

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee Minutes April 13, 2023

1) Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

2) Attendance: Jason, chair; Joseph, vice chair; Colleen, GSR; Eric, maintenance; Beth, in-person sec. coord.; Kittrick; Chris, co-treasurer; Aimee, H&I rep.; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Damien; intergroup rep.; Sonya, activities; Steve, 4th step workshop; Nate, supplies; Tim

3) March minutes — Nate/Beth 2nd, unanimous approval.

Treasurer — Q1 report: \$2,906 net loss in Q1. The fellowship has \$3,020.05 in business account and \$9,728 in the prudent reserve. Average 7th tradition contributions are \$2168.72/month and PayPal contributions are \$314.87/mo. The 2022 Labor Day picnic netted \$1739.17, the lowest income-earning year on record. At the same time, rent is now \$2,922 per month. In Q1 2023, average 7th tradition contributions were up \$655.36 per month, but PayPal contributions lag and were 0 in March. Several members said they have set up automatic payments through PayPal so Chris will investigate why March showed 0 dollars. Chris suggests that secretaries request 7th tradition donations. Eric asked about promoting the QR code for PayPal donations. Michelle will put a mention of the QR code in the binder and will laminate the code and put it on or in the basket. Mark also set us up for Venmo, so Chris will find out about that and how we can post it. Aimee/Eric 2nd, unanimous approval

GSR — Two board members resigned because they disagreed with how the money was being spent. Lots of people are speculating about the resignations, but it was just a disagreement and both people will be replaced. GSR has a \$352 deficit in funds. They're going to start passing a virtual basket to rectify that. There's a monthly safety forum in May. Colleen will forward flyers and info about the safety forum to Michelle. Colleen also requested a group conscience vote on several agenda items. 1) Rescind the line about "lustful enough to rape" from some materials and 2) the phrase "as we conceive it" will be changed in the Spanish edition because it translates to people getting pregnant. Chris/Beth 2nd, unanimous approval

H&I — April flyers are up and the new treasurer's report is posted on the bulletin board on the door to the back room. BLF did pretty good, contributing \$504 so far this year. H&I is still trying to organize Fire Camp positions. Jason says it's a good way for BLF members to participate in service because the Fire Camp is in our backyard. It's men only. Damien/Beth 2nd, unanimous approval

Intergroup — Intergroup still has several open positions, including vice chair and recording secretary. The sobriety requirement of 3 years has been waived to try to get more members. Several area rep positions are also open: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10. The Diverter Chair position has been filled. Intergroup is doing good financially, with almost \$10,000 in revenue and about \$6,800 in expenses. Net revenue is \$2,800. They need volunteers for the Birthday Speaker Meeting Committee. Spring Fling planning has started. They'll have tri-tip BBQ and a bouncy house for kids. Cost is \$20 per plate. The April Grapesciin newsletter is out, and Damien has an email if anyone wants to subscribe. The 5th edition of the Big Book will be released in 2025 at the Vancouver convention. Eric/Tim 2nd — unanimous

Literature — BethAnne ordered 6 big books; we're down to 4. She'll pick more up because we have a lot of newcomers. (virtual report, didn't need a vote)

Online meeting secretary coordinator — This position is still open. Michelle will put an announcement in the binder.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — All meetings are being filled as needed. Trying to get meeting moved to Highlands Park. Beth will take a group conscience at Friday's meeting about moving it to Highlands Park. All meetings are filled and taken.

Tim requested adding a meditation meeting for 7:30 p.m. Saturday night. It will bring in more revenue. Had it before the pandemic and it was popular. Michelle will add it to the schedule, and put an announcement in the binder.

Joseph wants to know if there's interest in 6 a.m. in-person meetings. Attendance at the Friday 6 a.m. Zoom is very strong. A live 6 a.m. Friday meeting will start when/if Joseph has interest.

Jason asked if Beth and Ed meet with new secretaries to help them learn the ropes, and Beth said they do.

Nate/Damien 2nd, unanimous approval

Media coordinator — All flyers are up and the website is up to date. Beth/Aimee 2nd, unanimous approval

Maintenance — Eric can't always be here to on Tuesdays to put the cans out at the curb. Beth will let the Tuesday night secretary know that they have to take the cans to the curb if they're not already out. And if the trash cans inside the kitchen are full, all secretaries should empty them into the garbage outside.

Someone is messing with the light at the wheelchair ramp, unscrewing it and moving it. Michelle will put an announcement in the binder that says please don't move the light because it's an accessibility requirement. Beth/Nate 2nd — unanimous

Supplies — Supplies will be fully stocked by next month. Let Nate know if we need anything and he'll pick it up. Beth/Chris 2nd, unanimous

Activities — Sonya met with coordinator at St. John's Church, signed the contract for the Sponsor dinner, and gave her the check. So May 7 is the confirmed date for the Take Your Sponsor to Dinner event. Sonya will meet with Father Tom to get keys and make sure the PA system is set up. The church will set up chairs and tables. People can sign up for service in the red binder. Chris had set up insurance for Saturday, May 6. He'll follow up to make sure we're covered for May 7. The event is open to everyone. Eric/Chris 2nd, unanimous.

Old business — We've signed the lease.

Zoom coord position is still open and needs to be filled. Jason asked that everyone please try to find people to be of service because it's a very important role.

Michelle provided proofs of three sticker designs that can be sold as a fundraiser. Chris Kerr will make them for free. We'll sell stickers for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Secretaries can sell them at meetings. Michelle will make baggies for the money like we do for Big Books and leave them the secretaries closet so that Chris can have an accurate count of how much the stickers are bringing in.

Damien/Nate 2nd, unanimous

New business — The BLF bylaws were updated so that the media coord and recording secretary can serve as a dual role, if approved by the steering committee.

Chris/Damien 2nd, unanimous

Agenda topics: Colleen is the voice of the steering committee on the GSR and will vote on agenda topics for the fellowship.

Beth/Nate 2nd, unanimous

Adjourn — Serenity Prayer

Next meeting: 7:20 p.m., May 11