

BFAA August Business Meeting 8/1/26

Roll Call

- Eric – In-Person secretary
- Mary Ann – Assistant In-Person secretary Coordinator
- Steve M. – Intergroup Representative; In-Person secretary
- Steve M. – In-Person secretary
- Toya – Member
- Peter – In-Person secretary
- Colleen – General Service Representative
- Josh – In-Person secretary
- Vilma – Business Manager
- Matt – In-Person secretary
- Robert – Church Guy; In-Person secretary
- Steve B. – Literature Coordinator
- Kate – Online secretary
- James K. – Assistant Business Manager; Recording secretary; In-Person secretary

Online Attendees

- Catherine – Chip Chick; Online secret
- Lydia – Online secretary Coordinator; Online secretary
- Bob – Supplies Coordinator

July minutes approved without correction.

Officer Reports

- Robert (Church business) – car wash will be held in September to raise funds for increased insurance costs
 - AAA rents the center spaces in the parking lot, but no cars will be towed for parking there to attend any meetings (please be respectful and don't park in the lot beyond meeting times)
 - A sale of items left on church premises will occur in the future

- No charge for new keys made
- “Smoker’s meeting” on Saturday (8/15) begins at 2:00 p.m., potentially conflicting with the set time for Group Inventory meeting on same date
- The next Project 1744 meeting will be held in September; date TBA
- Funds are now available for roof repairs
 - Still looking for skilled helpers, please contact Robert at robert_cerney@yahoo.com
- Steve (Intergroup) – funding for ASL interpreter ending in August; only gold can donations will apply moving forward
- Matt (In-Person Coordinator) – proposed creating a workshop to train meeting secretaries
 - Review guidelines for meeting format and safety
- Colleen (GSR) – Area Summer Assembly will be held 8/8/26 in Redwood City
 - Fall election assembly will be held in Richmond 11/13/26 (dinner) & all day 11/14/26
 - Our District is hosting along with District 20
 - Opportunities to volunteer anywhere between 2 hours and all day
 - National AA Technology Assembly will be held in Concord (or Walnut Creek?)
 - Scholarships will be drawn to attend at the Summer Assembly 8/8/26
 - Bridging the Gap needs volunteers
- Michele (Treasurer) – due to the way the beginning of the month falls on the calendar an accurate financial report will be given at next month’s business meeting (9/5/26)
- Steve B. (Literature) – no report
 - Mary Ann requested Large Print copies of the Big Book and Twelve Steps Twelve Traditions (one of each)
 - Discussion around how to help people procure a book who can’t afford the price
 - Tabled until September business meeting
- Lydia (Online Coordinator) – requested announcement (at In-Person meetings) for certain online meetings that need secretaries
 - Matt volunteered to make a flyer for such an announcement
 - Anyone interested in becoming an online secretary should be directed to the service tab at the BFAA website www.berkeleyfellowship.com to see listings

Old Business

- Labor Day Event
 - Amy will coordinate along with help from Tony and Jonathen
 - **Motion:** \$550 budget approved unanimously

- Event will be held on 9/7/26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mary Ann suggested acquiring vegetarian food options
- Matt agreed to contact Amy to create a pot-luck sign-up sheet and to procure a speaker
- Group Inventory
 - The time of the upcoming meeting on 8/15/26 has changed to 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Due to the large amount of raw data, the meeting on 8/15 will be “invite only” and will focus on consolidating the raw data to be presented in a more effective way to the general fellowship at a future meeting
 - Mary Ann will arrange an outside facilitator to be present at the 8/15 meeting
 - Mary Ann will conduct an agenda planning session with Bridget (the volunteer facilitator) via Zoom on Monday 8/10/26
 - Interested people can join the Zoom meeting at this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5106491375?pwd=dGNkc1FLMkl5N2FGa mlYblBWR2JUZZ09>

New Business

- Guidelines for disruptive members
 - Colleen has agreed to work with Matt and share her experience and skills of deescalation when confronted with disruptive/combative members at meetings and at business meetings
 - Many thanks were expressed to Colleen for her swift and effective assistance at the last business meeting