

## **Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee Minutes May 11, 2023**

- 1) Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer
- 2) Attendance: Jason, chair; Joseph, vice chair; Colleen, GSR; Ed O., co sec coord.; Eric, maintenance; Aimee, H&I rep.; BethAnne, literature; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Sonya, activities; Nate, supplies; Tiffany; Laurel
- 3) April minutes — unanimous approval

### ***Committee reports:***

**Treasurer** — Jason read Chris' report: The Take your Sponsor to Dinner event raised \$4507.83, thanks to the hard work of Sonya. No vote needed on a virtual report.

**GSR** — Colleen: The treasury is urging all groups to contribute to General Service. Bridging the Gap needs committee support, and a flyer is available. The Safety Committee is holding a forum on May 21, and the committee needs support. H&I: Soledad prison needs male volunteers with at least 5 years sobriety. Joseph asked if the safety forum is Zoom meeting, and yes, it's a hybrid meeting. Ed/BethAnne, 2nd, unanimous approval

**H&I** — Aimee: IVSS needs male volunteers. Aimee has asked for flyers, but they're not available. They're still trying to get Ben Lomond Fire Camp up and running. Jason asked about the delay in getting Fire Camp going, and Aimee said it's a volunteer issue as well as an issue with overall coordination. Fire Camp commitments are for men only. Ed/Eric 2nd, unanimous approval.

**Intergroup** — Jason read Damien's report: Intergroup still needs a vice chair; the sobriety requirement has been waived to get someone in the position. Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 need group representatives. Intergroup had \$2,500 in net revenue in April. The Office Manager reported that purchases and visitors have diminished at Central Office. The Birthday Speaker Meeting Committee still needs volunteers. The Spring Fling is planned for June 24 at Harvey West Park, and the Activities Committee is already talking about a Halloween Party at the Senior Center in Capitola.

Damien has an email address to subscribe to the Grapesciin newsletter. The Central Office has Diverter Shift openings. Beth/Ed 2nd, unanimous approval.

**Literature** — BethAnne: She got a case of Big Books because the old ones flew off the shelves. She also restocked chips and schedules. She doesn't stock extra schedules because they're four pages and need to be folded. It's cheaper to get them at the Central Office than it is to make copies at the UPS Store. Anyone can pick up extra schedules at the Central Office and BethAnne will reimburse them, then recoup the money from Chris. Nate/Ed 2nd, unanimous approval

**Online meeting secretary coordinator** — Vacant position; no report.

**In-person meeting secretary coordinator** — Ed: We have several new secretaries and a new meditation meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Beth/Nate 2nd, unanimous approval

**Media coordinator** — Michelle: All flyers are posted to the BLF website and the bulletin boards. The updated bylaws are posted on the BLF site and at the Fellowship. Michelle will laminate the QR code for PayPal donations and attach it to the 7th Tradition baskets. Nate/Ed 2nd, unanimous approval

**Maintenance** — Eric: No report.

**Supplies** — Nate: He spent \$256.37 on a Costco run for coffee, creamer, sugar, dish soap, and forks. Nate asked to be notified if we take stuff for events so he can be sure to stock up. We ran out of coffee for the Fellowship after the Sponsor dinner. BethAnne asked if ordering coffee online would be cheaper and easier, but Eric said he'd researched it before and Costco is the best deal. Ed/BethAnne 2nd, unanimous approval

**Activities** — Sonya: The Sponsor dinner went great. She's already started planning for the Labor Day picnic and has submitted paperwork with the Parks Department to get the permits going. Joseph offered some feedback to improve the Sponsor Dinner next time. He suggested we have signs directing people where to line up for dinner, buy raffle tickets, etc. And he said that coffee was always empty. Laurel suggested making coffee a service position next time, so that it's always being made, and Eric suggested having two coffee makers going. Ed said that he heard from

people in the South Bay who questioned why the event was on a Sunday because they didn't want to make the trip and then have to go to work the next day. Sonya said she thought it was a good idea to have it on Sunday because no one had to choose between attending the dinner and another event on Saturday. Re: Labor Day—Michelle brought up the idea discussed after the last event that we move the picnic to earlier in the day to avoid some of the heat. She also suggested we rethink the grand prize, because it's costly and eats into a lot of the profits. BethAnne suggested that maybe a member has an AirBnB or vacation home they can donate for a week. Jason suggested having an Activities Committee meeting to discuss the picnic, and asked for volunteers from the Steering Committee to help plan the event. BethAnne and Joseph volunteered to help, and Sonya will follow up with them. Ed/Nate 2nd, unanimous approval.

**Old business** — None.

**New business** — Eric requested that we get a second green bin and request a new blue recycling bin because the lid on the current one is cracked and water gets in and fills up the bin. Jason will follow up with Chris to request new bins.

- Some members complained about how long announcements remain in the binder. Going forward, all announcements in the binder and bulletin board will be dated and will remain for two weeks, except for announcements of fellowship events, like the Sponsor Dinner. Those can remain for as long as necessary.
- Women's Hour of Power wants to move the Monday night meeting from 7 to 7:15 p.m. to avoid parking hassles related to the 6 p.m. meeting. That's a group conscience decision that should be voted on by meeting attendees; if the time is changed, they should report back so we can update the online meeting schedule and white board.

**Adjourn** — Ed/Nate 2nd, unanimous approval