

**Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee minutes**  
**Dec. 12, 2024**

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance: ONeill, Monday noon secretary; Jason, chair; Bahg, member; Russell, activities chair; Michelle, media coordinator and recording secretary; Chris, co-treasurer; Carol, Sunday noon secretary; Beth, in-person secretary coordinator; Matt, supplies chair; Eric, maintenance chair; Joseph, Wednesday 6 a.m. secretary; BethAnne, literature chair, and Joe, H&I rep.

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from Nov. 14, 2024—Matt, Beth 2nd—unanimous approval

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer's Report — Chris: No report, but Chris said the garbage bill has been returned to the previous charge of \$70 a month after being raised suddenly to \$165 a month. Jason explained that a member had called and asked for a larger green bin, believing there wouldn't be an extra charge. Chris is working on the monthly reports and will have them ASAP.

GSR — Open position. Joe indicated that he's interested in the position.

H&I — Joe R. No report.

Intergroup — Open position. No report.

Literature — BethAnne: The new Big Book edition will be available in November. Joseph/O'Neill 2nd—unanimous approval.

Online meeting secretary coordinator — Coordinator wasn't present; no report.

In-person meeting secretary coordinator — Beth. No report.

Media coordinator — Michelle. No report.

Maintenance — Coordinator wasn't present; no report.

Supplies — Matt: We're low on coffee and Matt can't get to Costco for a few days. Chris said he'd pick up coffee on his next trip. Bahg mentioned that the Santa Cruz Fellowship saved a lot of money by ordering supplies from Amazon instead of going to Costco. BethAnne/Beth 2nd—unanimous approval.

Activities — Russell: Russell thanked everyone for their help on the Thanksgiving and Christmas Alcathons. BethAnne asked about an Alcathon on New Year's Day and Russell said he wasn't aware of that and he isn't able to coordinate one. Instead, we'll add extra meetings, at 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., on New Year's Eve. We went over the results of the vote on a new fundraiser: a New Year's Eve event was first, with 21 votes, followed by a Super Bowl Party with 19 votes. Russell said he's not able to plan a New Year's Eve event with only two weeks' notice. There was some discussion about someone else taking it on, but Michelle suggested that we don't have enough time to try to pull a fundraiser together and we could have a party instead if we just wanted to have fellowship. The group decided to skip a NYE event and instead focus on a Super Bowl fundraiser for Feb. 9, with more discussion to follow at the January meeting. Michelle/ Beth 2nd—unanimous.

### **Old business —**

- Real Estate Committee: Joe said it's important to look at options for ways to raise money for the fellowship. He suggested finding a hall we could rent for parties and other large events to supplement our income. O'Neill suggested that we could follow the model of the Alano clubs, and rent out space in the building to other meetings, like Al-Anon and NA. Jason said the idea has merit, but it might violate our lease. Matt said it's a great idea that would create a larger sobriety community and would cement the fellowship as a type of recovery center for the San Lorenzo Valley. Michelle said that while it's a good idea, a lot of groups have nice spaces they already rent, and they may not want to switch to the back room of the fellowship, which doesn't have a lot of space, has mold issues, and is partially used for storage. Plus, parking is an issue. It was suggested that we create a committee to investigate all the different options for addressing the future of the fellowship rather than discuss each one at every Steering Committee meeting. The issue will be revisited at the January meeting.

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Next meeting: Jan. 9, 2025