

Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee
Nov. 14, 2024

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions—Joseph, secretary of Wednesday and Thursday 6 a.m. meetings; Jason, chair; Shelly, Thursday noon meeting secretary; Bahg, member; Russell, activities chair; Michelle, media coordinator and recording secretary; Chris, co-treasurer; Ty, Thursday 6 p.m. secretary; Beth, in-person secretary coordinator; Brittney, Saturday noon secretary; Eric, member; and Mark, co-treasurer.

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from Oct. 10, 2024—Russell, Beth 2nd— unan

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report—Chris: No report. The September treasurer's report is still in progress but he'll send for posting when done.

GSR—Open position. Jason went over requirements. No interest.

H&I—Coordinator not present; no report.

Intergroup—Open position. Jason went over requirements. No interest.

Literature—Coordinator not present; no report.

Online secretary coordinator—Coordinator not present; no report.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator—Beth: We have a whole bunch of secretary positions opening up this month. Michelle/Joseph 2nd — unanimous approval

Media coordinator—Michelle: A whiteboard has been posted in the main room to let people know what's on the Steering Committee agenda. Joseph/Russell 2nd—unan

Maintenance—Open. Eric is interested in the position. He was voted in unanimously.

Supplies—Coordinator not present due to illness; no report. Eric said supplies are stocked and updated.

Activities—Russell: The Halloween party was a success, and the Thanksgiving Alcahthon is next. Chris asked if Halloween is going to be a regular thing. Russell said he understood it would be, but that Chris doesn't need to provide an accounting sheet. It's mainly meant for fun. Beth/Brittany 2nd — unanimous

Old business —

- Venmo account—Mark: The Venmo account has been set up, @benlomondfellowship. It flows money into bank account just like PayPal. Right now, it's tied to the fellowship's Gmail email account. Mark needed to use his personal phone number to get the account open. He suggested switching that to a burner cell phone. Mark will generate a QR code for the Venmo payments and send it to Michelle to post around the fellowship.
- Choosing an additional fundraiser—Suggestions from the October meeting: New Year's Eve event, a Super Bowl party with a 50/50 pool and a barbecue, a Valentine's Day event, a St. Patrick's Day event, or a March Madness event. Joseph said it would great if we could poll membership to see what they'd prefer. Jason asked secretaries to announce it and Michelle will figure out a way to poll people, probably with a whiteboard.

New business —

- Longterm financial stability: Chris shared monthly expense sheet and said that average monthly expenses are \$4,641.63 and we bring in \$4,645.65 on average. So the fellowship nets about \$4 a month. Garbage is our biggest bill is garbage. It increased from \$70/month to \$165/month in August. Chris said he'll investigate and report back on the increase. But also added that we need to start thinking about our income, which isn't keeping up with expenses. The rent increases \$100 a month each year, and soon will outpace our ability to pay unless revenues increase. Jason noted that we've stopped donating to GSR and H&I and other groups because we can't afford it. Several ideas were discussed for increasing revenue, like additional fundraisers and cutting costs elsewhere, like perhaps asking members to donate supplies instead of buying them. Chris mention that the rent is the "lowest-hanging fruit" and that we perhaps should look at renegotiating the lease or finding a less-expensive building. Jason suggested forming a Real Estate Committee to explore options. It will be discussed more in December.
- Cora's memorial: Beth noted that Cora's memorial will be held at the fellowship, but that the fellowship isn't funding the fellowship. Memorial organizers covered the cost.

Close meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting: 7:20 p.m. Dec. 12.