

Called to order 13 September 7:30 PM

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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	Marc C.	•	•	•		•	•	•		•			
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Moria E.		•	•			•	•		•			
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Wayne J. M.	•	•	•			•	•		•			
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR										•			
CPC CHAIR	Carol L.	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•			
CPC CO-CHAIR	Frank M.			•		•				•			
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Nancy P.	•	•	•		•	•	•		•			
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Michael C.	•		•									
P.I. CHAIR	Chris O	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•			
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Peg C.	•		•				•	•	•			
WEBSITE CHAIR	Terri S.	•	•	•		•		•	•				
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Steve M.	•	•	•			•	•	•	•			
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	•		•		•	•	•	•	•			
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Tamara P.	•	•	•		•	•	•	•				

Area 31 Committee Meeting-September 13, 2017

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BERK. IGP CHAIR	Brenda N.	•				•		•	•				
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Holly W.			•									
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Eric P. M.</i>	•	•						•				
ROUND UP CHAIR	Lee M		•	•		•				•			
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Marion B</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	Will W.	•	•	•				•		•			
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	Ray M.	•	•	•					•	•			
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	26	27		24	21	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>			

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
- Fall Assembly thoughts and ideas discussed being moved to new business.

- New Business
 1. Proposed agenda for the fall assembly Saturday service fair discussed and decided on.
 2. A proposed agenda item for the fall assembly that will be made into a motion at the assembly to replace the traditions meeting with a service manual meeting was brought up.
 3. The positions that are going to be voted on at the area elections were explained.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning August Balance: \$4,327.04; Group Contributions: \$2,740.09; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,490.74); Closing August Balance: \$5,576.39 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,500 = \$14,076.39 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in August 2017 decreased by \$488.41 from contributions in August 2016. There were 40 contributions made in August 2017. There were 46 in August 2016. Contributions in August 2017 YTD have decreased by \$3,884.24 from contributions in August 2016 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Received a couple of group changes this week and received a few more today.
- If you do not have the group number then where the meeting meets and the full name of the contact person.
- Please send changes to me directly through the area email, my phone, snail mail or any other method you prefer.
- Explained how to get a new group's information to the GSO.

Area Archivist Report:

- Things have been a little slow this summer. Working on a plan to redo the group

information books and get new covers.

- Working on some different handouts for the service fair.
- Trying to figure out a way to use less space for the Grapevine Archives and will try and finish by the end of the year,
- Please submit information with who, where and date when if you want it archived.

Webmaster:

- Just returned from the technology workshop.
- GSO has a Google account and are putting PSA's on "Youtube".
- The GSO had 2 people attend from the IT desk.
- Please send your postings to webpost@area31aa.org where they will be reviewed and added to the site.

Accessibility:

- Thank you to the groups that returned the accessibility surveys and a reminder to the DCMs to bring them back to the GSRs and you can send them to the intergroup office.
- Mass state convention update.
 1. We had the registration and old timers flyers translated.
 2. We are waiting on the program to be completed to have it translated.
 3. We will be coordinating the Spanish translation, ASL interpreters, cart services and have a table to hand out the hearing impaired units.
- Setting up new commitments. And the existing commitments are Mt Marie twice a week and a wheel chair pick up once a week. We do need support for both.

Archives:

- We will finish the final board repair at the October meeting and it will be ready for the state convention.
- Our September commitments for anniversaries and other events. District 3 and Berkshire Intergroup workshop and the Amherst Monday night anniversary.
- We had 7 committee members in attendance.

CPC:

- We have a new co-chair and he is at this meeting, so please welcome him.

- We have 2 commitments next week and they are Amedsys in Agawam and the National Recovery annual event at Holy Name in Springfield.
- We will also have a table at the fall assembly service fair and we talked about the trinkets that we will be giving away and we can talk about that later.

Grapevine:

- The workshop was a success. Our photo contest and guess the grapes winner will both receive a subscription to the Grapevine. We all enjoyed a fruit tart after opening the monthly meeting to celebrate the workshops success.
- There is a new Grapevine book out called “Voices Of Women In AA”. Check with Intergroup to see when they will have it in stock.
- The Grapevine boards are available for events and anniversaries.
- There are apps for Iphone, Ipad and Android.
- You can order the online magazine which has 8-10 extra stories each month and access to the Grapevine digital archives.
- You can participate in the “record your story” For instructions and suggestions find online www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal. The phone number is 559-726-1216. WAV and MP3 files are also accepted. No meetings can be submitted.
- The committee will update the boards in time for the mass state convention.

