

RVA ACA Intergroup Meeting Minutes
Thursday 1/16/25

Starting Time of Meeting: 7:01 PM

In attendance: Marty Y., Laura M., Tamara R., Tighe A., Chris H., Debbie D.

Meeting Opens with Serenity Prayer

Treasurer's Report (Cliff B.)

There were not very many donations this month - around \$20 from Laura's Saturday group. The Monday Freedom From the Past has not yet donated any funds. Suggestion that wording be included in the meeting script to inform attendees what the 7th Tradition donations are spent on. Debbie told Marty that she'd send him the wording for the script and he'll see that it gets to the right people in the group to address the script.

Group treasurers should make out their Intergroup donation checks to ACA Intergroup Richmond VA and mail them to Cliff Bruce, 11512 Ivy Home Terrace, Richmond VA 23233.

Secretary's Report (Debbie D.)

Debbie had nothing to report.

Chairperson's Report (Chris H.)

Chris had nothing to report..

Public Outreach Committee Report (Marty Y.)

Marty will share his tri-fold Newcomer's brochure - for both community resource centers as well as for the groups to have available - with Intergroup members prior to the next Intergroup Meeting on 2/20,25.

If anyone is interested in working with Marty on Public Outreach, contact him at 804-355-2318 or paintwagon@hotmail.com

Literature Committee Report (Vacant)

Tech Support Report (Tighe A.)

Teghe has identified Zoom Pro as being the Zoom version that might best fit the intended usage by Intergroup. It accommodates meetings of up to 100 attendees and allows for scheduling of independent Zoom meetings by different groups. Not sure if it can be set up using Intergroup's contact email. Marty volunteered to dive into Zoom Pro to figure out the logistics, etc.

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Old Business

Debbie: Met with Truist contact about getting Zell (automatic payment for Truist) as well as debit card tied to Intergroup account. Cliff will receive debit card in the mail; Zell setup has to be done through Cliff's sign-in to our Truist account. Debbie will walk Cliff through the procedure. They plan to get this done on Saturday 1/18.

Status of Claudia providing a Zoom tutorial for groups to know how to open up group-named checking accounts with no service charges not addressed this meeting because Secretary overlooked this item on the agenda.

Intergroup service positions on the Literature Committee are still vacant. Chris suggested that we encourage a couple of people to step up for these service positions so that the idea doesn't overwhelm a single individual.

New Business

Laura proposed that Intergroup sponsor a workshop in the spring. Topics were suggested including that of Sponsorship. A lot of time was spent discussing ACA sponsorship in general with controversy arising over whether any ACA should sponsor another ACA through the ACA Steps if that person has not done the ACA Steps themselves. BRB delineates 4 different types of sponsorship: Traditional, Co-Sponsor, Temporary and Long-Distance. There was disagreement as to whether individuals in ACA should co-sponsor each other through the Steps. The point was also made that, even though an individual has worked the 12 Steps in another 12-Step program, that person was not equipped to sponsor someone through the ACA Steps if they themselves have not done the ACA steps - those persons should not think that their experience with the Steps through another fellowship can be imposed on the ACA 12 Steps, the aim of which is distinctly different from any other 12-Step program. The point was made that we really must encourage those who have completed the ACA Steps to sponsor others through the Steps. Chris made the point that there are some ACAs who will only do a 5th Step with their therapist. Marty mentioned that there's a WSO tri-fold entitled "To Therapists" that he will purchase and review. It may be a good thing to include in the Public Outreach information distributed.

It was agreed that shooting for an Intergroup-sponsored workshop in May would be good. We will return to next month's Intergroup meeting with more detailed ideas about what topic(s) the workshop will address.

Announcements -

The Wednesday night ACA meeting, A Safe Place, is sponsoring a New Year's potluck on Wednesday January 29 from 7 - 9 PM at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Parkway, Richmond VA 23225. The group will provide paper products, utensils and drinks. Please bring a dish to share and a friend!

Intergroup has a pressing need for people to volunteer to serve on the **Literature Committee**. Contact Intergroup at contact@rvaacadff.org if you're interested in this position.

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Close Meeting with the ACA Serenity Prayer 7:50 PM

The next Intergroup meeting will convene via zoom on Thursday, 2/20/25 at 7:00.

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RVA ACA Intergroup meets on the third Thursday of each month via Zoom.

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