

## Area 31 Committee Meeting – April 15, 2015

The Area Chair, Paul H., opened the meeting at 7:31 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading from Chapter 5 of the Service Manual (p. S 44).

		Jan	Feb	Mar	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Nov	Dec
<b>AREA DELEGATE</b>	Anne F	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>ALTERNATE DELEGATE</b>	Mark N	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>AREA CHAIR *</b>	Paul H	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
<b>AREA TREASURER</b>	Beth C	✓		✓	✓						
<b>AREA SECRETARY</b>	Sue A	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A</i>	✓	✓								
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR</b>	Karl H				✓						
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR</b>	Pauline D		✓	✓	✓						
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Keith M	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>	Dani P	✓	✓	✓							
<b>CPC CHAIR</b>	Mike S	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>	Steve M	✓		✓	✓						
<b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>	Ray L	✓									
<b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>	Tiffany C		✓								
<b>P.I. CHAIR</b>	Mark C	✓	✓	✓							
<b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>	Brennan M	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>WEBSITE CHAIR</b>	Mary M	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>WEBSITE CO-CHAIR</b>	Sally S	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	✓	✓	✓							
<b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>	Eddie K	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>	Mark P										
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>	Andy D	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Rich J</i>	✓	✓	✓							

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<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Bill R		✓								
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Cheryl</i>			✓	✓						
<b>WMYPAA CHAIR</b>	Tom H										
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lena</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 1 DCM</b>	Katherine T		✓		✓						
<b>District 1 Co-DCM</b>	Bruce C	✓		✓							
<b>District 2 DCM</b>	Mike R	✓	✓	✓							
<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Janis A	✓		✓	✓						
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Connell Mc	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>	Mike L	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Patricia K			✓	✓						
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>	Steve C			✓	✓						
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Robert W	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	Angie Mc		✓	✓							
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	Wayne M	✓	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	Erick M	✓		✓							
<i>District 6 LCM</i>											
<b>Quorum =18</b>	* only votes to make/break a tie	24	23	28	23						

### Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the March 11, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.  
*Motion:* To accept the secretaries report- passes.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning March Balance: \$7,157.65; Group Contributions: \$2,207.81; Total Area Expenses: (\$5,893.35); Closing March Balance: \$3,472.11 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$10,972.11 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
  - Contributions in March 2015 decreased by \$340.60 from contributions in March 2015. There were 25 contributions made in March 2015. There were 46 in March 2014. Contributions March 2015 YTD decreased by \$1,126.40 from contributions in March 2014 YTD.

### Registrar's Report:

- No report

### Area Archivist Report:

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- On Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-1pm Archives Serve Day scheduled.
- DCM's and Committee Chairs can email their minutes to [archivist@area31aa.org](mailto:archivist@area31aa.org) and please be sure to put *who, what, when, where and why* on all documents that will be archived.

### Webmaster:

- No report.

### Accessibility:

- No equipment for Accessibility. Had to borrow Area 11's equipment.
- The new number to accesses is 413-378-3752.
- Accessibility continues to explore CART "communication action real time".

### Archives:

- 10 members in attendance.
- Cassette transfer ongoing.
- New rep packets handed out.
- Display board commitments were discussed
- Workday will be 4/25 @9am-1pm.

### CPC:

- 10 people in attendance with 2 new members.
- The contact manager has been updating their contact list and has recruited 2 members of the committee to contact the people requesting updated information and determine if there is any other way the committee can be of service.
- A CPC member has been reaching out to doctors and their offices and asked the committee for a group conscience on how they felt about supporting pamphlets for the waiting room. CPC will create an Envelope of pamphlets from the PC committee for doctors to be distributed amongst the doctors. Included in the envelope will be an inventory sheet of the pamphlets being dropped off and a method of contacting CPC to request more of those pamphlets. CPC will request that PI create a like envelope with pamphlets and inventory sheet and a method for requesting more pamphlets through PI. This will allow PI and CPC to focus on their respective duties.
- Homework assignment for CPC, members will establish contact with CPC contacts assuring that all the information is correct and if corrections are required, to do so.

### Grapevine:

- No report

### Public Information:

- 10 new members.
- PI's display boards are very old. Researching new table top boards.
- Providence Detox 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Commitment @ 3:30 being filled.
- Recent outreach with guidance counselors of High Schools.
- PI working with CPC on commitments and reaching out.
- GSO gave tons of material to read and distribute.
- New format at PI meeting will be discussing traditions.
- Mock PI presentations were put on hold as there was much to cover during the meeting.

### Website Committee:

- New pamphlet distributed and reviewed by Area.
- Issue, any changes to calendar, the Webmaster needs to be informed of change.
- Discussed handbook on website, questioned if it was a living document.

### Western Mass Round Up:

- Event to be held at the LaQuinta on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Dance tickets are \$10, Banquet \$25 and registration \$10. Final program available. There are only 200 banquet tickets.

### Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

#### Redistricting Committee Meeting:

- No report

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## Handbook Committee:

- No report

## Invited Committees

### Institutions:

- Treasurers report: total donations \$1,615.65, expenses \$152.31 – ending balance for book purchase \$1,363.34.
- BTG Report- 7 call's this month.
- Liaison Report- Franklin County Corrections really needs meetings.

## Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):

- No report

## Western Mass Intergroup:

- No report.

## WMYPAA:

- Positions filled
- Group inventory in March. Examined how WMYPAA are meeting our primary purpose and greater objectives.
- Co-hosted Archives Dinner
- Planning future events with the MSCYPAA Bid Committee, promoting unity among young alcoholics in Western Mass. WMYPAA is encouraging groups to create a "WMYPAA Rep" position to get young people involved in service.
- Outreach to District 5 and 1.
- Created Spanish flyers and gave them to District 1 to give to Spanish meeting reps.
- Assisting in the sobriety countdown at the Roundup

## Western Mass MSCYPAA Bid:

- Attended MSCYPAA host's meeting/dance in Worcester.
- 10 members of committee drove out and 3 spoke.
- Requesting a letter of support from the Area to bring MSCYPAA to Western Mass.

## DISTRICT REPORTS:

### District 1:

- 12 GSR's in attendance.
- GSR's shared their groups' activities.
- District 1 will be hosting a meeting at the Round Up
- A member requested that District 1 look into how they could find funds to pay for the Spanish Hotline. This is currently being maintained and paid for by several Spanish groups within District 1.
- Discussed District 1 hosting a workshop. This to possible happen in August or September not to coincide with the International.

### District 2:

- No report.

### District 3:

- On 8/22 in Lenox from 10-3 (lunch included) a workshop on Diversity-"Are we welcoming enough to those who need our help?"
- On-line meeting in service structure.

### District 4:

- Group service #'s given to GSR's to make sure they give to treasures to put on their checks/contributions.
- Discussed workshops and service day. Requested GSR's to go back to their groups and bring back suggestions.
- District 4 will be participating in the round-up.
- Discussed meetings at AA clubs, are they self supporting?

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- 22 in attendance.
- Groups shared on their home group activities.
- Possible workshop topics discussed: Primary Purpose, Safety in A.A. and Being of Service. The workshop will probably be held in the fall.
- District 5 will be participating in the Round-Up- “Getting Sober Doesn’t Mean Your Life is Over – The Young Person in A.A.

### District 6:

- 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 workshops will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 12-4 at Granville Federated Church. Pizza and desserts will be served with soda and water. Topics: 1) GSR Presentation –the full version 2) Tradition 1 & 3) Welcoming the newcomer.
- District 6 will be participating in the roundup.
- Discussion at District meeting in Singleness of Purpose issues in groups. The group took the suggestion to read the G.S.C card on Singleness of Purpose and confining discussion to alcohol.
- 20 in attendance.

### Delegate’s Remarks:

- 2016 NERAASA update, the next planning meeting is to be held 4/30 @ 7pm at the Sheraton (one of the two host hotels for the event) in Springfield.
- This month’s issue of the Grapevine is all about Double Digit Sobriety. There are calls for articles to be sent to the Grapevine to be printed.
- Asked to speak at the International Conventions “Meet Your Neighbor” on 7/2 @ 8:30 am. Currently there are 3,600 registered.
- 3 titles available in audio format in French and Spanish: Alcoholic Anonymous, 12 and 12, & the pamphlet AA for the Alcoholic. Also the Navaho translation
- NERF on 5/29/15, in Albany. It’s your opportunity to learn more about GSO (General Service Office). As Delegate, she has been asked to moderate a meeting on “Singleness of Purpose.”

### Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- 2015 Mass State Convention-Save the date to be held 11/ 6, 7 & 8, 2015.

### Area Chair Remarks:

- Fall Assembly 10/3-4
- Service commitment on 7/28 @7:30pm
- Concept meeting and Traditions Meeting, time and date can be found on the calendar.

### Old Business:

- Proposed Updates to the 2011 Edition of the Area 31 Handbook: (20 minutes only for discussion continued)

(Located on pg 19 in the Handbook) (Each line will be voted on, one at a time)

#### Additions to Area 31 History

History – wording to be changed, tabled until next meeting.

Third legacy – needs to be in the history –tabled until next meeting.

2014 ADHOC committee was formed to investigate the need to redistricting.

Motion:

Discussion

vote: 17-3

minority opinion – vote swayed

vote: 3-17

*Motion:* doesn’t pass

2014 In August 2014 Speech to text meeting held. CART (Communication Access Real Time) took place at the Accessibility meeting.

Motion:

*Motion:* Passes unanimously.

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### New Business:

- Address concern with the missing equipment for the hearing impaired headsets. Accessibility is looking to replace this.  
Motion: To buy the piece of equipment that is needed not to exceed \$1,000.  
Discussion ensued  
Vote: 19-4 passes  
*Motion:* To buy the piece of equipment that is needed not to exceed \$1,000.

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:38PM with the Responsibility Declaration.  
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 05/13/2015 at 7:30pm.