

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee Minutes August 10, 2023

1) Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

2) Attendance: Jason, chair; Joseph, vice chair and 6 a.m. Thursday secretary; Colleen, GSR; Chris, co-treasurer; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Damien; intergroup rep.; Sonya, activities chair; Kittrick, Thursday noon secretary

3) July 13, 2023 minutes — Damien motion; Michelle 2nd; unanimous approval

Treasurer — Chris B: For Q2, the fellowship had a net gain of \$3312.12 in the business account and net gain to the reserve account of \$15.24. The fellowship has \$6332 in the business account and \$9743 in the reserve account. Overall summary: average 7th tradition contributions were \$1430 per month. Zoom and PayPal contributions were \$159 in the month of April. The Take Your Sponsor to Dinner event raised \$4457.83, nearly double what was raised last year and largest income ever. Jason clarified that all the totals are before expenses. Chris said that as of the time of his report, the fellowship had \$2416 in the business account, while monthly rent is \$2922, so the fellowship is short \$600. ** To account for the shortfall, the steering committee took two votes over the course of the meeting to transfer \$1600 from the prudent reserve into the business account to cover rent plus expenses for the Labor Day Picnic. Both those votes were rescinded after the co-treasurer was able to transfer \$1800 from the fellowship's PayPal account into the business account, which covered the expected shortfall. Jason noted that some deposits aren't being made in a timely matter to the bank, which is putting the fellowship at risk of not making its obligations. Jason and Chris said they would discuss the matter privately to find a solution. Sonya motion to accept/Damien 2nd—unanimous approval.

GSR — Colleen: She'll be out of town from the end of August through September, so she'll miss both GSR meetings. She requested that someone attend in her absence, or she can catch up when she returns in mid-October. Jason suggested that all members of the steering committee should find a co-chair for each of their offices to be trained to take over the position or fill in. Co-chair positions only require six months of sobriety. Colleen's time is up at the end of the year. Michelle motion, Damien 2nd — unanimous approval.

H&I — No report

Intergroup — Damien: Intergroup is talking about taking meetings live instead of Zoom only. The committee still needs a vice chair and the sobriety requirement is waived. The financial outlook is good, with Intergroup raising \$9800 last month. The Birthday Speaker Meeting needs a host group for October, and the events committee is planning a Halloween day event at the Vets Hall on the Sunday before halloween. Intergroup also has Diverter shifts open. Michelle motion, Kittrick 2nd — unanimous approval.

Literature — No report

Online meeting secretary coordinator — Vacant position, no report

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — No report

Media coordinator — No report

Maintenance — No report

Supplies — No report

Activities — Sonya: Planning is going great for the Labor Day Picnic. Michelle asked if the ticket price could be raised from \$10, but everyone felt that was a good price and most of the money is raised from the raffle anyway. The event is intended to cover the cost of fellowship's annual insurance. Colleen had also mentioned that she can reserve her timeshare in Hawaii if the fellowship wants it for the Labor Day Picnic prize. The fellowship will need to cover the housekeeping fee, around \$200. Jason suggested that Colleen and Sonya discuss that privately if it's something the fellowship would like to pursue. Chris; Damien 2nd — unanimous approval.

Old business — Back to basics meeting: Joseph talked to men's meeting about moving the meeting to the back room and it wasn't well received. He mentioned that the Back to Basics meeting left early that week because no one showed up. He suggested that Back to Basics could move to Thursday at 7:15 p.m. and have the big room. Jason said he would reach out to Tim and see what the meeting comes to a consensus on.

Stickers: The fellowship agreed to sell stickers at \$5, or \$4 if they don't sell.

Safe — Jason mentioned that the safe is often overflowing with envelopes, which in one instance led to a theft. He suggested possibly purchasing a second safe. Jason and the treasurer are going to discuss ways to get the current safe emptied more frequently, so the discussion about purchasing a second safe was tabled to a future meeting.

New business — Fire extinguishers: Additional fire extinguishers have been placed in the fellowship after an insurance check of the building. Jason asked Michelle to put a note in the secretaries binder so secretaries are aware of the new locations. Fire extinguishers are located in the cabinet beneath the coffee maker, on the wall near the secretary chair in the big room, and on the wall near the double doors.

Kittrick shared that he felt that a recent move to ban a member from the fellowship was too harsh, and wondered if the member is being unfairly scrutinized because he's homeless. Jason thanked Kittrick for speaking up, and shared that the member was banned by a vote of the steering committee because he was creating a safety concern at the fellowship. Jason said that the member can return after one year and the steering committee will reevaluate the situation.

Adjourn Damien motion to adjourn; Michelle 2nd — unanimous.

Next meeting: 7:20 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14.