



# Reading - Berks Intergroup

## Meeting Minutes of 27 March 2024

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition #3  
“the only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

New Representatives:

No New Reps this Month

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

- Someone left a black and white composition book at last month's IGR orientation.
- IGR's with less than 3 months experience as an IGR who has not had the orientation before the February meeting? Any others who would be interested in learning how RBI works and the general service structure of AA? Do you want another IGR orientation?
- I have structure manuals for: Bob S. (Robesonia), Karen (UGG), Brittany (Courage to Change), Scott G. (Springview), Chasity (Sat AM WG), Evan (New Life Speakers). Anyone else need one?
- I am reviewing our Hotline expenses and investigating other less expensive options. Working with Hotline Bill. Three expenses for our hotline:
  - Verizon – call forwarding phone line, 2 listings in the white pages, the actual calls, and taxes and surcharges. \$50-55/mo
  - ATM – Advantage Telemessaging – answer hotline and give website for meeting times, or call list of volunteers, or email Bill M. Since 1999, grandfather rate since 2007. \$75-100 over last 3 months
  - Hibu (fka Yellowbook) search engine mobilizer for searches on google from cell phones. Working with the website servant Steve because there may be redundancy and this costs \$49 per month.
- I am also working with other IG chairpersons I met at NERAASA to learn how they handle their hotline and what carriers they use. More to be revealed.
- New pamphlet 2022 Membership Survey – published 2023 by World Services. Surveyed over 6,000 members of AA. Answers questions like “what got you here?” AA member or on their own, treatment facility. Length of sobriety? What keeps you here? What Additional help – therapy, Healthcare. Types of meetings – in person, zoom, hybrid? Sponsorship – how quickly got one? What % has one? Largest age group is 51-61, etc.. Fascinating
- Area 59 Preconference Sharing Session - Philadelphia Saturday April 6, 10am – 4pm hosted by District 25. General Service Conference April 14-20 in Brooklyn, NY

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

Did some Tweaks to the structure manual (8) changes all to correct wording errors, no real content changes

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

Minutes were emailed out after last month's meetings, paper copies here tonight. Report accepted as submitted.

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

Donations will go into the General fund unless otherwise designated.

If using the Cash App or Venmo that can only be used for the General fund. Donations for other funds must be sent by check and marked of the fund. Can use some \$ support in the activities fund for upcoming events. Donations to that fund must be marked for the activities fund.

Was the \$25 debit due to returned check just the check for \$25. Or was there a fee also?

	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$3020.00	\$3020.00
General Fund	142.78	\$869.91
Activities Fund	502.50	625.50
Petty Cash	50.40	50.40
Workshop / Convention Fund	223.26	223.26

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) )

All commitments taken

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

You can scan this QR code to link to see which commitments are still available.



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

Start: February 28, 2024

End: March 26, 2024

Talk: 5

Info: 15

Hang Up: 3

1 new male Volunteer added. Still looking for Women Spanish speaking volunteers

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 M (contact: [Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

Schedules are available here in packs of 10.

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

Nothing unusual about the numbers, steady and consistent. Totals are still skewed by visits from outside the US.

There are a few new website items on the "for Professionals" page. Also a few new items on the "literature" page.

I'm passing around a sample of the "digital binder" produced by the Area 59 Digital Communications sub committee that I participate in. All of these are available today on the area 59 website. The English has been on the RBI website for several months already. I'm leaning towards a button that links the Spanish and French directly to the A59 site.

We've also developed placards with pamphlet graphics and a QR code for literature racks that can be used as a placeholder, or for someone who wants to download it to their phone to read or share later.

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

No Report

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

New IGR packets. New 12 & 12

## **Committee Chairpersons Reports**

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

Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting and will be emailed out with the meeting minutes.

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

Event for April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 4:00 “Serenity Unleashed” Skills sharing session @ the Mohn Hill Church. Flyer coming soon. Free of Charge  
Cost of rent is \$100.00 for the day and \$190.00 for food etc...

Motion to fund \$100.00 for rent from General fund Passed unanimously and \$190.00 from Activities fund passed with 1 no vote.

