
Ben Lomond Fellowship Steering Committee

March 13, 2025

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance

O'Neill (Zoom facilitator and Monday noon Secretary), Jason (Chair), Fitz (Recording Secretary Stand-In), Beth (Secretary Coordinator), Joseph (Secretary), Justin (Secretary), Raquel (Secretary), Tim, Kelly Rae (Member), Annie (Member), Matt (Supplies), Mark (Co-Treasurer), Joe (H&I Rep), Russell (Activities Coordinator), Katie (6 AM Wednesday Secretary), BethAnne (Literature), Billy

Approval of minutes

Approve Recording Secretary Minutes from February 13, 2025 – Tim/O'Neill 2nd, unanimous approval

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – no report

General Service Rep (GSR) – position open, 2-year minimum sobriety, 2-year term, no report

H&I – Secretaries needed for various locations. See updated pink H&I flyer for more information. \$550 has been donated to H&I year to date. Orientation and clearance required for men/women jail facilities. This process is done at Santa Cruz Sheriff Office Soquel location. Application, Live Scan, and background check are required for these positions. Joseph/Beth 2nd, unanimous approval

Intergroup – open position, no report

Literature (BethAnne) – will do inventory to see how we are doing on books/chips. BethAnne is open to giving up position and is interested in open Intergroup rep position. Russell expressed interest in taking Literature rep position. Elections for Steering Committee positions will take place at April 2025 meeting. Beth/O'Neill 2nd, unanimous approval

Online meeting Secretary Coordinator -Coordinator not present, no report

In-person meeting Secretary Coordinator (Beth/O'Neill) – Concern of too many of the same people doing too many meetings as Secretaries. There are not a lot of open Secretary positions for meetings right now, which is a great thing. It was suggested to talk to Secretaries who have multiple meetings and perhaps give up one or more (if they have 2 or more). Mark asks

Secretaries not to fold or crumple bills from 7th Tradition donations because this causes issues when depositing at the bank. Russell/Joe 2nd, unanimous approval

Media Coordinator – not present, no report

Maintenance – not present, no report

Supplies – all good, no report

Activities – Take Your Sponsor to Dinner is scheduled 1st Saturday in May (5/3). Facility has not been secured yet. Need to start disseminating information about dinner at Fellowship meetings. Joseph/Tim 2nd, unanimous approval

Old business

Kelly Rae expressed about Back to Basics/Beginner's Meeting. Set up has no 7th Tradition, no "How It Works" etc. Literature used in meeting is not AA approved. Another concern expressed was a lack of a female Secretary (belief of member is that there should be a male and female Secretary). Some believe meeting is not helpful for newcomers and should be more structured. Steering Committee to vote whether meeting format is kept the same or abolished completely and possibly replaced as a workshop. This discussion and vote is tabled until May 2025 meeting.

New Business

Concern expressed about amount of coffee being used and wasted. O'Neill offered to pre-measure out coffee (1 scoop, 2 scoops, 3 scoops, etc.) for meetings. Topic tabled until May 2025 meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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