

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee Minutes Dec. 14, 2023

1) Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

2) Attendance: Jason, chair and Friday 6 p.m. co-secretary; Eric, maintenance; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Damien, intergroup rep. and Friday 6 p.m. co-secretary; Colleen, GSR rep.; Katie A., online 6 a.m. Friday secretary; Sonya C., activities; Chris, treasurer; Bruce, 8 p.m. Wednesday secretary; Matt M., supplies and Saturday noon secretary

3) Nov. 9, 2023 minutes — Chris motion to approve/Eric 2nd—unanimous approval.

Treasurer — Chris: Q3 saw a net gain of \$2,208.95 in the business account and \$15.24 in the prudent reserve. Account balances are \$8,541.12 in the business account and \$9,758.12 in prudent reserve. The fellowship continues to have about a \$1,000 deficit each month after expenses, which are being covered by revenue from the Labor Day Picnic and the Take Your Sponsor to Dinner events. Jason asked why we have a \$1,000 deficit when we have a net gain of \$2,208.95. Chris said that the gain is from the Labor Day picnic in September, which was more successful than last year. Jason said that October was also a good month, but that's not part of the Q3 report, which covers July, August, and September. Chris said that there was some back and forth on paying out on the Hawaii trip and can't remember how that was resolved. Chris said that the co-treasurer is doing much better about making deposits in a timely manner, so we're getting a better snapshot. Sonya asked if Zoom is added into 7th tradition. Jason said Zoom was part of the report and needs to be added to 7th tradition. Bruce/Eric 2nd —unanimous approval.

GSR — Colleen: GSR committee talked about fostering inclusion. The committee invited representatives from Latino groups to attend and the committee is looking to integrate different groups together more. A representative from Spanish-speaking groups is going to attend GSR regularly. First week of march is PRASA, and Colleen will get more info. Bridging the Gap needs a volunteer coordinator. A planning committee has been formed for Unity Day, and they're asking for groups to represent themselves at the event. Ben Lomond Fellowship could participate with brochures or whatever we want to provide. Jason asked what's the date and she said she'll get it. Colleen also said there was a rumor that H&I doesn't need any money. That's not true, so please continue to contribute. Eric/Bruce 2nd—unanimous

H&I — Vacant position; no report. Jason asked if anyone is interested.

Intergroup — Damien emailed his report: The committee needs a vice chair and the sobriety time of 3 years is waived. Area reps are needed for districts 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9. The committee had \$752.81 in net revenue for November. The Open House was a big hit and the birthday speaker meeting had a record crowd of 200+ people. The Activities

Committee is planning a Talent No Talent show from 4 to 10 pm on Feb. 17. Diverter shift openings are: 1st Monday 11pm-7am, 1st Sunday 1pm-5pm, 2nd Sunday 7pm-11pm, 4th Sunday 7pm-11pm. Contact Lily at 831 331 0079. E- mail grapesccin@gmail.com to subscribe to the Grapesccin newsletter. The website saw about 8,000 unique visitors (typical), and two new sections were added: "New to AA" and "Do I need AA." The Safety Forum will resume on Jan. 21. Contact Maggie at safety@aasantacruz.org for more information. For H&I, contact Victoria Ha at 818-804-1496. And the business committee is talking about going live. Bruce/Eric— unanimous approval.

Literature — BethAnne emailed her report: She's ordered 24 Big Books, 1 Hard Cover 12x12 (requested), and 50 ea. 30 day - 11 mos chips. She also has two questions: 1. Someone mentioned another group is giving out chips. We're going through chips much quicker than we had been. Is that the Beginners Meeting or another meeting? I just need a point of contact so I can make sure enough chips are stocked ahead of time for all of the meetings. 2. How are we doing on Newcomer Packets? Should I get more? Katie said they do have an online chip meeting at 6 a.m. but they aren't giving out a lot chips; she's also not sure where they get the chips. She thinks the guy buys them out of pocket and mails them to people. Chris said he can Venmo payments to the guy. And there are still some newcomer packets in the closet. Michelle/Sonya—unanimous approval

Online meeting secretary coordinator — No report, but Jason shared that secretary positions are filled and meetings are going strong. No vote needed.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — Matt took over the Saturday noon meeting. No report.

Media coordinator — Michelle: All flyers are up to date and posted. The 2024 4th step workshop flyers are made and she'll post them closer to the date they start again. Jason said that some of the Alcathon meeting slots for people who have standing meetings aren't filled in. The Monday 6 a.m. Zoom meeting needs to be removed from the website. Michelle asked for clarification on the policy regarding placing new meeting announcements in the binder. How will anyone know we have a meeting if we don't announce it? The committee voted to place an announcement about the new 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday meetings in the binder for two weeks, per previous policy. Bruce/Katie—unan for announcement; Eric to accept report/Katie 2nd — unanimous approval

Maintenance — Eric: He caught the rat, and has been cleaning and performing general maintenance. Eric asked that next year we create a committee to decorate the fellowship for the holidays. He did it himself this year. Michelle/Sonya 2nd— unanimous approval.

Supplies — Matt M: No report, but he can pick anything up from Costco if Sonya needs it. Sonya said she needs plates and cups.

Activities — Sonya: Do we want to do anything for New Year's Eve? Woody's band can play for \$400, and then she'd need money for decorations. Jason said instead he will get a PA for karaoke and we'll have an open mic night with a potluck. We can do a 50/50 raffle and dessert auction too. Sonya said she'd need about \$250 for supplies. Chris asked we avoid plastic products if possible. Bruce moved to budget \$250 for a NYE party/Eric 2nd—unanimous approval.

Old business —

- Safe — Jason had a conversation with the co-secretary. He went out of town a few months ago and the safe was overflowing, leading to a theft of some envelopes. Mark said he's now able to come and pick up money from the safe. We've also been educating secretaries on how to do the envelopes. Matt said the spatula has been used to stuff envelopes into the safe, but it's not overflowing. Jason said the issue has been resolved.

New business —

- 12 x 12 x 12, combo of the 12 steps, 12 traditions, and the 12 concepts. Colleen that will be forthcoming down the road; Jason postponed until we are asked to weigh in.
- Jason wants to add something to the bylaws to create a protocol for adding new meetings to the schedule. The meeting should be presented to the Steering Committee, then the steering committee should vote on whether it should be approved. Michelle made a motion to update the bylaws/Bruce seconded. Discussion: Chris said Jason should do a rough draft, then the committee can review it. Joseph said job of the Steering Committee is to keep doors open, and the committee should weigh in if meetings will cause a conflict. Jason will write something up and present to the committee in January. Unanimous approval
- The stamp for the 7th Tradition envelopes has disappeared. Chris will order a new one.

Adjourn — Joseph/Eric — unanimous approval

Close with Serenity Prayer