

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee
Aug. 8, 2024

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance: Joseph, member; Tim, vice-chair, Jason, chair; Mark, co-treasurer; Russell, activities chair; BethAnne, literature chair; Chris, co-treasurer; Dillon, Monday 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 6 p.m. secretary; Beth, in-person secretary coordinator; Michelle, media coordinator/recording secretary; and Mark, member

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from July 11, 2024—Russell, Beth/2nd, unanimous approval

Committee Reports:

Treasurer—Chris: No report.

GSR—Open position; no report.

H&I—Representative was sick; no report

Intergroup—Open position; no report. BethAnne is interested in the position. She nominated Dillon for her literature position and said she'd take intergroup rep. Dillon doesn't have enough sobriety yet for the literature chair job so he'll come back again when he has 6 months.

Literature—Jason suggested Dillon be co-literature person with BethAnne until he gets enough sobriety to take it over as chair. Tim asked if we can restock H&I pamphlets that talk about what's expected of the role. BethAnne said she couldn't find them at Central Office, but she'd ask again. Tim/Chris 2nd—unanimous approval

Online secretary coordinator—Coordinator wasn't in attendance; no report. Jason will ask if the coordinator can continue his commitment.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator—Beth: Only the women's meeting needs a secretary. She'll work with Michelle to get a new sheet for the binder so secretaries can list their phone number. Tim/Chris 2nd—unanimous approval

Media coordinator—Michelle: Steering Committee minutes were several months behind on the website, but they're all caught up now. BethAnne/Russell 2nd — unanimous approval

Maintenance—Coordinator wasn't in attendance; no report.

Supplies—Coordinator wasn't in attendance; no report.

Activities—Russell: He asked for volunteers on the steering committee to help secure food and provide input on the big ticket prize for the Labor Day Picnic. Beth and Chris said they'd contact people they know about food. On the big ticket item, BethAnne said a trip to the International Conference in Vancouver doesn't seem feasible because prices aren't available yet. She also tried to get a sober Halloween Cruise donated but wasn't successful. Chris made a motion that the committee approve a budget of \$1,500 or less for the grand prize, seconded by Michelle. We usually spend about \$2,000 on the Hawaii trip. Tim suggested the committee increase the budget to \$1,750, but that died for lack of a second. Chris' motion passed with four in favor, two opposed, and one abstention. BethAnne said the fellowship shouldn't offer a cash equivalent for the prize; winners must take the trip. Michelle made a follow-up motion that we don't provide a cash payout for the grand prize, and BethAnne seconded it. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 3 opposed. Michelle was asked to put a notice in the binder announcing when picnic planning meetings are held. The meetings are held on Zoom because no one was attending in-person meetings. Some committee members are opposed to having them only on Zoom. There was also discussion about future events, like upcoming Alcatons, and a potential Halloween party or New Year's Eve party. Tim/Beth 2nd—unanimous approval.

Old business —

- Hybrid meetings: Jason said the original enthusiasm appears to be waning, so the idea may die. But BethAnne will try to gauge interest for going hybrid with the women's meeting, and Joseph will ask the men's meeting. Someone asked about the status of the TV donation, and BethAnne said she needs help to get it moved from her house.

- Snack bar proposal: The idea appears to have fizzled and will be removed from future agendas.
- Boat charter fundraiser: The idea appears to have fizzled and will be removed from future agendas.
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- QR code for online meetings: Michelle will make a QR code and will work with Jason and Joey to get it disseminated to online meetings.
- Venmo account: Tabled to September meeting.

New business —

- Spring fundraiser: BethAnne suggested we add another major fundraiser in the spring. The idea will be discussed more at the September meeting.
- 10 p.m. Friday meeting: Russell said he's had people interested in getting the 10 p.m. Friday meeting going again. The Steering Committee unanimously voted to start the meeting again (Tim motion/Michelle 2nd).
- Fellowship business: Tim said he's concerned that the decisions the Steering Committee makes aren't being shared with the fellowship at large. Jason noted that secretaries are expected to attend the monthly meeting as part of their duties and share relevant information with their meetings. However, no secretaries ever show up. Michelle noted that all the minutes from every Steering Committee meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship, along with the financial reports. We'll talk more at the September meeting to talk about how to get more secretaries to show up at Steering Committee meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.: Russell/Michelle 2nd — unanimous approval

Close meeting with the Serenity Prayer