### **Corrections**

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

3 men ready to begin training May 2<sup>nd</sup> to get certified to go into the jail

All is well. Meeting every Thursday. Accepting applications to get approved for this work. Then you can attend the training which is good for 1 year. We have 5 regulars and 3 applications in process. You can get the applications on the RBI site.

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

Have 4 women. Looking for some Grapevines to take in to the Jail

Required 1 year sober and two teats out of the prison system.

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

3 calls this month.

Please keep your Home Group informed about what BTG is all about. There is information on the Area 59 website <https://area59aa.org>

Always interested in new volunteers

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

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

District 33 voted to Join in outreach to schools in district 33.

Senior centers, Task and Adapt have accepts literature placement

3 community outreach events coming up April, May & September

Proposed Budget:

Motion made by Steve P: Requesting an annual budget line item of \$1200.00/year to restock and continue the work of the committee.

Mike asked that this decision go back to the groups and be voted on next Month. Discussion is tabled for this month.

Monthly reports will be provided to show the exact spend of the money allocated to PI/CPC

### **District Rep Reports**

**District 33** – Mike- Inv Apr 27. @ Fleetwood CAYA location.

**District 66** – Tom – Held a GS agenda workshop. EPGSA next Year Guest observer nominations due by June

**District 67** – Kelly

- Jail volunteer forms were made available for the group
- Attended NERAASA—a lot of discussion about accessibility and inclusion—each group should take an informed group conscience to explore what is being done for the people in the community—do people feel safe in their groups
- Meeting guide app has options for accessibility
- Literature changes were discussed—what kind of policy should be put in place to address the changes so that people feel informed?
- 2025 NERAASA will be virtual due to the contract falling through in Washington DC
- Attended DCM roundtable meeting to get ideas how to best serve the district and groups—organization and sharing of information is key
- Jim sent email regarding final agenda items—pick out three items that are important to your group and bring back to April GSR meeting—Jim would be willing to meet with a small group via zoom to help answer questions
- Preconference sharing session in Philadelphia April 6 th - Tom will be attending
- Mini Assembly I-May 11 th -site TBD
- Mini Assembly II- June 8th- site TBD (Our district will be presenting)—Jim is looking for ideas—pass on to Sue (Secretary) or to Jim
- Digital subcommittee is continuing

- Attended NERASSA
- Process of finalizing an article for the WE newsletter
- Will attend quarterly meeting this weekend
- Working actively with his service sponsor

INTERGROUP: Kelly

- Kelly brought copies of The Alternative for the group
- Intergroup minutes will be forwarded to Sue and shared

GRAPEVINE: Paul/Abs

- AA Grapevine will increase price of print magazine for the first time in 12 years--New price is \$36 effective April 15 th . Online/App price is staying the same.
- “Young and Sober” stories due March 15 th , 2024. Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? Let Grapevine know!
- At NERASSA we sold 123 books. Made a total of \$3743.

\*Summaries ( Announcements) :

- Founders Day June 7-9 \$385 includes bus trip out and lodging: mail check to Erik Marchese, 30 Devon Drive, Reading, PA 19606
- International Convention July, 2025 in Vancouver
- 12 Traditions of AA workshop—March 23 rd —Lemoyne, PA
- Robert’s Rules & Resentments-April 14 th —Broomall, PA

**Other Important notes to share with your home groups:**

Consider donations to General or activities funds

Remember to sign up for commitments using the QR code attached to the minutes

Looking for Spanish speaking women for the hotline

The new “small edition” of the 12 and 12 is now available

Event for April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 4:00 “Serenity Unleashed” Skills sharing session @ the Mohn Hill Church.

Speak to your groups about the \$1200 budget request from PI/CPC as an annual budgeted item

Bridging the Gap needs volunteers to take newly released people from Jail or rehabs to 1<sup>st</sup> AA meetings

**Old Business**

No old business

**New Business**

Leesport group anniversary meeting

Motion to accept changes to structure manual. Passed Unanimously

*Next Intergroup Meeting: 23 April 2024 @ 7pm*