

Area 31 Committee Meeting-September 14, 2016

Called to order 14 September 2016 7:30 PM

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Nov | Dec |
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| 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 | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | | |
| 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 | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | |

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| INSTITUTIONS CHAIR | Rich J | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | | |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i> | <i>Holly W</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 | 29 | | |

Secretary’s Report:

- Old Business
None
- New Business
 - A. Motion to cancel October Area Committee meeting passes.
 - B. Discussion to address the motion to cancel the October Area Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning August Balance: \$8,024.77; Group Contributions: \$3,228.50; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,698.78); Closing August Balance: \$9,764.39 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$17,264.39 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in August 2016 increased by \$475.56 from contributions in August 2015. There were 47 contributions made in August 2016. There were 46 in August 2015 . Contributions in August 2016 YTD increased by \$7,141.63 from contributions in August 2015 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- 18 unknown groups/no contact person/will be looking into it this weekend.
- Group info forms can be sent email, phoned in or snail mail.

Area Archivist Report:

- Came in today to finish neraassa paperwork by end of September
- When turning in paperwork to archives be sure to include date, where, who, what and why.

Webmaster:

- Nothing happening for module yet
- Will be posting neraasa registration form as soon as he receives it without names
- Thank you district 2

Accessibility:

- 6 members this month/big increase from previous months
- Thank you to DCM's for mentioning the need for support at the district meetings.
- Filled September commitments to Mt Marie.
- Still working on a commitment to keystone Commons.
- 2 calls to the hot line.

Archives:

- Discussion to update the boards with little or no Area funds needed.
- Space at anniversaries for boards is always a challenge.
- Discussed adopting 6 new group history binders and what that might look like.
- Planning on visiting the districts to get GSR's to ask their groups to get the history forms filled out.
- 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 possible road trip to Bill Wilson play when the off Broadway play returns

to the area..

CPC:

- 3 standing commitments each month.
- AIC and Elms commitments being pursued.
- Drug court commitment in November this year.
- Brought boards to district 2's workshop and The Enfield groups anniversary.
- BHN is looking to train their people without CPC having to come in every time someone needs to learn.

Grapevine:

- 12 people attended, a large increase
- 7 minute speaker audio project on your phone and send to Grapevine.
- Continuing marketing of grapevine.
- Continuing the (grow your grapevine) contest. Info available at aagrapevine.org.
- Boards have been requested at 2 anniversaries and 2 workshops
- Discussed purchasing subscriptions for recovery homes.

Public Information:

- Co-Chair stepping down and have a replacement.
- High school commitments will begin again.
- Recovery High school may continue.
- No luck with radio advertisement.

Website Committee:

- Considered the posting of materials from the invited committees and came to the conclusion that we should post their materials as long as they are within the guidelines of the website committee.
- Most of the meeting was devoted to the handbook and its presentation and location on the site.
- Discussed if group representation is necessary or is it a committee with a specific task and thereby have specific members to do the job. Or should we have reps from groups. An effort to raise awareness and to bring reps from groups has not been very effective. Weather it is because of the newness of the committee or groups abilities to send reps. We will continue this discussion.

Western Mass Round Up:

- June 9,10 and 11 at la Quinta again.
- Changed the room for the banquet.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

- **Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee**
- Ready to bring recommendations to the committee soon.
- The areas of focus are How to “pass it on”: Who is responsible? What needs to be maintained as servants rotate?
- What procedures do we need to make it easier
- Job descriptions for the members of the standing committees.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Treasurer's report: total donations \$2780.13 expenses \$93.81 – ending balance for book purchase \$2586.32
- BTG reports 5 calls received 2 unreachable, 2 taken to a meeting, and 1 taken to a meeting.
- A. Care 1 commitment sponsor purchased a rack and literature and the meeting is doing well.
B. Providence 3rd Wednesday has not happened in 3 months.
C. Leeds Tuesday needs alternate.
- Berkshire Institutions needs support.
- 2 roll outs 2 roll ins.
- Bridging the gap coordinator and Librarian stepped down.
- Looking at swift river Covington.
- Motion to spend \$2586.32 on books.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Workshop with District 3 was a great success.
- Still working on a plan to reach inactive groups.
- Received the new (reconditioned) copier.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Picnic went well, great participation and a great big thank you to all.
- The excess funds were put into the office account and treated like a donation.
- The raffle lost \$67 loss from the raffle.
- Thanks to the website committee for putting the flyer on their site.
- Donations are still above average so thank you to the groups.
- Flyers for group events are available at the office and we will post events on the intergroup website.
- Please submit time sensitive material a month in advance if possible.
- The committee is available to do commitments to groups.

- We have a new Treasurer.
- The chair will again be attending district meetings after a 2 month absence due to committee work.
- All area committees have a slot at our monthly meeting, so please join us.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- First meeting at sacred heart.
- Attendance is down.

District 2:

- Workshop this upcoming weekend
- Hope to see you all there.
- Great serenity at the district.

District 3:

- Low attendance
- Discussed the spirit of rotation.
- Groups decide on their own.
- Workshop with Berkshire Intergroup went well.
- Talked about the mass State Convention.

District 4:

- Workshop went well. 40 or so people attended.
- Attendance is still low compared to the people in the area.
- Talked about who votes at the assemblies
- Planning a January GSR presentation at the district meeting.

District 5:

- Low attendance due to holiday. Many GSR contacted DCM to state they would not be attending.

- The Wilbraham group reported the love and support from home group members as several members partners have passed away.
- The Cold Spring group has a group inventory scheduled and hopefully will be electing a new GSR as their GSR took the co-DCM job.
- Had discussions about the 7th and 9th traditions and also chapter 4 the area assembly and activities.
- We are considering a workshop in late November or early December.

District 6:

- Workshop to be announced.

Delegate's Remarks

- Contacted other Delegates regarding their questions about contributions to GSO and their percentages.
- Looking to receive agenda items prior to mini conference at the spring assembly.
- Change of short form of concepts.
- Read letter from district.
- Talked about the 3 sides of the triangle.
- Conference reports are in.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass state convention Nov 11,12 and 13th.
- Will be asking people to give presentations at the mass state convention tonight.
- Please set aside time at the assembly to discuss agenda items was requested.

Area Chair Remarks:

- 2 area service commitments coming up
- Fall assembly October 15th and 16th
- Workshops on Saturday and special presentation at lunch.
- Recap in the afternoon and district remarks.
- Bring people to get involved.
- Q & A regarding why a 3 minute limit at the assembly and not at the regular monthly

meeting.

- Bring your committees financial wants for 2017 to the November committee as it is set aside for the budget with no committee reports. The treasurer will conduct the meeting.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- The exemption from taxes discussed and weather we have a number that the round-up committee wants to use if there even is one.
- The finance committee will meet to discuss and report back.

Meeting closed at 9:32PM.