



# Reading Berks Intergroup

## Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2010

### Opening

The meeting was called to order by Kenny T. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The short form of the was then read by Gary.

### Chairperson's report – Kenny T.

Now that the Alternative is again in print, the General Fund is no longer running a surplus. Donations from the Groups are needed more than ever. Kenny also mentioned that our efforts have been noticed and commended, with special recognition to the Committee Chairs. Applause and back-slapping ensued. When calm was restored, Kenny went on to make mention of the Spring Lunch, to be held Thursday, 4/8/10 at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Church of Christ, 611 Washington Street. A flyer is posted on the website.

### Alternate Chair's report – Beth B.

The Circle of Hope Roundup Committee met before the meeting. Discussion included review of the “hugely successful” Dinner-Dance, and of plans for the upcoming COH Roundup, to be held June 4-5-6, 2010. Five speakers have been secured, mailers have been sent out, and the websites are updated. See/contact Beth B. for tickets (\$30 for the whole weekend.)

### Secretary's Report – Mark S.

Copies of the January minutes were made available, as was the sign-in sheet.

### Treasurer's Report - Greg G.

The basket was passed. Copies of the report were distributed and read:

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Prudent Reserve	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
General Fund	\$1,325.44	\$1,996.83
Activities Fund	\$280.79	\$280.79
Petty Cash	\$67.25	\$94.25

Mention was made of the renewed publication of The Alternative, and its attendant costs. Contributions, usually high at the beginning of a new year, have been lacking. We are the service arm of AA (local) as GSO is national/international. Of approximately 90 groups, only 30 consistently contribute to the general fund, and only 6 of those in a major way. We need word passed back to the groups for contributions on a regular basis.

**Hotline** -- Mark S. for Theo

Calls for the past month (56 in total) included:

For Information - 33                      Solicitations - 7                      Question for us - 2\*  
Wrong Numbers - 2                      Mtg. Complaint - 1\*                      Call Backs - 2  
Schedule Requests - 3                      To Talk - 6

\* Questions were about midnight meetings and a volunteer for the Hotline;  
The complaint involved a person who went to Ramada Inn for a mtg. and found a bar there instead. (Discussion ensued, and it was decided to scratch that meeting from the schedule.)

**Schedules** – Danielle

Updated schedules including corrections were made available.

**Alternative** -- Angelo

Asked to be notified of any group anniversaries, events, etc. for inclusion.

**Literature** – Chris L.

Running smoothly. Asked that, when leaving an order, include a contact number. Also, if you know you will need a large order, notify Chris ASAP.

**Corrections** – Terry (also speaking for Diane for Women's Corrections)

Noting that the prison visit apps were online, suggested downloading the application forms from the website, to take to groups for distribution to new volunteers. The same form is used for both men and women. Women are especially needed. Volunteer orientation is required, and is held every other month. There was a reminder to bring in outdated Grapevines and other literature for distribution. A motion was passed to provide a case of Big Books to split between the men's and women's prisons.

**Archives** – Henry (New Life)

Now meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Passed a list of groups for which they still lack info. Cited a need for volunteers for the committee (contact Henry!) Planning an Archives display at the Circle of Hope Roundup, bought materials for same.

**Unity** – Angie (speaking for Carrie)

Currently waiting for literature to assemble more new-rep packets.

**Website** – Greg G.

"It's up and running." Info and downloadable flyers up-to-date.

**Bridging the Gap** – Terry (absent, no report)

**Institutions Report** - Steve W.

Commitments filled quickly, including those requiring women! (Noted that this was perhaps because 26 groups were represented here tonight.)

**District 33** – Mike R.  
No report.

**District 66** – Connie  
Introduced Joe.

**District 67** – Joe  
Announced the date of the Tri-District Workshop to be April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Exeter Community Center (“The Barn”)

**Old Business**  
Arrangements are still in the pipe for Spanish-language Big Books for donation to the Reading Hospital Detox.

**New Business**  
Beth B. brought up the issue of Big Books for Reading Detox in Spanish. It was decided that Tomalo com Calma Group would be contacted for specifics. In the meantime, a case of English-language Big Books would be contributed.

David graciously accepted the key for next meeting.

**Next Intergroup Meeting: 23 March 2010**

A motion was called for, made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting, which closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted - Mark S, Secretary

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