

Area 31 Committee Meeting – May 13, 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
AREA DELEGATE	Anne F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mark N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
AREA CHAIR *	Paul H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
AREA TREASURER	Beth C	✓		✓	✓	✓					
AREA SECRETARY	Sue A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A</i>	✓	✓								
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Karl H				✓	✓					
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Pauline D		✓	✓	✓	✓					
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Keith M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Dick	✓	✓	✓		✓					
CPC CHAIR	Mike S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
CPC CO-CHAIR	Steve M	✓		✓	✓	✓					
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Ray L	✓									
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Tiffany C		✓								
P.I. CHAIR	Mark C	✓	✓	✓		✓					
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Brennan M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CHAIR	Mary M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Sally S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓					
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Eddie K	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Mark P/Tom					✓					
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Andy D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Rich J</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓					

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ROUND UP CHAIR	Bill R		✓			✓					
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Cheryl</i>			✓	✓						
WMYPAA CHAIR	Tom H										
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lena</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 1 DCM	Katherine T		✓			✓	✓				
District 1 Co-DCM	Bruce C	✓		✓		✓					
District 2 DCM	Mike R	✓	✓	✓		✓					
District 2 CO-DCM	Janis A	✓		✓	✓	✓					
District 3 DCM	Connell Mc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 3 CO-DCM	Mike L	✓	✓	✓	✓						
District 4 DCM	Patricia K			✓	✓	✓					
District 4 CO-DCM	Steve C			✓	✓	✓					
District 5 DCM	Robert W	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 5 CO-DCM	Angie Mc		✓	✓		✓					
District 6 DCM	Wayne M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 6 CO-DCM	Erick M	✓		✓							
<i>District 6 LCM</i>											
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	24	23	28	23	29					

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the April 15, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.
Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning April Balance: \$3,472.11; Group Contributions: \$2,519.97; Total Area Expenses: (\$2,969.37); Closing April Balance: \$3,022.71 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$10,522.71 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in April 2015 increased by \$151.16 from contributions in April 2014. There were 45 contributions made in April 2015. There were 42 in April 2014. Contributions April 2015 YTD decreased by \$975.24 from cont contributions in April 2014 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Then Registrar is still taking updates to group info changes; however the deadline for entry into the directory at GSO is

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come and gone.

Area Archivist Report:

- On Saturday, April 25th, from 9am-1pm Archives Serve Day. It was a great day to sort and file archival documents. There were a few visitors. No Archives Service day planned for June.
- Some of the items donated to Archives last month were old membership lists and guidelines from the Hand in Hand Group.
- DCM's and Committee Chairs can email their minutes to 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 report.

Archives:

- 12 members in attendance.
- Archives had a work day at the end of April. Tapes to CD's project stalled due to technical difficulties.
- Display boards traveled to a couple of groups for group anniversaries.

CPC:

- 11 people in attendance with 2 new members.
- The contact manager has been updating their contact list with 1 new contact. The reaching out to established contacts went well. Fifty emails were sent to local colleges and legal professionals as well as medical professionals. These are to update our database and establish any needs for our services or support.
- Packets with flyers from CPC were created and given to a CPC member to give to the doctors.
- CPC will be attending the Roundup Commitment and panelists were selected.
- The committee discussed appearing at the conference for the NE Association of Drug Court Professionals. This is due to a request from Area 30 and Area 28 to co-sponsor a table at the conference. The committee had questions about this event and tabled the conversation until the next meeting.

Grapevine:

- No report

Public Information:

- Discussion of the Baystate commitment, new format developed for tailored circumstances.
- Providence Hospital commitment not happening.
- Greenfield IOP motion to table until more information presented before voting on whether to take commitment or not.
- On presentation board purchased.
- Motion to provide Baystate with a phone list from members of PI committee tabled.
- Motion to make subcommittee to revise the Radio Show format passed and formed to include 3 PI members.
- Motion to create subcommittee for discussion the inclusion of anonymity and the internet in the PI presentation format, tabled.

