



ROCKLAND COUNTY INTERGROUP

Minutes from August 5, 2025

Group Representatives present: Promises (Garnerville), Fellowship Road, Great News, New Light, S.O.S. Group, Footprints, Sunrise, Suffern, Step-by-Step, West Nyack, Freethinkers

Meeting was opened by Chair (Ed) with the Serenity Prayer. 8th Tradition and Concept 8 were read. Roll call of officers. Quorum established.

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: (Anne L) July minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (Marie Q) Reviewed and accepted.

Answering Service: (Deb) She shared the protocols that AnswerNet uses when receiving Answering Service calls. They received 24 calls in July. Deb receives call summaries for multiple days and can track unanswered calls.

Bridging the Gap: (Roy) NY Intergroup's next meeting will be in September. Rockland County got a BtG call last week, and the newcomer was able to contact a Gapper. Roy shared information on recruiting Gappers. He reinforced BtG policy of arranging to meet newcomers at an AA meeting, not picking them up for their first meeting. He's updating the list of volunteers, and shared resources for Intergroup reps to bring to their home groups. Volunteer forms and "Do's and Dont's" are available on the RCI website. He's willing to come to home group business meetings to spread the word.

Bookers: Open Commitment

Women's Corrections (Debbie) was absent, but left word that all is well and she always needs speakers. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:45-8:45 p.m. Requirements for speakers are one year of continuous sobriety, no outstanding warrants, not currently on parole or probation, not an inmate of RC jail in the last five years.

Hospitals and Institutions: (Kristin) sent email about September meetings to reps. Contact her if your group is interested, and let them know that they need to sign up for 3-4 bookings, not just one. She had only one report of a missed meeting last month. She needs Big Books, and will reach out to Victoria for literature. She will also get Treatment Facilities pamphlets.

Meeting List (Esty) Things are going well. She's making updates as she receives them. Please contact her if your group needs meeting lists.

Public Information (Bill) PI brought literature to the Orangeburg police station, and has two new library reps. The Committee met, distributed bylaws, and discussed recruiting for PI, and possibly a table at Share-a-Day. He is working with Joe to make a poster for a library that does not want a rack of pamphlets, but is willing to help people find AA. He found a faulty (old?) version of the RCI website through a Google search.

Service (Gerardo) He is meeting with the Pearl River Group and Sparkill this month. He's encouraging groups to look for Intergroup service opportunities and to send Intergroup reps to the Committee meeting.

SENY Liaison (Kerrie) RCGS is off for the summer. The SENY Intergroup Committee Chair is requesting workshops on differences between General Service and Intergroup.

Share-A-Day (John) Committee meetings are going well. They are waiting to hear from Spanish Groups. They are reaching out to Alanon as well. The flyer has a QR code that lets you volunteer to speak or bring a dish. They've started reaching out to groups and individuals for speakers. To help the event break even, tickets are \$5. Intergroup reps are encouraged to take books of tickets for advance sale. Tickets will be sold at the door, but no one will be turned away. Cash, checks and Zelle accepted.

Virtual (George) The committee meeting is going all over the world together to attend virtual meetings, calling it *Pack your Bags!* He asks us to remind home groups that virtual is great for accessibility, for example, Hour of Power is well attended. He also wants to encourage attendees at virtual meetings to get to in-person meetings. Newcomers are finding virtual meetings through apps. Let him know if your groups would like to have virtual events. He reports the committee is planning to start another meeting, focused on Joe & Charlie, and is reminded that the Joe & Charlie workshops are not Conference-approved material.

Website: (Mary Kate) She's getting familiar with the website and making updates. Share-A-Day page is up and running. She's aware, and perplexed, about how there are two versions of the website, but is looking into it.

Young People in AA (Meghan) Absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Ed is working with Patsy to get the missing Intergroup minutes up on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Answering Service: Deb has been looking into using Grasshopper as our service provider. She got a free-trial subscription, and spoke with Michael V. from Brooklyn Intergroup about their experience using Grasshopper. The cost savings would be substantial. She's still figuring out how to manage group rotation and set up time slots. She would like to find an Alternate Chair to help manage the answering service and provide back-up. In order to continue exploring the feasibility of using Grasshopper, she will need a paid subscription. **Motion:** Deb will initiate a contract with Grasshopper for RCI. Motion seconded and passed.



Ed suggests that Committee Chairs choose Alternate Chairs within their respective committees.

Mike S. requests that we have new meeting lists printed. Esty will look into the cost and report next month on the price for a print run.

Kerrie, SENY Intergroup Liaison, requests funding to represent RCI at the Northeast Regional Forum, which will be held in December 2025 in Rhode Island. Request approved.

Motion to close at 9:00 pm; meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.