Public Information:

- Ad-hoc committee still figuring things out.
- Going back to the recovery HS.
- Doing a presentation at the Simon Rock college.
- Need participation with the Greenfield IOP commitment.
- Purchased the table clothes for our presentations.
- Workshop tentative for Nov 4th at 474 pleasant.
- A lengthy Q/A regarding the anonymity implications that the posters may bring once again this month.

Website Committee:

- Working on updating the website handouts for the service fair.
- Please send minutes to the new email address webpost@area31aa.org

Western Mass Round Up:

- May 11,12 and 13 2018 and the “Save the Date” flyer is out.

Ad Hoc Committee’s Report(s)

Ad Hoc Committee for relocating the area's meetings.

- The Chair of the ad-hoc committee has stepped down. The Chair will appoint someone else.

Invited Committees

Institutions

- No report.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- No report.

WMYPAA

- New co-chair.
- Working on a bid committee.
- Halloween party and dance 28 October at 474 Pleasant St. Flyers will be out soon.
- 10 people showed up at the monthly meeting.
- Will be changing the time of the monthly meeting to 5PM due to a conflict with a meeting at the same location.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- One of our groups has lost their meeting place and are looking for guidance from the area.

District 2:

- A few group issues including should 7th tradition money be used for anniversaries and parties.
- The Friday night meeting at HCC is not happy with the new room as they are sitting in children's desk chairs. Too small.
- Workshop is coming soon we hope all will show up.

District 3:

- LCM continues to attend unlit meetings.

- A discussion about the use of the Lord's prayer at meetings.
- Workshop was a success.
- Elections will be at our next meeting.

District 4:

- 13 people in attendance
- New secretary was voted in.
- The main discussion was regarding the Google cloud and the holding of info and its implications with anonymity.

District 5:

- Low turnout at meeting.
- Workshop will be November 18th 1-4 and the topics will be safety and AA slogans.
- BYOBB group celebrated their first anniversary.
- Friday night Belchertown not interested in reading the yellow card.
- Cold Spring will be reading the yellow card at their next meeting.
- Struggle with La Vina for LIPS.

District 6:

- CPC attended the meeting and the co-chair chaired their first district meeting.
- Will be having our elections this month.
- Workshop is being planned for a date in December and a save the date flyer will be coming hopefully for the fall assembly.
- Looking for a place to hold our district meeting in our district.

Delegate's Remarks

- Houston intergroup is looking for help and the GSO will replace whatever needs to be replaced for them. It is a service that is provided by GSO when disasters happen.
- Our group contributions have decreased from 14k last year to 9k this year.
- It is important that groups contribute to the Pie.
- December 15th is the deadline for agenda items for the 2018 conference.
- The Spanish version of the conference is now available.
- Will have it on our website in pdf form along with the other manuals.
- **Alternate Delegate Remarks:**
- Mass state Convention is Nov 10,11 and 12.

- September 26th at 6:00 for the car pool will be departing from the bowling alley parking lot at the end of 291 in Chicopee across from exit 6 of the mass pike.
- The west is hosting this year so our boards are to be displayed there.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Fall Assembly is October 21st and 22nd. Saturday is 10-4 and Sunday is 1-5
- We will have the new format for Saturday
- We have service commitment October 16th.
- Reminder about the traditions and concepts meetings.
- Requesting if you plan on making a motion at the fall assembly please send an advance copy to the Area chair if possible.
- WMYPAA is meeting at a later time.
- If you know that you will be making a motion at the assembly submit in writing prior to it so we can plan the agenda.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Motion to cancel the October area meeting did not pass.
- Motion to remove the reports for the October area meeting passed.
- Motion to have the PI committee remove the QR scanner posters did not pass.
- Relocation issue discussed and is there more space in this building
- A straw poll taken was in favor of continuing a search for a new meeting place.

Meeting closed at 10:10 PM.