



Reading - Berks Intergruop

Meeting Minutes of 25 March 2025

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition #3

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

New Representatives:

Visitors:

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

- As we have restarted many of our committees and are getting reorganized we have begun accumulating funds. A number of IGR's have mentioned to me that we need to make a plan to use these funds in support of our primary mission. "To carry AA's message to the next suffering alcoholic" I couldn't agree more!
- So here in my challenge to all of us:
- Begin a discussion at your homegroups and come back to the April Meeting with ideas which you can present as part of your regular monthly report and can bring to a motion as part of New Business
- We can also begin a discussion tonight during new business to put forward some suggestions. (although we will not be voting to take action this evening)
- For all of our existing committee members and chairpersons, discuss within your committee about how your committee can continue to "Carry the Message"
- Alex N, Area 59 alt delegate, gave RBI a letter and postcard to fill out for Area delegate Dan B

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

- Alex N. will be visiting RBI meeting April or May to speak on "Share Day".

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

- Minutes were emailed out after last month's meetings, emailed yesterday, and paper copies here tonight.
- March minutes will be emailed out and attendance sheet updated

Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Kay (contact: Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergruop.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	\$3183.14	\$4320.21
Activities Fund	\$679.85	\$779.85
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**

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-March report accepted as submitted.

Service Position Reports

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

- If you cannot meet a commitment that you took, please notify Mark. If it is the 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.
 - April commitments remaining reviewed to be taken by home groups.
 - Requirements per facilities; 1yr of sobriety and have worked the steps with a sponsor.
- You can scan this QR code to link to see which commitments are still available.



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

- Start: Feb 25, 2025
- End: March 25, 2025
 - o Talk: 2
 - Information: 5
 - Hang Up: 10
- Still looking for Men and Women Spanish speaking volunteers, will look into District 68 for support.
- Anyone interested in being a Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org
- Business cards brought to meeting for institution, correction, and community commitments. Getting quote for more business cards.

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

- End of the line Group changed location, reflected on new schedule.
- This quarter schedules printed and here tonight.

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

- Absent, attending a fundraiser for the hospice where her father is this evening. If anyone has any web concerns, please email or text @ 610-780-9299.

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

- Reviewing contents of archives bins, plan is to bring items to vote on uploading to website.
- Looking for history of Berks homegroups individually.
- “Fun Fact;” In March of 1946, Reading had first open/ public A.A. meeting. Doctors, lawyers, and public officials were invited and speakers came from Philadelphia to protect anonymity.

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

- Will be placing an order soon, please report any needs to Bill C.
- New IGR packets available.
- “Plain language” big book available.
- Updated literature list printed here at the meeting and attached to the meeting minutes.

Committee Chairpersons Reports

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

- Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting, will be included with minutes.

Unity –Matt (Contact: Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Nothing to report

Corrections

Men's – Robbie K called report to Mike L (Email: Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org)

- 5/8 and 8/14 are next 90-minute training, badges are good for 12 months.
- New applications for 2025, see Robbie.
- Thursday meetings, looking for volunteers, Robbie has applications.
- Meetings attended well.

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

- Emailed report. 3/26/25, returned from trip to Florida.
- BCJ Women's Meeting Update...
Only missed one week this month for meetings.
There are two new women waiting to hear on their application and clearances. If cleared, we will be up to six women. We will definitely be able to hold weekly meetings.
Any questions, please reach out.
- Application on RBI website.
- Meet on Mondays.

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)

- Each group that moved out of atonement was visited.

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

- absent
- Looking for volunteers. Needs help.

District Rep Reports

District 33 –Stu-

- Virtual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, small groups were engaging.
- Attended 3/9 Area quarterly budget business meeting.
- Leesport Pancake party rescheduled 4/12/25 due to snow.

District 66 – Tom-

- Absent

District 67 – Tony

- Preconference sharing session, 4/12/25 @ St Paul's UCC Douglasville, flyer attached to Feb minutes and posted on Area website. Top 10 items on agenda are here tonight. GSRs assigned either pros or cons and each present on item.
- ADCM (Floyd H) preliminary plan for District 67 website.
- DCM (Tom W) Mini assembly 6/6/25 in District 58
- New Bridging the Gap co-chairs Jackie and Nancy

Other Important notes to share with your home groups:

- Groups asking for support:
Oley group, Tuesday 7:30pm @ Friendens Luthern Church
Gibraltar Group, Friday 7:00pm @ St Johns Luthern Church
- PI/CPC needs help.
- RBI looking for ideas from homegroups on events and activities they would like RBI to host and provide.
- Consider group donation go to “Activities” fund.
- What Institution commitments can be taken by homegroup.
- Hotline needs men and women Spanish speaking committee members. -6 month sobriety-
- 645 Walnut St Clubhouse is having Spring Dance 4/12 9pm, pdf in email.

Old Business

- Signup for RBI orientation 6pm 3/25/25 prior to business meeting.

New Business

- Motion passed to allocate \$100 for 40 “Meeting in pocket” to Women and Men Corrections.

Next Intergroup Meeting: 22 April 2025 @ 7pm