



Reading - Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes of 24 March 2026

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. The secretary Read Concept # 3.

“As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

New Representatives: Jim W (Teathyme Group)

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

- Nothing to report

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

- RBI inventory 3/14/26, sparcly attended
- Orientation 4/28/26 prior to business meeting
- All Intergroup Day 3/28/26 @ EDI

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

- March minutes were emailed out after last month’s meetings and paper copies here tonight.
- April minutes will be emailed out and attendance sheet updated later this week. Please make an initial on attendance sheet.
- If any Chairpersons want me to include absent reports or flyers I can incorporate details and join to minutes sent to RBI email list.
- Inventory notes will be distributed by the end of this weekend. Inventory was attended by 9 RBI members and facilitated by Fred.
- Report accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Kay (contact: Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Absent, paper copies of itemized income and expenses are available here at the meeting.
- You may send donations here: *P.O. Box 12157 Reading PA 19612*. They will go into the General fund unless otherwise designated.

| | Previous Balance | Current Balance | Prudent Reserve | Available Funds |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$6,963.90 | \$7,114.27 | \$2,000 | \$5,114.27 |
| Activities Fund | \$500.15 | \$500.15 | 0 | \$500.15 |

- April Treasurer Report approved as submitted.

Ad-Hoc Finance- Kay (Contact: Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

- Absent

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.
 - 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.



- May Institution commitments on website.

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

- Slow, messages left with questions of entrances to meetings, and a member’s child being accepted into nursing school.
 - Connected with the Spanish Intergroup for Spanish speaking callers.
 - Start: February 24, 2026
 - End: March 24,2026
- Information: 2
 Speak to: 1
 Hang Up: 1
 Solicitations:
- Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

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

- Stu- New schedules printed here at the business meeting.
 - o New group Wednesday Douglasville, Reading Young People moved, and Underground Garage Big Book meeting Sunday at 5:30pm to be corrected.

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

- Link to register for speaker jam on events page of website
- Approximately 25% of HG histories loaded onto Archives

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

- Notebook binder of HG histories and AA newspaper articles from the Reading Eagle available for events.
- Fun Fact: March of 1946 first open AA meeting in Reading where community leaders were invited.

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

- Updated literature inventory printed and available at this meeting.
- Literature price increase goes into effect 2/1/26. RBI to increase price with new order of books.
 - o \$3.00 increase per item for books
 - Excluding (B-0) AA First Edition, \$2 list price
 - (B-28) A.A. for the Older Alcoholic will receive a 15% increase
 - o 15% increase for all other literature i.e. booklets and pamphlets

Committee Chairpersons Reports

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

- Alternative newsletters are available at this meeting and on RBI website.

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

Ad-Hoc RBI Picnic Forrest R (Contact: forreslakeman@gmail.com)

- Starting to look into venues, local parks.
- Needs our Liability Insurance information to book.

Corrections

Men’s – Robert K (Email: Mensprison@readingberksintergroup.org)

- Meet Thursdays, going good, rotating around.
- New applications for 2026 on the intergroup website, see Robert. Next training May 7th.
- Roll call has allowed new men to attend.

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

- Absent, meet Mondays. Looking for volunteers, new applications 2026 on the website. See Lorraine.

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

- Absent, Bob P to touch base with Chris about continued absence. Dave may volunteer to chair.
- Applications on Area59.com, “Bridging the Gap,” “Guide,” “Application.” Zoom meetings 4th Thursdays 730pm

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

- Absent.

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

- Made no new progress.
- Attempted to attend Reading Royals game on Mental Health Night, couldn't pay \$750 for booth rental and claim affiliation.
- New business cards

District Rep Reports

District 33 –Stu

- General Service Conference in NY end of April- 4/11/26 Pre-conference sharing Cornwall, PA
- “All Intergroups Day,” with Eastern PA Intergroups and Area 59 3/28/26 @ EDI. Flyer at meeting.
 - o 10 different Intergroups and food provided.

District 66 – Tom-

Absent

District 67 – Tony

Absent

Ad-Hoc RBI Workshop Tim M (Contact: tmcguirk@ptd.net)

- Absent, Flyers here at business meeting, attached to minutes. Registration QR code on flyer and on RBI website in events tab.
- 4/18/26 9a-3p @EDI, speakers lined up, and Flyer coming.
- Looking for volunteers, email Tim.
- Event and food are free. Will have sign-up for attendees, method to be determined.

Old Business

- Mark- Change to start time at Teen Challenge from 7:15 to 7:00pm
- Greg- Motion made to add Institution commitment in Hope Rescue Mission 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30pm
 - o 18 Yes – 2 oppose. No minority opinion. Motion passed
 - o Greg meeting with Hope Rescue Mission staff to acquire more specific details.

New Business

- Bob P- Discussion on making cost cutting changes to Hotline. No motions made, committee still researching alternative services. Hotline averaging < 10 calls per month.
 - o Phone service: changing to a wireless plan can save \$240/ year. Currently have landline and pay \$700/year
 - o Answering service: changing to “Go to App” (Intergroup in the Poconos uses) can save \$250-240/ year. Currently have Advantage Tele Services, who answers calls, records messages, and routs calls to 46 volunteers, and pay close to \$1000/year.

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge: "I am responsible. When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." Al S. 1965 International Convention in Toronto

Next Intergroup Business Meeting: 28 April 2026 @ 7pm