



Reading - Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes of 25 June 2024

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. Alt Chairperson Read Tradition #6

"Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

New Representatives:

Chair's Report –Absent-Dave K. filling in. We are in need of a secretary; we have a temp filling in tonight.

(Contact: Chairperson@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Asked for any new reps here tonight.

- 1- Lorraine from Twin Valley. Representing her group and stated she is the new women's Prison Chair for Susan who resigned.
- 2- 2- Steve filling in for Robesonia group rep.

Alt. Chair's Report – Dave K. nothing to report. (Contact: Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Secretary's Report – Absent-Filled in temporarily by Steve P (Notes to: Secretary@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Minutes were emailed out after last month's meetings, Printed reports delivered late to the meeting, Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Absent-read by Dave K. accepted as (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 for the specific fund it is intended for. Donations to the activities fund must be specifically marked for the activities fund.

	Previous Balance	Current Balance
Prudent Reserve	\$3020.00	\$3020.00
General Fund	\$37.25	\$1883.26
Activities Fund	\$435.50	\$620.90
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**

Motion to accept treasurers report as read was made and approved unanimously.

Service Position Reports

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

5 commitments left, announced at the meeting and 3 left unfilled.

Reminder made that no-call no show reports have been coming from Haven commitments to Mark.

QR code reminder that it is on the minutes, and also available on the website to access open commitments. August already posted.

You can email Mark and reserve your groups commitments in advance of the RBI meeting. Or, can scan this QR code to link to see which commitments are still available.



Hotline – Bill (contact: Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Start: May 29 , 2024

End: June 25, 2024

Talk: 4

Info: 31

Hang Up: 2

Still looking for Women Spanish speaking volunteers

HIBU discontinued, thanked Steve P. for assistance with this. Rols was still listed as the contact, so he needed to get in touch with them in order to cancel the service. He has been reached and June will be the last bill for this service. The hotline service cost is now \$120. Tele messaging is \$64, includes 75 incoming calls. After that it is \$.40/call, and \$0.25 per email. Phone service base is \$55, plus separate costs for email.

Anyone interested in being a Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

Schedules – Absent, no printed schedules available. It was suggested to use the phone app or visit the website for updated and current schedules. (contact: Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

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

_____ Many documents that are discussed at the monthly meeting are available on the RBI website including the most recent and archives minutes, treasurer's report, recent printable schedules, the Alternative newsletter, etc. Also, there are many local activities and flyers for them on the local events page, as well as through the meeting guide app.

Steve resigned his position as the website administrator. He voiced his displeasure with the recent events and votes happening at the Intergroup meeting, and the apparent shift of focus from the primary purpose that is why Intergroup exists. He also stated his personal life does not afford him the time to continue doing the website as it has been done for the last 4+ years. He thanked intergroup for allowing him the opportunity to serve.

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

Needs access archive email. A link has previously been emailed 3x, another will be sent which needs to be acknowledged to become active.

A question was asked if we archive any new material or just pay for a storage facility every month. The answer was nothing new is being archived, either digital information or new documents.

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

He announced his home group anniversary happening tomorrow.

He has recently completed a completed inventory of all he has in possession and it is on the current inventory list available at the meeting and on the website.

He also has newcomer service rep packages available at the meeting.

Committee Chairpersons Reports

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

A new supplier printed them this month at significant cost savings. Bob P found a place in Leesport that cost \$16 instead of the \$67 spent last month!

The latest Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting and will be emailed with the meeting minutes. Stu asked if someone could help him to pick these up since they are only open M-F during business hours when he is working.

Unity –Jen L Bus trip planned 9/20/24, a deposit has been placed. It will leave at 7, meeting at 11, tour at 12:15. meeting. 1-3 free time, return around 6PM. No flyers available tonight, hope to have them completed in the beginning of July and will email it. Using PayPal has been more difficult than expected, we will figure it out. Registration forms will be available once the flyer is done. Going to go to district meetings in July or August to see if they are willing to give us money to support the trip. So, the plan is for the cost to be \$50 up front when you register. If we can obtain the money from the activities fund or district, we will refund excess funds on the day of the trip to reflect actual costs. Info will be shared on clean and sober fun in Berks page on Facebook, on WhatsApp, our website, etc.

(Contact: Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Corrections

Men's – Robby K. We are still going every Thursday. Will go to the BCP on the 4th. Aug 15 next training/orientation -4-5 scheduled to go. Nov 14th is the next date. To go you must fill out the forms available on the website. (Email: Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org)

Women's –Lorraine- New Rep from Twin Valley. She's recruiting orientation scheduled in Aug. had 22 & 19 attend. Going every 2-3 weeks. Goal is to get to going weekly. Weve had as many as 22 women attend the meetings we take into the prison. (via:

WomensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Bridging the Gap/First Contact– Absent, No report.(Contact: BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

Visitation – Absent-No report (Contact: Visitation@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

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

Community events coming up in July & August. We have 2 new committee members, too. We can always use more volunteers, no sobriety requirement to participate. We just received more info business cards which include a QR code to the RBI website, the Berks County digital schedule, and the meeting guide app for IOS or Android phones. We can give you 10-15 to take to your home group to share at your meeting. Thanks Bill M for all your help as cochair for the committee.

District Rep Reports

District 33 – Stu- Mini assemblies both have been held. D33 School out reach will begin in the fall. Leesport is having an event in July, details are on the RBI website and the meeting guide app.

District 66 – -No report

District 67 – Kelly-Alex attended from the A59 Structure committee. Multi-district workshop in August in Morgantown. Emailed the flyer to RBI website. To be held August 3rd noon-3 in Morgantown.

Old Business

RBI is in need of a secretary, and someone to attend to the website.

New 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

Next Intergroup Meeting: 23 July 2024 @ 7pm