

Brandywine Intergroup Monthly Meeting Notes 2/10/2024

1. Serenity Prayer - Welcome - Introductions – Quorum (8 intergroup reps and 3 board members needed)
 - a. Present: Ann, Andy*, Marilyn*, Mike, Carol, Rachel, Kathy*, Laura W*, Noreen, Harriet*, Laura S*, Patty*, Gina*, Cathy*, Nancy M*, Liz*
2. Readings - Tradition of the Month (read by Laura W) - Concept of the Month (read by Harriet) - Voices of Recovery (read by Andy)
3. Minutes from last month's meeting
4. Officer Reports
 - a. Chair – Acting Chair for February meeting - Ann
 - b. Vice Chair/Group Services - Carol
 - a. Carol's term will be ending at the end of June. There is an opportunity for service for someone.
 - c. Treasurer – Ann
 - a. Thank you to Friday North Coventry, Saturday Oaks in person and Zoom, and intergroup meetings for donations in January.
 - d. Recording Secretary – Rachel
 - a. Rachel's term will be ending at the end of June. There is an opportunity for service for someone.
 - e. Corresponding Secretary - Mike T
 - a. Wednesday Bala Cynwyd Zoom link is not linked on the meeting list on the website. Carol will correct this.
5. Group Issues and Feedback (10 minutes)
 - a. Sponsor list on website needs to be updated. If anyone wants to be added or taken off that list, please contact Mary Frances.
 - b. Laura W proposes that the speaker meeting following intergroup end after this month as the attendance is poor by intergroup meetings. The meeting will have a group conscience on this and notify intergroup of the decision.
 - c. Sunday night Malvern meeting confirmed it will do the blast in July.
6. 7th Tradition Collection — can donate in person or directly to Brandywine Intergroup (PO Box 605 Bryn Mawr, PA 19019-0605)
7. Committee Reports (2-3 min each)
 - a. Zoom - Carol G, Patty W
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. Website - Mary Frances, Laura W, Carol G
 - i. Please contact them with updates or changes.
 - ii. Nothing to report
 - c. Twelfth Step Within - Louisa (absent)
 - a. Nothing to report
 - d. Outreach - Eric (absent)
 - a. The committee is working on contacting colleges and universities.
 - e. Blast - Noreen, Kathy K
 - i. Meetings are asked to volunteer to take a month to provide submissions. This year's schedule has been created based on last year's schedule. Please bring this to your meetings and confirm your meetings can fulfill this. (Schedule provided in email with intergroup meeting minutes.)

- ii. Anyone who is inspired, even if your meeting is not taking that month, can submit content at any time.
 - iii. We need meetings to volunteer to submit content for June and December 2024.
 - iv. Send submissions to Kathy K., who will then send the accumulated articles to Noreen. Kathy's email is nanak976@yahoo.com.
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Update on step study: Started last week in hybrid format. 13 people attended. Three people attended in person.
- 9. New Business
 - a. WSBC motions and bylaws – Marilyn presented relevant proposed amendments and bylaws. Intergroup members voted on whether to include these on the agenda – NOT whether to approve the amendments or bylaws.
 - i. Removing “weight” at the end of the definition of abstinence: 13 votes yes (majority)
 - ii. Fellowship observe open board of trustees meeting: 12 votes yes (majority)
 - iii. WSBC delegate service limited to no longer than six years: 12 votes yes (majority)
 - iv. Scheduling WSBC to not interfere with religious holidays: 14 votes yes (majority)
 - v. Add feature to find a meeting tool on the OA website so meetings that meet more than once weekly should have the same meeting number or multiple numbers: 11 votes yes (majority)
 - vi. Change WSBC to be in person every other year and virtual every other year: 12 votes yes (majority)
 - vii. Remove “Him” referring to God in the steps and traditions: 12 votes yes (majority)
 - viii. NOTE: Starting 2025, WSBC will be three days and virtual. It will be a shorter time commitment and more accessible for delegates.
 - b. Board elections in June
 - i. Qualifications for chair, vice chair, and treasurer: one year of abstinence and six months service at the intergroup level
 - ii. Qualifications for recording secretary and corresponding secretary: six months of abstinence and six months of service at the intergroup level
 - iii. To read more about board positions and bylaws, please see: <https://brandywineintergroup.org/intergroup-reps/brandywine-intergroup-bylaws/>.
 - iv. If you are interested in any of these positions, those who are in these positions currently are happy to mentor and allow shadowing.
 - v. Please bring this need to your meetings. Bring flyer that explains what intergroup does for meetings (included in email with meeting notes).
 - vi. Intergroup reps: personally invite someone from your meetings to come to intergroup each month.
 - vii. Idea: workshop on service
 - c. Meeting updates on OA website:
 - i. Carol is supposed to make updates to our meeting list and on the World Service website. If meetings request updates on OA.org, please circle back to Carol.
 - d. Anne W. passed away recently.
- 10. Upcoming Events and Announcements
 - a. The next meeting of the Brandywine Intergroup will be held on Saturday, March 9. It will be a hybrid meeting. The in-person location is Christ Memorial Lutheran Church at 89 Line Road, Malvern, PA 19355. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86258728739> (meeting ID: 862 5872 8739).

- b. For current information on OA events hosted by other intergroups, check our website at brandywineintergroup.org. You can also check oaregion7.org for events that are posted throughout our region. Please stay for the speaker meeting immediately after this meeting.
- c. Speaker's Bureau: Contact Carolyn to add or delete your name from the list or to find a speaker for your meeting carolynmcgill@comcast.net).
- d. Please stay for the speaker meeting directly after this meeting.

11. Closing Prayer