



Reading - Berks Inter group

Meeting Minutes of 23 July 2024

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition #7

"The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority."

New Representatives:

Donny- Underground garage

Sam- Webmaster Nominee

Mike- Hilltop Group & Anthony a visitor from Hilltop

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

August is 39th IG Central office AA conference 8/22-8/25 in Las Vegas

We will hold service position elections in November. Terms are 2 years and begin in January

Alt. Chair's Report – Dave (Contact: Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksInter group.org)

Service manual will be updated as soon as possible

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

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

Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Gregg G. (contact: Treasurer@ReadingBerksInter group.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	\$1,883.26	1711.58 Corrected after the meeting
Activities Fund	\$620.90	\$857.89
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**

Motion to accept treasurers report was made and approved unanimously.

Service Position Reports

Institutions – Mark (Email: Institutions@ReadingBerksInter group.org)

All commitments taken- 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@ReadingBerksInter group.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)

Start: June 26, 2024

End: July 23, 2024

Talk: 3

Info: 19

Hang Up: 4 solicitation calls

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)

150 are here

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

Position open- No Report.

Sam has been elected as new Webmaster

Archives – Shirli (Email: Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

No Report

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

Literature inventory will be delayed until later this week

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 L (Contact: Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

9/20 Bus trip to General Service Office in NY. Flyers are available. There are 31 seats available. We need 15 more registered by 8/16 to make the trip happen. Leave at 7:00, AA meeting @ 11:00, 12:15 to 1 Tours at GSO, Free time from 1-3. Leave NYC@ 3:00 pm.

Motion to get \$741.33 from Activities fund for Bust trip and Flyers

Corrections

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

No Report

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

We have 3 women active. There have been communication challenges with the Women's block. Continuing to work on it.

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

No calls and as always looking for volunteers.

As a side note in the spirit of rotation, I will not be continuing Bringing the Gap in November election. So now would be a good time for someone interested to learn the ropes.

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

No Report

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

Email from Germany asking for help for a friend in Berks County who is not comfortable walking into a group. Thinking about creating a list of people who might be willing to help these people get started.

Reach out if you are interested in attending as an AA rep at an event where PI/CPC will have an. Please let Jen know.

District Rep Reports

District 33 –Mike- Going to Glenside for District night out.

Jan 18, 2025. GSR Orientation

Voting year in Lancaster at the EPGSA

There was discussion at District 33 about concerns about the new plain language BB.

District 66 – Tom-Multi-district Workshop Update:

The multi-district workshop is on August 3rd 12-3. Details on Area 59 website:

<https://area59aa.org/calendar/multi-district-workshop-around-the-tables-of-general-service-how-we-fill-our-great-responsibility>

i. Flyers are available and were handed out at District

ii. Lunch provided and then roundtable discussions led by area officers on a variety of service topics, followed by a “mock election” intended to help GSR’s prepare for the November election at EPGSA

District 67 – Kelly

Multi district workshop happening. Food will be provided.

Area 59 archives chair brought a display

Ad-Hoc Finance – Bob

Investigating the opportunities to change our insurance. Expect to have a recommendation by the end of August. We will either keep our current policy or change to a different p

Other Important notes to share with your home groups:

1. RBI elections will be held at the November meeting for officers, chairpersons of committees and all other service positions. Terms are 2 years and begin in January

Officers
• Chairperson
• Alternate Chair
• Secretary
• Treasurer

Service Positions
• Institutions
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• Literature
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Committee Chairpersons
- Alternative
- Unity
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- Corrections Women's
- Bridging the Gap
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2. Please ask at your Homegroup business meetings and your homegroup AA meetings about your willingness to take commitments

3. Need Volunteers for the hotline, need 1 year of sobriety

4. New Website for RBI coming soon- Stay tuned-ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

5. Bus trip for GSO in NYC Friday September 20th. Leaves @ 7:00am returns @ 6:00pm. \$50.00 per person. Sign up required by 8/16.

6. Remind Home groups that contributions must be marked specifically for the General fund or the Activities fund. If not designated the contribution will go into the General fund.

- a. Based on a recent change all cost for Activities will come out for the Activities fund. Previously rent for Activities venues was funded by the General fund

7. Need women volunteers for the Corrections committee to take meetings into the prison. Please contact Lorraine W at

WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

Old Business

Bob P. We have been spending around \$1700/year for insurance for Reading Berks intergroup the last several years. He has checked around surrounding areas and has found many are paying half what we are paying. He would like to look into this further to find what coverage we have, and what these other entities are paying for so we can compare apples to apples. He suggested perhaps buy late August or early September this info could be compiled with help. He also suggested he will reach out to GSO to see if guidance is viable for what coverage we should have. Motion made to form ad hoc committee to investigate this. Motion passed 27 yes unanimous. If you are interested in being a part of this, contact info here-484-650-1644 robertpratt@comcast.net

New Business

Sam from Freedom from Bondage has been nominated for Webmaster. Approved unanimously.

Motion to get \$741.33 from Activities fund for Bust trip and Flyers

Discussion about how much \$ was previously allotted

Vote- 22 yes, 4 no.

Minority opinion-Bob- why would we spend so much on this Trip.

Mike- Concerned about depleting the Activities fund.

Mary- Activities fund more family based that this trip.

Jen P- trip was related to a prize.

1 vote changed. Revote taken- 18 Yes, 7 no. Motion carried

Motion to elect Lorraine W as Women’s corrections. Approved unanimously

Motion to elect Zach L as Secretary. Approved unanimously

Next Intergroup Meeting: 27 August 2024 @ 7pm