



Reading - Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes of 27 January 2024

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition #1

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

New Representatives:

Mary (Hilltop), Dan (Congo Breakfast), Dave (Bernville)

Visitors:

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

- Nothing to report

Alt. Chair's Report – Mike L (Contact: Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- “Share Day” to be figured out after Area budget in one to two months.

Secretary's Report – Zach L (Notes to: Secretary@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Minutes were emailed out after last month’s meetings, emailed today, and paper copies here tonight.
- Feb minutes will be emailed out and attendance sheet updated

Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Kay (contact: 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.

	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$3020.00	\$3020.00
General Fund	\$1479.18	\$2800
Activities Fund	\$535.47	\$0
Petty Cash	\$50.40	\$50.40
Workshop / Convention Fund	\$223.26	\$223.26

You may send donations here: *P.O. Box 12157 Reading PA 19612*

- Corrections to be made to balances. Balances are approximations.
- Motion to push treasurer’s report to February was made and approved unanimously.

Service Position Reports

Institutions – Mark (Email: Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- If you cannot meet a commitment that you took, please notify Mark. If it is a same day cancellation, please call the location.
- You can email Mark at Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org and reserve your groups commitments in advance of the RBI meeting.
- February commitments remaining reviewed to be taken by home groups.

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



Hotline – Trent B (contact: Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Start: December 17, 2024
- End: Jan 27, 2025
 - o Talk: 4
 - Information: 2
 - Hang Up: 1
- 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

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

- Absent
- 1st quarter issued December at RBI business meeting

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

- New website launched today, report issues with email to Sam.

Archives – Robert P (Email: Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

1. Completed:

- a. Storage unit (5' x 5') – Arrow Storage on Sofianos Drive next to the Amazon Fulfillment Center.

i. In September 2024, the monthly cost increased from \$26.50/month to \$37.10/month.

The resulting annual cost increased by \$127.20, from \$318 to \$445.20. This is still well-below standard rates for Arrow Storage and a couple other local storage facilities that I checked.

ii. Storage unit was cleaned, and contents were consolidated. I have not thrown anything out. At the December RBI meeting the previous Archives servant reported that the unit was full. Our storage unit utilization is less than 50%. Most of the contents is party/picnic supplies, rather than Archives. Before and after photos are below. In the “after” photo, the bins/boxes on the left are all party/picnic supplies. The 4 bins in the middle of the unit are for Archives.

iii. Space is available for other committees/servants.

- b. Archives bins - Initial high-level review of contents is complete.
- c. Digitization – One of my goals for 2025 is to begin the process of digitizing our archived material, so that our history is more readily available to the local community. I have had Initial communications with Sam, our website servant, on this matter.
- d. Early Berks County AA History in newspapers – I have subscriptions to archived newspapers, and the Reading Eagle is one of the newspapers available. I have begun reviewing Reading Eagle articles that include the words “Alcoholics Anonymous”. I’m up to the early 1950’s at this point.

2. Next Steps

- a. Request to establish ad-hoc Archives committee to execute the following next steps. The more people we can get involved, the faster these initiatives can be completed.
- b. Conduct a thorough review of storage unit bins’ contents to improve organization and determine what to retain in paper copy.
- c. Determine which documents to digitize and add to website, and the related prioritization. Define scope for phase-one additions to website.
- d. Request permission from newspaper website owner(s) to include copyrighted articles on RBI website.
- e. Update Home Group documentation and history. Collaborate with RBI visitation chair as needed.
- f. Complete phase-one additions of Archives to RBI website.
- g.

Literature – Bill C. To order online (Literature@readingberksintergroup.org)

- New IGR packets available.
- Updated literature list printed here at the meeting and attached to the meeting minutes.
- Revision being made to “Plain language” big book. Waiting on back order.

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 – Matt (Contact: Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- New Millennium Anniversary celebration.

Corrections

Men's – Robbie K (Email: Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org)

- New applications for 2025
- Thursday meetings, looking for volunteers, Robbie has applications.
- 90-minute training, badges are good for 12 months, next training February.
- Meetings attended well.

Women's – Lorraine W (via: WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- One meeting was not attended well due to a communication issue with block.
- Application on RBI website.
- Meet on Mondays.
- Meetings well attended by interested and engaged inmates. Limited to 15.

Bridging the Gap/First Contact – Chris O (Contact: BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- No requests this month.
- Looking for volunteers.
- Applications on Area59.com, "Bridging the Gap," "Guide," "Application."
- Area59 calendar has zoom meetings 4th Thursdays 730pm for all "Bridging the Gap" participants.

Visitation – Tim M (Contact: Visitation@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Absent

PI/CPC – Vacant (Contact: PublicInfo@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Materials put in storage locker.
- Looking for volunteers. **Needs help.**

District Rep Reports

District 33 – Stu-

- Had new GSR orientation
- Business meeting canceled due to weather.

District 66 – Tom-

District 67 – Tony

- Preconference sharing session, D67 meeting 4/12/25 @ St Paul's UCC Douglasville, flyer to be posted on Area website.
- Change made to activity fund for non-picnic expenses.
- Will be using a slide deck projector at business meeting to reduce paper and adding pizza to kick off the meetings.

Other Important notes to share with your home groups:

PI/CPC needs help.

Old Business

- Kay L Doing new RBI rep orientation on **Tuesday February 25th at 6:00pm**, for IGR's new to service, all are welcome. Breakdown of AA service framework, Roberts Rules, structure manual, Acronyms and more.
- Motion to allow Alchathon \$685 activities fund, as well as donations made to activities fund prior to event. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Motion made to add a link to "Hoover Home" to RBI website. Failed unanimously.
- Motion to form Ad-Hoc Archives committee. Passed unanimously.
- 2/15 8pm Pancakes Leesport 930pm speaker.

Next Intergroup Meeting: 25 February 2025 @ 7pm