

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee
April 11, 2024

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance: Jason, chair, co-secretary Friday 6 p.m. meeting; Joseph O., Saturday 7 a.m. secretary; Beth Z., in-person secretary coordinator; Mark B., co-treasurer; Ed O., acting Activities chair.; Eric, maintenance and Sunday 7 p.m. secretary; Michelle M., recording secretary/media coord.; Joey S., online meeting coordinator and Sunday 6 p.m. Zoom secretary; Tiffany, in-person secretary co-chair; Matt M., supplies; Bahg, Thursday noon secretary; BethAnne, literature chair; and Chris B., co-treasurer

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from March 14, 2024—Beth/Ed 2nd—passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report — Mark B.: Something went wrong with March's rent payment, where it reverted to the old amount, so we had to go back and pay an additional \$100. He outlined some ongoing financial concerns: The number of meetings have increased but 7th Tradition amounts are staying small. With our annual rent increase, the current donation amounts aren't sustainable. The Sponsor dinner and Labor Day picnic used to cover us through the year, but last two Labor Day events haven't been great. PayPal donations have been trending upward, but it doesn't compensate for other 7th Trad donations being low. Mark noted that it costs about \$125 a day to keep the fellowship open. Jason suggested forming a finance committee to do a financial analysis of last 24 months to look at financial trends; Mark will lead it, and Jason and Chris will be members. Other members can also join. Ed/Matt 2nd—passed unanimously.

GSR — Open position. No report.

H&I — Rep wasn't in attendance; no report.

Intergroup — Open position. No report.

Literature — BethAnne: She'll need to order another case of books, and the cost is about \$11/book. Joseph/Ed 2nd — passed unanimously.

Online secretary coordinator — Joey S.: Zoom meetings are going strong and newcomers are directed to the fellowship. He said they're getting a lot of folks with court cards who don't participate. He suggested they stop signing court cards in Zoom meetings. Members suggested ways to make it easier for Zoom attendees to pay via PayPal, like with a special QR code. Mark said he would create one that can be put up on the screen. We'll also look into setting up Venmo for donations. Chris/Michelle 2nd — passed unanimously.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — Beth Z/Tiffany: No report.

Media coordinator — Michelle M.: Tiffany provided a lot of safety information from the Intergroup safety committee, so we'll make a special poster and display it on the bulletin board. Joseph/Ed — passed unanimously.

Maintenance — Eric R: No report.

Supplies — Matt M.: Supplies be restocked over the weekend. Ed/BethAnne 2nd — passed unanimously.

Activities — Ed: He's teaching the new activities chair how to do dinner event. Sign ups are low in the red binder. BethAnn said she'd put a post on the BLF AA Facebook page. Joseph/Michelle 2nd — passed unanimously.

Old business —

- **Venmo account** - Chris/Mark: Mark will set up business account so people can use Venmo, in addition to PayPal, to donate to the fellowship.
- **Unity Day** - Jason is helping organize the May 18 event. There will be a panel of speakers representing different service groups, like Intergroup, BLF, Santa Cruz AA, Bridging the Gap, etc. Jason will speak on behalf of BLF for about 5 minutes. Michelle will attend and help.

New business —

- **Boat charter fundraiser**—Discussion tabled to May meeting.
- **Labor Day Picnic grand prize** — Chris suggested we nix the Hawaii trip raffle prize and give a cash prize instead. Discussion was tabled to the May meeting.
- **Coffee mug fundraiser**—Discussion tabled to the May meeting.

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Adjourn: Ed/Joseph 2nd