



Reading Berks Intergroup

Meeting Minutes for May 2008

Opening - The monthly meeting of the Reading/Berks Intergroup was called to order by Kenny, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Gary read the short form of Tradition 5. New Reps: Jeri – Courage to Change; Keely – Atonement; Jim – Shoey; Micheal - Lifeline

Chairperson's report –Rick R. stated there has been sporadic attendance at the Men's Caron Adolescent Sunday commitment. Possible communication problems. Conewago is still operating as normal.

Alternate Chair's report - Kenny reported the following from the conference committee meeting:

- Will be holding conference in 2009
- Matt and Bill visited from York Sunlight of the Spirit committee to share their experience, strength and hope on planning a conference. They shared a lot of good information with the committee.
- The name of the conference will be "Circle of Hope".
- Progress being made on choosing location and events. EDI, Penn State Berks Campus, Inn at Reading all being explored as location options.
- Preliminary dates are May 29-30, 2009.
- No contracts have been signed as of now.
- Please discuss ideas with home groups and bring back feedback now to avoid future problems.
- The conference committee will be meeting again on June 10 at 6:30pm at Calvary Baptist Church.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Alternate Chair's report. It stands approved.

Secretary's Report - Minutes from the previous meeting were read silently. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. It stands approved.

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by our treasurer Greg.

General Fund - \$2137.83
Activity Fund - \$167.95
Petty Cash - \$142.33
Prison Fund – \$0.00
Prudent Reserve - \$2400.00

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers report. It stands approved.

Hotline - Ted gave the following information

52 total calls
- 39 calls for information
- 3 request for schedules
- 6 solicitations
- 1 ride to meeting

Ted questioned number of calls that hotline is reporting as receiving. Greg will email Ted the bill for his review.

Schedules – John reported that the schedules were updated and printed. John stated that he would like to step down as Schedules Chair. He will take care of July/August. He stated he will no longer be involved in Intergroup. John would like to see someone else get involved. Danielle offered to take over schedules. A

motion was made and seconded to have Danielle handle schedules. It stands approved.

Alternative – Tim not present. Henry stated that Tim contacted him and he was unable to attend due to work. His computer was down and he was unable to do the May Alternative. He is willing to keep the commitment if we will have him. A motion was made to keep Tim on and it was opposed. A message will be passed to Tim that it must be done, or we will have to have someone else handle it. Joan has requested permission from the New Yorker to use New Yorker jokes.

Literature – Jan reported \$361.45 in literature sales for May. Outstanding payment is due from Happy Hour - \$120.00; Congo Big Book - \$120.00; Alpha \$120.00. She will no longer deliver literature unless payment has been received. Pamphlets have arrived for the commitments. There are a total of 8 commitments and 5 of each pamphlet will be taken by the person taking first commitment of the month. We will then take stock and get feedback on how many more pamphlets each commitment needs.

Men's Corrections – Terry stated that things are going well at the prison. There are some weeks that there are over 50 in attendance at the meetings. The prison has things very well orchestrated and the meetings are very good. They have a speaker meeting for about 40 minutes and then open up to discussion. The speaker topics vary. Terry also stated that 2/3 of men that have applied to carry the message to the prison have been denied and no reason is given. They need volunteers to get cleared to carry message. Terry also stated that he will need some of the \$800.00 allocated to Spanish literature for the prison.

Women's Corrections – Jan stated that things are also going well. The women's meetings are run as an open discussion meeting and usually have 20-30 women in attendance. They do not permit chatting or cross talk.

Archives – Gary has received new material for archives. He will get a flyer together for the next meeting. Rick will obtain material from French Creek for archives.

Unity – Mark reported then following:

- He does not yet have a flyer ready for the picnic. He requested that we sign up to bring a covered dish or desert to the picnic and a paper was passed. He has a grill available and asked that we solicit contributions to the activities fund for Intergroup. Clint suggested that we use the minutes to pass around picnic information. Picnic is July 19 at Gibraltar Park 12n-6pm.
- He will have a flyer for the GSO bus trip printed for next month.

Website - Greg reported that the website is up and running. Minutes will be added back onto the website.

Bridging the Gap – Terry reported everything was working well and he has forms along. He has received two requests from state prison inmates coming to the area.

District 33 – Bob not present. No report.

District 66 – Connie reported that Laurie is no longer the liaison. The position is vacant but District will be sending someone on a rotating basis until the position is filled.

District 67 – Jim not present. No report.

Institutional Commitments – Steve reported that he received 2 phone calls for commitments that people were unable to fill. People are beginning to contact him and all of the commitments have his contact information. Steve requested that one commitment be taken the first time the sheet is passed and then it will go around again. Steve will email Tim and Greg the commitment sheet. Keely is willing to take all of Wernersville commitments for June.

Old business:

- Janice apologized for being unable to open being due to commitment at school.

New business:

- Atonement is celebrating their 5 year anniversary on May 31 after the 8:15 AM meeting.
- Joan requested schedules for the Alcohol Awareness program at Albright.

- Greg has flyers available for the Mini Assemblies this summer (see attached).
- Jan requested protocol for new meetings to be added to the schedule. It is 4 months.
- Chuck stated that we have to check which floor the Conewago meeting is held on to avoid confusion and there will be no meeting on July 4 at Conewago or Wernersville.
- David will open for month of June

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was approved. The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B.