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| ALTERNATE DELEGATE | Mike S. | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
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| <i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i> | <i>Bobbi P.</i> | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
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| ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR | Moria E. | | • | • | | | • | | | | | | |
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| CPC CO-CHAIR | Rich J. | | | • | | • | | | | | | | |
| GRAPEVINE CHAIR | Nancy P. | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR | Michael C. | • | | • | | | | | | | | | |
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| WEBSITE CO-CHAIR | Steve M. | • | • | • | | | • | | | | | | |
| <i>WEBMASTER</i> | <i>Bob B.</i> | • | | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| W. MASS IGP CHAIR | Tamara P. | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |

Area 31 Committee Meeting-June 14, 2017

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| INSTITUTIONS CHAIR | Holly W. | | | • | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i> | <i>Eric P. M.</i> | • | • | | | | | | | | | | |
| ROUND UP CHAIR | Marc Gonneville | | • | • | | • | | | | | | | |
| <i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i> | <i>Lee M.</i> | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| WMYPAA CHAIR | | | • | • | | | • | | | | | | |
| <i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 DCM | Derek W. | • | • | • | | • | | | | | | | |
| District 1 CO-DCM | Lynne S. | | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 2 DCM | Mark B. | • | • | | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 2 CO-DCM | Rick W. | • | • | • | | • | | | | | | | |
| District 3 DCM | Tom L. | | | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 3 CO-DCM | | • | • | • | | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 DCM | Ben E. | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 4 CO-DCM | Lisa W. | • | • | | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 5 DCM | Jerry K. | • | • | | | • | | | | | | | |
| District 5 CO-DCM | Renee K. | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 6 DCM | Sonja P. | • | | • | | • | • | | | | | | |
| District 6 CO-DCM | | • | • | • | | | | | | | | | |
| Quorum =18 | * only votes to make/break a tie | 25 | 26 | 27 | | 24 | 21 | | | | | | |

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
- It was decided that our state tax exempt status will be finalized.

- New Business
- None

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning May Balance: \$4,259.29; Group Contributions: \$2,506.22; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,057.52); Closing May Balance: \$5707.52 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,500 = \$14,207.52 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in May 2017 decreased by \$495.07 from contributions in May 2016. There were 41 contributions made in May 2017. There were 39 in May 2016 . Contributions in May 2017 YTD have decreased by \$2,874.82 from contributions in May 2016 YTD.
 - The tax exempt status should be complete by the fall assembly.

Registrar's Report:

- 6 groups from district 3 without complete contact info.
- Please send complete mailing addresses and emails of the group reps along with the group number. If you do not know the group number than give the specifics of the group and the group number will be sent out.
- Group information can be sent to me via e-mail at registrar@area31aa.org

In Service,

Area Registrar

Area Archivist Report:

- Still sorting.

- In the process of updating the Area 31 History Binders with new covers and separating them into 6 individual binders. One for each district.
- I did attend the Northeast Regional Forum. It's amazing the information there is to absorb.
- I gave the Grapevine Committee a binder with all the stories written by AA members from Area 31.
- Please remember to put who, what, when, where and why on all documents that will become archive material.

Respectfully submitted
Area 31 Archivist.

Webmaster:

- Nothing new or exciting
- Looking to a new theme for the website with Drupal 7 that is more mobile friendly.

Accessibility:

- We discovered that the hearing assist equipment's frequencies are too close to each other and overlap, so we cannot use for both hearing assist and translation at the same time.
- Please fill out forms for handicap accessibility at your meetings.
- Revised conference action recommended treatment and accessibilities try to contact military alcoholics correspondence.
- The committee currently has 2 meetings at 2 different long term facilities where the members cannot get out due to their age and physical capabilities.

Archives:

- Had 9 members in attendance.
- Finished the last of the boards and they are now all available to be brought to anniversaries and conferences.
- Outgoing commitment June 17th

CPC:

- All the feedback from the Round-up was positive.
- An interest was expressed from the military vets based on the "AA and the armed services" pamphlet taken at the round-up meeting.
- Will be doing a presentation to the deacons and priests of the diocese luncheon.
- We will be visiting district 3 this month.
- Planning a meeting with care 1's Staff.
- The Elms College thanked us and said it was the highlight of their semester.

Grapevine:

- When a prisoner writes to the GSO and asks them for a subscription will they send them one or from any institution like that.
- Discussed the round-Up.
- Workshop coming on August 26th 1-4 at 474 Pleasant St. Topics will be history of the Grapevine and stories from local members who have been published.
- Will have new binder for archives, photo contest and guess the number of grapes to win a subscription.
- A thank you to Intergroup for their assistance at the Round-up.
- One rep shared a history of the grapevine.
- Shared about the 7 minute audio program from GSO.
- Have been reaching out to the Spanish speaking community regarding La-Vina participation at the grapevine committee meeting.
- Asked DCM's and committee Chairs to spread the word about the workshop.
- There is a new book "Making amends"
- The website has many free documents to download.
- Will be visiting the website committee this month.

