

Area 31 Committee Meeting-August 10, 2016

Called to order 10 August 2016 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	Mar	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Mark N	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mike S	•	•	•	•	•		•			
AREA CHAIR *	Sue A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
AREA TREASURER	Mary M	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
AREA SECRETARY	Mike B	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•				
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P</i>	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Pauline D	•	•		•		•	•			
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Mark C	•	•	•	•	•	•				
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Dick W	•		•	•	•					
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Wayne		•	•	•	•	•	•			
CPC CHAIR	Steve M	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
CPC CO-CHAIR	Larry B				•	•	•				
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Mary					•		•			
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Nancy P	•	•	•		•	•	•			
P.I. CHAIR	Brennan M	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Beth C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
WEBSITE CHAIR	Sally S	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Terri S			•	•	•	•	•			
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	•	•	•	•		•	•			
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Tamara P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Tom L	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Rich J	•	•	•		•	•	•			

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<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Holly W 1st meeting</i>				•						
ROUND UP CHAIR	Marc G	•		•	•	•					
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lee M</i>		•			•					
WMYPAA CHAIR		•			•	•					
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Jon S</i>						•	•			
District 1 DCM	Bruce C	•	•	•		•	•	•			
District 1 CO-DCM	Derek W	•	•	•	•	•	•				
District 2 DCM	Janis A	•		•	•	•	•				
District 2 CO-DCM	Mark B		•		•	•	•	•			
District 3 DCM	Mike L	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
District 3 CO-DCM	Zack	•					•	•			
District 4 DCM	Steve C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
District 4 CO-DCM	Ben E	•	•	•	•	•	•				
District 5 DCM	Angie Mc	•		•							
District 5 CO-DCM	Jerry K	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
District 6 DCM	Eric M	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
District 6 CO-DCM	Sonja P	•		•	•	•	•	•			
0	* only votes to make/break a tie	24	23	28	29	31	28	26			

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
Handbook is out and available for review
- New Business
 - A. Motion to cancel October Area Committee meeting fails
 - B. A concern regarding the wording on the websites accessibilities page discussed and the webmaster said he can make any change necessary since he put it there.
 - C. Discussion regarding the Institutions choice to remove the areas vote at their committee.
 - D. Discussion to have the area sponsor a talk from the Trustee at Large U.S.. A ad-hoc committee was set up for that purpose.

Treasurer's Report:

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- Beginning July Balance: \$7,352.75; Group Contributions: \$2,617.64; Total Area Expenses: (\$1945.62); Closing July Balance: \$8,024.77 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$15,524.77 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in July 2016 increased by \$677.45 from contributions in July 2015. There were 38 contributions made in July 2016. There were 32 in July 2015. Contributions in July 2016 YTD increased by \$6,666.07 from contributions in July 2015 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- No report.

Area Archivist Report:

- No report

Webmaster:

- Caught up on most of the website reports etc.

Accessibility:

- 3 commitments to nursing home residents.
- Committee in need of support.
- Still looking to get (Cart) services for the Mass State Convention.
- The latest large prints were and whens are available at Intergroup for free.

Archives:

- Website Chair attended to explain the website and what it can be used for by archives.
- Discussion to update the boards.
- May be asking a trade school to do the work.
- Only 20% of groups have group history forms filled out.
- Have forms to complete group histories.
- Any information can be used to fill out the form. The group does not have to tell about its history, it can give current info.
- Setting up a road trip to Bill Wilson's house or something similar.

CPC:

- Having business cards made by the past choice by vote.
- Mercy life commitment this month
- Sent Institutions and Pi to Mercy life also.
- The co-chair has stepped down and a new co-chair was elected.
- Last year the committee attended the drug court event, but not sure if they are doing it again this year.
- Have boards for groups whom would like them at their anniversaries.

Grapevine:

- 7 minute speaker audio project on your phone and send to Grapevine.
- Seeking concepts and traditions experience to be given at the meeting.
- Q&A regarding weather the committee can come out to districts.

Public Information:

- Had 9 members present
- Fell short on commitments
- Asked GSO about doing an anonymity presentation and social media and what we can do to help the new comer.
- Elder care commitment with the accessibilities committee co-chair
- Will return area 31 AA on the radio? Will have a look at that.

Website Committee:

- Visiting committees and districts to raise awareness about what they can put on the website and how.
- What is the best way to deal with the handbook on the website.

Western Mass Round Up:

- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

- **Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee**
- Talked about where the area is doing well.
- Q/A about strategy.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Treasurer's report: total donations \$1777.91 expenses \$160.35 – ending balance for book purchase \$1517.56
- BTG reports 5 calls received 2 unreachable, 2 taken to a meeting, and 1 not in need of services.
- A. Liaison reports that Franklin County House of Corrections in dire need of meetings.
B. Northern Hope center in Greenfield has open meetings
C. Howard street first 3 Tuesday's not showing up.
- Motion to purchase rack for new CSS unit at Berkshire Medical center passed
- Motion passed to purchase \$1517.56 worth of books.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Contributions were up for the month of July
- Workshop is September 10th at the Lenox community Center
- Motion passed to purchase a refurbished copier and to purchase a service contract as well.
- Institution rep talked about missing commitments and groups should notify institutions so they can find a replacement.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Intergroup picnic August 28th 11 am-6pm Moose family Center.
- There will be a raffle at the picnic and are accepting donations, please donate if possible.
- Available for group commitments.
- Intergroup was represented at myscypaa.

WMYPAA:

- Myscypaa was a success.
- Bonfire on September 17th 6pm.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Changed meeting place to Sacred Heart Church 3rd Thursday.

District 2:

- Workshop at 474 pleasant September 17th 1-4 /topics will be fellowship, leadership and is your voice heard
- Spoke to GSR's regarding AA as a whole

District 3:

- Upcoming workshop with Berkshire Intergroup topics will be sponsorship and the importance of the home group.
- Cell phones at meetings becoming an issue even though most meetings have an announcement regarding this. Members have been monitoring different groups' ways of dealing with this.
- Other issues from groups were elections, working with newcomers, sober activities outside the meeting and how a chairperson gets a meeting back on track if it starts heading off topic.

District 4:

- The workshop was the main topic of the meeting
- Visiting unlit groups.

District 5:

- DCM stepped down/LCM will fill the position
- 2 groups anniversaries and 2 groups are having inventories.
- Discussion among the gsr's do people know what the committees do.
- Gsr's should attend workshops in the area.
- Discussion on how often should groups contribute.

District 6:

- Having a GSR presentation at the next district meeting.
- Workshop coming up although not sure of details. More to be revealed
- 1 anniversary in Enfield.

Delegate's Remarks

- Made amends to the Institution committee.
- Talked about the need of the concepts for the people in service.
- Annual report will be out soon and distributed.
- Area contributions lower by percentage.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass state convention Nov 11th-13th
- Enthusiasm is high for the convention.
- Talked about the upcoming talk and workshop for our trustee at large U.S.

Area Chair Remarks:

- 2 area service commitments coming up
- Fall assembly October 15th and 16th
- Committees and districts visiting each other is great for unity and understanding.
- Bring new people to the workshops is helpful to them.
- Phone coverage coming up week of August 20th
- Workshop for area date not set yet.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Motion to cancel October Area Committee in lieu of the Area assembly passed.
- A heated discussion ensued over whether we should be voting with substantial unanimity even though the motion passed

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with a simple majority.

- More to follow as area chair stated that the area will meet in October and we need to discuss this issue more at the September Area meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:35PM.