



# Reading - Berks Intergroup

## Meeting Minutes of 22 April 2025

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition # 4.

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

New Representatives: Alice H (Alt- Walk the Walk)

Visitors: Alex N. (Area 59 Alt delegate, Intergroup liaison)

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

- Nothing

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

- Alex N. visiting, spoke on "Share Day".

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

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

Report accepted as submitted.

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

- Donations will go into the General fund unless otherwise designated.
- 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 (minus PR)	\$4320.21	\$4061.77
Activities Fund	\$779.85	\$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**

- Unable to add Vemo or Cash App. Sam, website chair, offered assistance.
- April report emailed, reviewed by Chairperson. Accepted as submitted.

### Service Position Reports

**Institutions** – Mark (Email: [Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto: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](mailto:Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org) and reserve your groups commitments in advance of the RBI meeting.
  - May commitments remaining reviewed to be taken by home groups, minus two Women's Teen Challenge Tues nights.
  - 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](mailto:Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

- Start: March 25, 2025
- End: April 22, 2025
  - o Talk: 5
  - Information: 13
  - Hang Up: 2
- Looking for Men and 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)
- Quote for more Business cards brought to meeting.

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

- This quarter schedules printed in March, copies available here tonight at April meeting

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

- No issues with website. >7,000 visits 30days.
- Asked if RBI would be interested in online literature ordering. This would be through Vemo paid to Intergroup.
- Working on uploading Archives

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

- Review of contents of archives bins, uploading to website in three parts. 1- Early Berk AA (Permission from Reading Eagle to post articles) 2-History of District formations. 3- Chronicles of current groups.
- Looking for history of Berks homegroups individually.
- “Fun Fact;” First A.A. clubhouse opened in 1945 on the 600 block of Penn Ave, later moved in April 1949.

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

- Will be placing an order soon, please report any needs to Bill C. (Big Books and 12 & 12)
- 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](mailto:mailto:Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org))

- Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting, will be included with minutes.
- Past Alternatives being uploaded to website.

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

- Absent
- Bob P. reached out to Matt about picnic and party supplies in archives. Attempting to find use for bulky takeout containers and disposable cups, to free up space in storage locker.
- Bob P. also initiated discussion with EDI on Hilltop Rd for Alcathon.

**Corrections**

**Men's** – Robbie K (Email: [Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org](mailto: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. Do not use application unless clearly marked for 2025.
- Thursday meetings, looking for volunteers, Robbie has applications.
- Permission to have a Big Book Study, now allowed to bring in books. Inmates have AA book available on tablets.

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

- 4 fulltime participants, 2 orienting 5/8
- Women asking for literature, Grapevines have been brought in.
- Application on RBI website.
- Meet on Mondays. Facility capped attendance at 15 inmates.

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

- 0 requests this month.
- Looking for volunteers.
- Applications on Area59.com, “Bridging the Gap,” “Guide,” “Application.”
- Area59 calendar has zoom meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 730pm for all “Bridging the Gap” participants.

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

- Looking for female volunteer to visit women groups that left Atonement and speak on behalf of RBI.

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

- Larry stepped down. No volunteer to replace Committee Chair tonight. Also, no one currently on PI/ CPC committee.
- Looking for volunteers. **Needs help.**

**District Rep Reports**

**District 33** –Stu-

- Come As You Are picnic 5/25 6pm Fleetwood Park

**District 66** – Tom-

- Absent

**District 67** – Tony (emailed, reviewed by chairperson)

- The Pre-Conference Sharing appeared to be a success. We expected 125-175 attendees based on previous attendance and obtained signatures from 250 attendees! Much more than expected.
- D67 remained under the \$3000 budgeted amount and will end the conference budget with a balance b/n \$450-\$500 (pending receipts)

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

- What is group conscious on moving Petty cash and Workshop/ Convention Funds to General or Activites, to eliminate these unused and unchanged accounts?
- What motions can be made to carry the message, funds are available. Seeking members to take action.
- PI/CPC and Unity committees need 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-

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

- Motion passed to purchase 1000 business cards for Hotline <\$60.
- Continued discussion of accumulating funds, some ideas presented; Stepping Stones, Literature to Corrections, hosting conference, activity dance and trivia. **No motions were made.** Corrections will report literature needs once reviewed.
- Underground Garage added a Big Book Study prior to Sunday meeting @5:30 pm

***Next Intergroup Meeting: 27 May 2025 @ 7pm***