Public Information:

- Round-up commitment went well.
- Looking into q.r. scanners on posters to put into bus stations and schools and waiting on a design. After some discussion tonight maybe libraries and senior citizen centers.
- Anonymity workshop coming this summer or fall
- High school commitments coming to an end until the fall.
- A Pi committee in Schenectady borrowed our format to do a presentation

Website Committee:

- Round-Up commitment was well attended and a success.
- Attending the intergroup meeting regularly.
- Visited district 6 and are communicating with the other districts to attend their meetings.
- Working on a new email address to streamline the process of putting documents on the site.
- Translation into Spanish and what dialect to use.

Western Mass Round Up:

- We had 270 registrations.
- The Friday night CPC/Al-Anon meeting was attended by 76 people many of whom where professionals, but a count was not taken.
- 40 CD's were ordered by attendees.
- Received 39 critiques from attendees and will be reviewing them for next years Round-Up.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Ad Hoc Committee for relocating the area's meetings.

- No report but a q/a regarding whether or not we should be moving at this time or just try and get changes to the current facility.

Invited Committees

Institutions

- No report

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- No one stood to be secretary but a member did offer to be the note taker until one is found.
- The picnic is the next event on August 27th 11-6 at the Moose Family Center on Fuller Rd. in Chicopee. Every child leaves with a toy and there will be a bounce house, face painting, music, raffle and a horseshoe tournament.
- Donations for the raffle are being accepted at Intergroup or you can contact the archivist.
- We thank all groups for their donations, it makes our work possible.
- Phone coverage is going well
- Any flyers needing to be made or information to be put on the website please contact itergro4@aol.com.

WYYPAA

- There will be a cookout in Pittsfield coming up.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Had 15 attendees this month.
- All groups announced that they are healthy.
- Talked about the Round-up it was well attended and the Spanish speaking community was well represented.
- We gave the GSR's homework for the upcoming workshop.

District 2:

- 10 GSR's attended the meeting. And they reported that their groups are healthy.
- One group discovered that they were donating to soldier on.
- Created ad-hoc to decide topics and ideas for workshop on September 23rd.
- CPC will be visiting the district next month.
- Round-up commitment went well.

District 3:

- We had 12 GSR's in attendance..
- Elected a new Co-DCM
- Attended the Round-Up commitment and it went well.
- Workshop is scheduled for September 9th at the Lenox community Center.
- Topics have not been set yet but will be related to "AA For All generations"

District 4:

- Have new meeting place.
- Have a workshop date but will change due to conflict with other district.
- Large turnout at monthly meeting.
- Workshop at Round-Up went well and was also well attended.

District 5:

- Church for Do or Die meeting has told them they do not need to purchase liability insurance.
- One group expressed concerns about donations and the pie chart.
- Workshop scheduled for November.
- Round-Up workshop went well.

District 6:

- Work shop on the 20th went well.
- The Round-up commitment was a success.
- Co-DCM has stepped down and we will have an election next month.
- Looking for committees to visit.

Delegate's Remarks

- The report at the Round-up went well and I was more at ease this year. I have a lot more info if anyone would like it, go to aa.org and subscribe to box 459.
- The conference report will be out at the end of summer.
- Attended NERF and it is nice to understand why we do what we do in service.
- Spanish interpretation at the workshops are very helpful.
- A guy shared that he was nervous.
- Don't let fear keep you from doing service work and spreading the message.
- The GSO does what the membership wants them to do. They work for us.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Attended NERF and am grateful for the class a trustees who give so freely of their time.
- There is a new yellow card coming out about safety.
- Round-Up workshop went well, and asked the Spanish speaking community to participate and it was a success.
- Funding for the deaf members ASL interpreters, should we pay instead of the state?
- Mass state convention Nov 11,12 and 13th. We are still looking for chairs from the west.
- Stuffing party July 25th leaving Plantation inn at 530.
- The recurring monthly payment option to GSO seems to be doing very well.
- Try and spread enthusiasm about serving around. It can be contagious.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Please get position changes to the Secretary and registrar as soon as you know who they are.
- Round-Up commitment went well.
- Fall Assembly is October 21st and 22nd.

Old Business:

A lengthy discussion regarding the head table change and how people felt about it took place. Many people weighed in, with a large portion of folks who preferred it the way it was.

New Business:

- Motion to move monthly meeting downstairs for the summer passed unanimously.
- Discussed the assembly and do we want to do another inventory and most felt that we should do something other than that.
- A few ideas where tradition 7,gsr orientation, committee workshops.
- Safety issues discussed briefly. What to do about it ,bad information,what should DCM's do.

Meeting closed at 10:20 PM