Approved unanimously

**Bridging the Gap** –Kent (Contact: [BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) )

21 volunteers.

Still looking for more help

**Visitation** – Tim M (Contact: [Visitation@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Visitation@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Tim M Volunteered to chair this committee

**PI/CPC** – Jen (Contact: [PublicInfo@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:PublicInfo@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

July RBI PI/CPC RBI report

Churches

- 93 churches have been reached out to.
- 12 have accepted our literature donations

Police Stations

- 10 police stations have been reached out to.
- 2 have accepted so far
- Berks County Police Association was reached out to
  - They have mentioned that we might be able to attend a monthly breakfast that many different law enforcement agencies attend.

LGBTQ Center was reached out and now has AA info.

Upcoming events - The Committee will have the Display at these events and be handing out info to help people find AA in Berks County.

1. 08/31/2023 Recovery Baseball Game @ Reading Phillies
2. 09/16/2023 Fallfest @ St Mark's Lutheran Church 5 Brooke Manor, Birdsboro, PA 19508 11:00am-3:00pm
3. 09/30/2023 Soberstock @ EDI 12:00pm-3:00pm

\*Looking for some Spanish speaking volunteers for the hotline- because we have some Spanish PSA's on the radio it seems we have had some folks call the hotline- we have 1 Spanish speaking volunteer-we would like to hopefully add more- please spread the word. Bill and I are going to head to some of the Spanish meetings to try and find some volunteers.

\*New contact hotline tear off forms- please take some and put them up on community bulletin boards- if its not a community bulletin board please ask for permission before placing it there.

\*We have placed/given out almost 4000 info cards. We are looking into a new supplier with more of a volume discount because there is so much interest in the cards.

\*Those of us on this committee are of course AA members- it is important to recognize that we serve the groups of RBI. We have really gotten the committee up and running and used the tools like the guideline published from GSO and the PI and CPC workbooks. Although we have not done everything suggested in those tools we feel that it is time to reach out to the groups that fund this work and ask you for suggestions on what your group sees a need for. We would like to challenge you to look around the meetings that you frequent and take notice of who IS NOT in that room with you. An example is the blind or deaf person, and while we have reached out to these members of our community- do you see a void that needs to be addressed? Please reach out to me or a committee member- all committee members please raise your hands and we will look into it.

\*Lastly.....we would like to know if the group of RBI would like the committee to reach out to local schools- high school and college? If so, our plan is to do this in October- so we may give them some time to settle in after the start of the new school year. We will probably need some pamphlets- we do expect to need in that department but we would like to offer a donation of a Big Book to their library- should they not have one, so we will need to ask for some big books. We are thinking of a case of Big Books if most likely what we will need- we are not asking for them today we simply would like to know if this is something the groups would like the committee to do because we are ready and willing but this is YOUR committee we are your trusted servants. If you would like the committee to come to your business meeting to answer any questions or for you to offer any suggestions please reach out to us and we would be grateful to come out and talk to your group. Please feel free to email [publicinfo@readingberksintergroup.org](mailto:publicinfo@readingberksintergroup.org) or call me directly.

### **District Rep Reports**

**District 33** –Mike – EPGSA registration is open. Non-voting year so it will have more workshops etc..

NERASA registrations is also open. Looking for volunteers to help at NERASA

Combined District workshop 9/16 @ EDI

**District 66** – Rose

Will be a 5<sup>th</sup> edition released in 2024

There will also be a plain language Big Book that will allow reader with lower reading skills to comprehend the BB

**District 67** – Pat

Nothing to report

**Old Business**

No Nominations for Visitations committee chair.

Boyertown anniversary picnic at Boyertown park 7/15 @ 1:00 is posted on the website

Tim motions to discontinue hybrid meeting beginning in September discontinue zoom account at a savings on \$15.00/month. Seconded.

Discussion—in favor of and opposed. It can be disruptive; it is all on one person Lindsey.

It is helpful to people who cannot attend

17 in favor. 9 opposed motion passed

**New Business**

Tim M has volunteered to chair the visitation committee

Motion was made to accept the revised RBI structure Manual

Passed unanimously

The structure manual will be reviewed and updated quarterly as needed

Happy Hour Picnic 8/19 12-5 PM Speaker @ 4:00

Haven has asked for Spanish Big Books and meeting in a pocket

Motion made to donate 10 soft cover BB's plus 20 meeting in a pocket for \$75 from General fund

Passed unanimously

Ended with the responsibility pledge

***Next Intergroup Meeting: 22 August 2023 @ 7pm***