

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee
June 13, 2024

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance: Joseph O., Saturday 7 a.m. secretary; Tim, vice chair; Joe R., H&I rep, Bruce, men's meeting secretary, Mark B., co-treasurer; Eric, maintenance chair and 7:30 p.m. Sunday secretary; Beth Z., secretary coordinator; Chris B., co-treasurer; David, member; BethAnne, literature chair; and Michelle, media coordinator/recording secretary

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from May 9, 2024—Beth/Eric 2nd — unanimous approval

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report—Chris B./Mark B.: No report.

GSR—Open position; no report. BethAnne said someone is interested in the position but she couldn't make tonight's meeting.

H&I—Joe R.: As of May 24, H&I received \$490.07 in donations, including a lot from Ben Lomond Fellowship. H&I can't accept donations via QR code because they can't track donations from individual meetings, which they need to do for tax purposes. Joe posted the June openings flier. They need volunteers for Salinas Valley State Prison and there's been an issue getting volunteers at Juvenile Hall. Joe also posted a flier about sponsoring people in prison. Tim McG asked for information pamphlets on being an H&I rep, and BethAnne said she'd ask at central office. Chris/BethAnne 2nd—unanimous approval.

Intergroup—Open position; no report

Literature—BethAnne: We're stocked up with schedules but she'll get more pamphlets. Eric said there might be a box of pamphlets in the back of the closet. Michelle/Beth 2nd—unanimous approval.

Online secretary coordinator—Coordinator wasn't in attendance, no report.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator—Beth Z: Everything is going well with secretaries. Most of the open positions are filled, but we still need some noon meetings filled. BethAnne/Eric 2nd, unanimous approval.

Media coordinator—Michelle M: The fellowship address has been updated on the website. Beth/Eric — 2nd unanimous approval.

Maintenance—Eric R: No report.

Supplies—The coordinator wasn't in attendance; no report. Eric says everything is in order.

Activities—The coordinator wasn't in attendance; no report. Chris said that he hasn't received a reimbursement request for the permit to reserve Covered Bridge Park for the Labor Day Picnic and he's concerned we won't get the park. Michelle said that Russell told her he'd gotten the permit already. Chris said he'd contact Russell. Joseph asked about forming a debrief meeting for the sponsor dinner to go over best practices.

Old business—

- Boat charter fundraiser—Tabled to July meeting.
- Coffee mug fundraiser—BethAnne: She spoke with the member who makes mugs, and it seems like more effort than it would be worth. We could order mugs for \$10 each but even if we sold them at \$15 each, we'd have to sell a lot of make it worth the effort.
- Big-screen TV for the front room—BethAnne said she has a 55-inch TV to donate, and we could put it over the fireplace. We could do events like Super Bowl parties and movie nights to raise revenue. Eric said he'd donate his labor to hang the TV, but the fellowship will have to buy materials. Joe/Michelle 2nd—passed unanimously to install the TV, with Chris B. abstaining
- Hybrid meetings—Tabled to July meeting. Dave said he understands the desire to have hybrid meetings but he asked why we'd take money out of our own pockets. He said that too many people are going to hybrid meetings and not going to meetings. He asked for a record of how much is being donated during online meetings.

New business—

- Snack bar proposal—David suggested creating a snack bar to sell snacks at meetings. He said he'd be willing to start it and see if it works. A few members said they'd also be willing to help. David said he come to the July meeting with a proposal on what it would take to get something started..
- Live music—Bruce said that he's interested in getting some musicians to together to play live music at the fellowship or a nearby venue to raise money and promote fellowship. He was going to reach out to Russell and see if the activities committee could help. The idea will be discussed more at a future meeting.

7th tradition passed around.

Close meeting with the Serenity Prayer; adjourn at 8:09 p.m.