



Reading - Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes of 22 August 2023

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Chairperson Read Tradition #8.

“AA as such should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

New Representatives New Life Speaker Group- Alternate-Christine

Chair's Report –Kay. (Contact: Chairperson@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Email forwarded to all thru secretary Gregg from Lehigh Valley regarding a Grassroots event in Whitehall PA 11/4/23 10-3.

ICOAA happening Oct 12-15 in Cincinnati OH., 66th EPGSA in Lancaster Nov 10-12. Both of these are on the RBI website.

Alt. Chair's Report – Dave (Contact: Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) Thanks to the Structure Manual committee for their efforts.

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

Minutes were emailed out after last month's meetings, no paper copies here tonight. Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy G. (contact: Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) Tammy absent, Kay read #s from Emailed Report, Email Tammy for Qs or issues

Donations will go into the General fund unless otherwise designated.

	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$3020.00	\$3020.00
General Fund	\$1386.86	\$580.22
Activities Fund	\$1,139.28	1279.03
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)

September commitments filled. Mark-3 filled on-line ahead of tonight's meeting via email received; Women Teen Challenge Women tonight- no one showed up.

October commitments listed below. You can email Mark at Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org and reserve your groups commitments in advance of the RBI meeting.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Oct 2, 16, 23, 30	Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1	Oct 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov 2	Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 3

Hotline – Bill (contact: Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) absent- Jen P. reported, still updating volunteer list

Calls to Hotline

Talk: 7

Info: 22

Hang Up:

Anyone interested in being a Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

Schedules – Tim M (contact: Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Schedules are available here in packs of 10. No Real changes from last month

Website – Steve P (Email to: website@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

In the last 28 days Clicks up 21%, Impressions up 12%, unique visitors up 11%, still growing users and increasing time spent on our site. In last 90 days # of users continues to increase. Recall that last month the # of users was up 47% in the previous 90 days as well!

Google has updated their inactive account policy. An inactive/dormant account for 2 years will be deleted, and that email address will not be able to be used again. Forwarding from the RBI email is great, but once every 2 years minimum the RBI account must be logged in to, or we will lose that email address permanently.

Archives – Larry (Email: Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) Larry-In process of looking for someone with a car to take over or help him out.

Literature – Bill C. To order online Literature@readingberksintergroup.org:

Bill-Not a lot of book activity, perhaps because of price increase? Inventory updated & copies are here, book and stuff in car, see him for anything you need.

Virtual – Disbanded, thanks for your years of service, Lindsey.

Committee Chairpersons Reports

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

Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting.

Unity –Chris H. (Contact: Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) On schedule for picnic, more flyers printed, 9/10 12-5pm, money donated already? Q-asked-Will there be speakers? Not determined yet. Will look into filling speaker slot. Activities planned. Volunteers can come by around 10. See Chris if you'd like to help.

Co-Chair Jen-Spooky spaghetti & Song Trivia planned w/budget for \$600-10/27 date open at Atonement Lundin Hall. Start time 530ish. Hope to have it for free. Breakdown on handout. \$225 for rent from General fund \$375 from Activities fund for food & supplies & prizes. Motion Jen L-2nd Charlie, passed unanimously.

Corrections

Men's – Robbie K (Email: Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org) 2 of 4 though training/orientation, meeting every Thursday. Jail coordinator list has some incorrect dates. Meetings are ONLY on Thursdays.

Women's – Susan W. (via: WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) **no report**

Bridging the Gap –Kent (Contact: BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Kent-Still looking for volunteers, northern Berks is scarce. Need exists around Hamburg, Orwigsburg, Blandon, Shoemakersville & Myerstown. 2 new names added recently, info about BtG can be found on Area59AA.org at the Bridging the Gap Link. Volunteer forms passed out, you can decide if you want to get calls from treatment or prison institutions or both on the forms. They can also be done online at the Area59 website.

guest-Jim from A59-what can area do to help RBI committee, volunteers can take new person to their first meeting, need varied volunteers to offer same sex/age/area. Need volunteers for this database. BtG Can also be used for those relocating into the area. A59 has placed people in 20 states so far!! Kent & Jim are the only people that have access to RBI data from the 3 Districts. People are matched as best as they can be by location, sex and age. Doing 500+ a month currently, mostly institutions, only about 30 w/corrections. N end of 33/66 has little participation. (Hamburg vicinity) DO NOT EVER GO ON A 12TH STEP CALL ALONE.

Visitation – Tim M (Contact: Visitation@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) Tim-Has packet of info and records from previous chair-Has a cochair, looking for maybe 2 other volunteers. Wants to start visiting in Sep. If those 4 can visit 3 a month, we can cover the meetings in all 3 districts.

PI/CPC – Jen (Contact: PublicInfo@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) Church outreach continues, received lots of responses, police contact started, too. Reaching out to BC Police Assn, would like to attend their breakfast soon to inform all of law enforcement what AA is and isn't. Hopefully will happen in October. Looking to improve the RBI website "for Professionals" section then send contacted agencies and individuals to that part of the site. We are looking for suggestions from you and your group. If you see someplace AA should be and were not, let us know. We will come out to your home group to hear your ideas. 3 upcoming events we are participating in -, recovery awareness baseball game 8/31, Fall Fest at a local church 9/16, and SoberStock at EDI 9/30. We have some tickets to hand out for those that want them.

District Rep Reports

District 33 –Mike-EPGSA happening Nov-10-12th, NERAASA Feb 23-25-24, More info on Area59AA.org, Combined district workshop on 3 legacies @EDI, Sep -16 doors open at 10, flyers here and on RBI website. BtG & Treatment & Accessibilities visited us this month. Next meeting Sep--26 @ 630.

District 66 – Claudia-workshop will focus the on 3 legacies.

District 67 – no report

Old Business

New Business

A Rep asked for \$\$\$ to send their GSR to EPGSA. Discussion around groups/district usually funds GSRs. RBI is for IGRs.

Alt delegate/liason to IGs Kurt from A59-Talked about doing a share-a-day. Combined effort between A59 & a local Intergroup. If interested in this kind of service workshop, send him an email. AltDelegate@Area59AA.org

For EPGSA, he is also in need of around 100 volunteers to help at the event.

Next Intergroup Meeting: 26 September 2023 @ 7pm