Website Committee:

- New Website pamphlets are being circulated in the Districts. The committee hopes to start visiting new meetings to see if/how they are utilizing the technology.
- A request will be made to the Round up committee to add the pamphlet to the packets being handed out to the Round Up. On 5/13, the motion passed and 500 pamphlets were provided to the Round Up Committee for the registration.
- New Business- Marquee. Ideas noted, to have Area 31 events...Round Up District events, NERAASA 2016, State Convention, International Convention, hospitality, etc. Since it's a service website, why not use pictures showing our service involvement in Area 31. More to come. It was all suggested to clique on the marquee picture as a way to get to different committees on the web.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Event to be held at the LaQuinta on June 6th & 7th, 2015. Dance tickets are \$10, Banquet \$25 and registration \$10. Only 25

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meal tickets left. Registration on the website. Donations welcomed- Books, coffee and \$.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Redistricting Committee Meeting:

- No report

Handbook Committee:

- No report

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- 2 new group reps
- Treasurers report: total donations \$1,625.66, expenses \$95.43 – ending balance for book purchase \$1,430.43.
- BTG Report- 5 call's this month, 1 for the Berkshires.
- Liaison Report- Franklin County Corrections really needs meetings.

Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):

- Contributions have been up and in a much better financial position than a year ago. BIG continues to have regular sales of books, pamphlets and medallions.
- Service day planned for Saturday, August 22 at the Lenox Community Center. This is a joint venture with District 3. The topics for the day are going to be "safety in AA" and "diversity in AA" (Is everyone welcome and is everyone helped when they come to an AA meeting?)
- Attendance of Intergroup reps at the Berkshire Intergroup Meeting has declined for the last six months. Members are reaching out to all Berkshire groups to send a representative to the meeting.
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Western Mass Intergroup:

- WMIG stated they rec'd no calls.
- The new When and Where to be reprinted in July 2015. Changes deadline is June 26th. All changes have to be done on a change form.
- WMIG picnic is 8/23 11am-6pm. Donations welcomed.
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WMYPAA:

- 2 new comers
- Discussed continuing our group inventory. This will likely be scheduled for a Saturday afternoon.
- Considering co-hosting a movie night with the Archives Committee.
- WMYPAA will be assisting with the countdown at the Round-up this year as well as hosting a meeting.

Western Mass MSCYPAA Bid:

- Rec'd a support of approval from Area 31 to bring MSCYPAA to Western Mass in 2016.
- Upcoming events: Trivia night and BBQ.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- 8 GSR's
- Spanish Hotline-(413)734-7500. The 3 Spanish groups in Springfield currently pay for and maintain the phone. The current cost on average \$58 a month. It was asked if the current hotline could incorporate the Spanish Hotline.

District 2:

- Will be attending the Round Up and presenting hosting a meeting.

District 3:

- 15 GSR's in attendance
- Alternated DCM positioned filled.
- Workshops to be hosted with Berkshire Intergroup- "Are We Welcoming Everyone Who Needs Our Help."

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District 4:

- 27 GSR's.

District 5:

- 21 in attendance with 2 new GSR's.
- 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 October 17th.
- 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:

- 21 in attendance, 2 new GSR's
- 1st of 2 workshops held on May 2nd. 15 people in attendance.

Delegate's Remarks:

- 2016 NERAASA update, the next planning meeting to be held on 5/28 @ 7pm at the Sheraton (one of the two host hotels for the event) in Springfield.
- Grapevine challenge: No longer in the top ¼ of new prescriptions to the Grapevine. CPC is the cover story on the Grapevine. Work of caring the message to professionals.
- Round-Up- Delegates opportunity to share her experience and content from the General Service Conference. In addition, the Saturday night speaker at the Roundup is from GSO, and was also the keynote speaker at the Conference. Singleness of purpose, Social Media, Diversity of Membership, Diversity in Service and Size of Membership
- NERF- this year it is happening in Albany, May 29-31. This is an opportunity to hear how the General Service operates, where does your money go, and more important than that, they want to hear from the membership.
- Corrections desk @ GSO request from inmates requesting for literature. GSO sends an email to Grapevine and Delegate in your area noting that there is an inmate who would like to receive information. Carry the Message Fund. Go to Grapevine website.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

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

Area Chair Remarks:

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

Old Business:

- *Motion:* To buy the piece of equipment that is needed not to exceed \$1,000.
Review equipment to be replaced and the cost was \$320, it was the amplifier that was to be replaced.

New Business:

- Certificate for website, more information and cost to be brought to the next Area Meeting in June.
- *Motion:* that the Area fund the Spanish speaking hotline.
Motion: to table the motion- passes (to gather more information)
-Chair has the authority to form an AdHoc to address this motion.
-Request assistance from Intergroup who has experience with this for next meeting.

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:48PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 06/10/2015 at 7:30pm.