

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee Minutes Nov. 9, 2023

1) Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

2) Attendance: Jason, chair and Friday 6 p.m. secretary; Beth, secretary coordinator; Ed O., co-secretary coord.; Eric, maintenance; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Damien, intergroup rep. and Friday 6 p.m. co-secretary; BethAnne, literature chair and Wednesday 6 p.m. secretary; Tiffany, safety committee rep.

3) Oct. 14, 2023 minutes — Ed O./Damien 2nd, unanimous approval.

Treasurer — Chris: He's waiting on the latest figures before doing the Quarterly Report. The BLF business account balance had \$7047.08 in the checking account and \$9763.73 in the prudent reserve. Jason remarked that the balances seem high this month and asked if the rent had been paid. Chris said that November rent has been paid and the balances are up to date. He said that the fellowship received nearly \$2,000 in PayPal contributions and almost \$6,000 from the Labor Day Picnic. No vote needed.

GSR — Text report from Colleen: 1. The desire to create a transgender pamphlet will be an agenda topic for next year at the main assembly. Given the number of topics that are submitted, this is a true win for the community. 2. We need to poll our meetings to get their take on the new literature proposal of a 12 x 12 x 12. That is combining the concepts with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. 3. Santa Cruz has been asked to put in a bid to hold the next general assembly meeting. Deb has gathered a team and will be working on that. No vote needed.

H&I — Vacant position; no report. Jason noted that the previous H&I rep has resigned. The commitment requires attending one meeting a month, plus the monthly Steering Committee meeting.

Intergroup — Damien: Intergroup took a group conscience and decided not to disband. The vice chair position is still open, and area reps are needed for areas 1, 2, 8, and 9. Intergroup ended the fiscal year with \$3,800, even though the Halloween Party lost \$1,000. Intergroup is holding an Open House on Nov. 18. A bunch of diverter shifts are also open, and a diverter workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Nov. 18. Intergroup is also going to do an online version of the newcomer packet. General Service has a Fall Assembly in Monterey. H&I is struggling with funds for literature. Ed/ Eric, 2nd — unanimous approval.

Literature — BethAnne: She bought a case of Big Books and restocked all books, and she got two, 33-year chips for members. And she needs to restock schedules. Ed/ Damien, 2nd — unanimous approval.

Online meeting secretary coordinator — No report.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — Beth: We got a Wednesday noon secretary and she's ready to go. Beth suggested that the chip meeting secretaries look on the chalkboard in the kitchen before the chip meeting and check that we have chips for people with longterm sobriety. Ed reported that the Saturday noon meeting is being filled sporadically. Michelle was asked to make a sign for the door to let people know that the noon meeting may be canceled. Ed O/Michelle — unanimous approval.

Media coordinator — Michelle: All flyers are up to date and posted. She asked whether to make a flyer for the binder to let secretaries know that we have newcomer packets, but Ed said that "the people who need to know do know" that packets are available. Ed/Beth — unanimous approval.

Maintenance — No report.

Supplies — No report. Eric said that supplies are stocked up.

Activities — No report. Jason said that BLF is hosting a Thanksgiving Alcathon and that the Halloween party was a success.

Old business —

- Safe — Jason hasn't spoken to the co-treasurer about the situation, but he'll discuss it in December. Eric asked if Chris can also have access to the safe so that deposits are made regularly and the safe doesn't overflow with envelopes. Chris said he doesn't have time and also doesn't have the clearance—and Jason said it's a checks and balances situation to limit the number of people with access to the safe. Beth said she couldn't get envelope into the safe Wednesday night and she texted the co-treasurer about it. It was also noted that the co-treasurer has missed several meetings. The bylaws state that members can't miss more than three meetings.

New business —

- Hosts for Thanksgiving Alcathon — Eric suggested that we solicit volunteers to be "hosts" during the Alcathon and make sure the doors remain open the entire event. Secretaries often don't show up for their shifts, so we need someone to be in the fellowship. Jason suggested adding hosts to the sign up sheets in the red binder. Michelle said she'd add the shifts.

Adjourn — Ed O./Chris — unanimous approval

Close with Serenity Prayer