



Reading - Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes of 28 April 2026

The meeting came to order. We recited the Serenity Prayer. The Alt. Chair read Concept # 4.

“Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of the world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”

New Representatives: Sean (Gibraltar)

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

- Speaker Jam was awesome.

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

- RBI Inventory had 9 members attend, notes received, and committee will present findings to better pass the message in Berks County.

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.
- Inventory notes sent out April 20th There are a few printed 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.
- Report accepted as submitted.

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

- Balance in report reflects activity as of April 15th This does not include recent expenses for RBI Inventory (-\$150) and Speaker Jam (-\$2,200) contributions (+\$158)
- 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	\$7,114.27	\$7,482.50	\$2,000	\$5,482.50
Activities Fund	\$500.15	\$600.15	0	\$600.15

- April Treasurer Report approved as submitted.

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

- No report this month

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.
 - May 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.



- June Institution commitments on website.

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

- Absent, emailed report.
 - Connected with the Spanish Intergroup for Spanish speaking callers.
 - Start: March 24, 2026
 - End: April 28, 2026
- Information: 3 for meetings
Talk: 1
Hang Up: 2
Solicitations: 0
- Female had problems with woman harassing her while on an online meeting. She was offered suggestions.
- Hotline volunteer must have 1 year of sobriety. If interested email Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org

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

- May change fonts. Printed schedules here at the meeting and will have more next month.

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

- Absent

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

- Display with a notebook binder of HG histories and AA newspaper articles from the Reading Eagle available for events. This was at Walnut St 82nd Anniversary.
- Fun Fact: 4/23/50 Richard Karen took his last drink. Two years later started Chit Chat newsletter and later Chit Chat Farms.

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 –SOLD OUT- We do have some copies purchased from SEPIA
 - (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 and local parks. Tentatively in Fall.
- Paper passed to IGRs to list HG picnics to not interfere.

Corrections

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

- Meet Thursdays, going well, 9 members (2 intermittent.)
- New applications for 2026 on the intergroup website, see Robert. Next training May 7th.
- Possibly will add once a month 12 & 12 meeting. Thank you for the box of grapevines for the Imates.

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

- Meet Mondays. Needs volunteers, new applications 2026 on the website. See Lorraine. 4 members.
- 6-15 women a meeting who give up "Dayroom time" in order to attend.

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

- Absent due to no referrals from Area.
- Discussion from Gabe, Lori, Lorraine, Mark, and Zach; What can we do to share more information about BTG at Institutions and Correction Facilities? Women prisons do hand out forms. Area 59 website does have forms to print, information, and zoom meetings.
- Applications on Area59.com, "Bridging the Gap," "Guide," "Application." Zoom meetings 4th Thursdays 730pm

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

- No HG visited March or April
- Looking for volunteers to help committee, particularly women.
- In general visits groups without IGRs

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

- Can attend sober activities and set up booths. Talk to Gabe for suggestions. Will be attending "Sober Ride"
- Attended "All Intergroup Day" Took away contacts with other Intergroups, differences how they help the still sick and how Intergroup fits into the Service structure
- New business cards and wrist bands available.

District Rep Reports

District 33 –Stu

- New meeting, At Wits End in Kutztown
- Secretary stepped down, and Alt DCM won't move to DCM

District 66 – Tom-

- Visiting silent groups
- June 13th quarterly report
- Looking at structure manual

District 67 – Tony

Absent

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

- Attendance: 125 pre-registered, 35% of them volunteered, and 74% of them attended. As well as unregistered persons.
- 2 speakers were husband and wife, which decreased estimated lodging and milage. Two other speakers lived closer and decreased estimated milage further.
- Budget of \$3,990 verses actual expenses \$2,217.72. List attached to minutes.
- New Life Speakers Group recorded speakers and will post on their platform.

Old 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.

- Phone service: changing to a wireless plan can save \$240/ year. Currently have landline and pay \$700/year
- 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.

New Business

- No change to Hotline cost cutting, Bob P will not head changes to hotline. Gabriel M volunteered to head cause.

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: 26 May 2026 @ 7pm