

# Area 31 Public Information Minutes

2/11/14

7:30 pm till 8:45 pm

- ⌚ Sign In/ Chair Steve R, Co-Chair Marc C.; 17 Members and Anne F. Area 31 Delegate (8 New Members) Mark C. ,Harry H., Wesley M., Dave S., Matt S., Sam S., Patrick V., Colin J., Ginger P. 36 Active Members to date. 2 Members (Adelaide P. and Sam L.) Out on PI Commitment.
- ⌚ Serenity Prayer/Brief description of PI Committee Service
- ⌚ Chairperson Steve R. brief introduction and welcome to new committee members.
- ⌚ Members introduced themselves and from which group they represented.
- ⌚ Anne F. Stated that Area Business Should be attained at your home groups Business Meeting given by your groups GSR. Later mentioned that she felt that this would allow our committee to have more time for Committee business. If something going on in Area was important, that pertained to Our Committee; The PI Chair could mention it. Also mentioned the New AA Literature on Anonymity On-line Pamphlet. A big issue over the Last few Years in AA.
- ⌚ Filled March 2014 Standing Monthly Commitments and confirmed February Commitments.
- ⌚ Mentioned Sam and Adelaide out on a new Commitment at an Alcohol Education Class.
- ⌚ Another 2 commitments on 2/12/14 and 2 on 2/15/14
- ⌚ Director of Program to call Jim W. or Area Chair Steve to set up more dates for March

## COMMITMENTS:

**Radio Show:** Mondays - arrive at 5 PM, Basketball Hall of Fame Springfield, Mass

DATE	CHAIRPERSON	CONTACT #	SHADOW	CONTACT #
2/3/14	Meg		Sean L	
2/10/14	Marc C		Paul G.	
2/24/14	Garret M		Brennan M.	
3/03/14	Meg		David S.	
3/10/14	Garrett M.		Dave S.	
3/24/14	Marc C		Sam S.	
3/31/14	Deirdre B.		Ginger P.	

**Phoenix Academy:** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. 7 PM @ 15 Mulberry St., Springfield.

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2/19/14	Jim W.		Marc C.	
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**IOP:** meets 2nd Thursday 1 PM @ Start Program has moved to 8 Atwood Dr., Northampton, MA 01060 located on the second floor. This is next to The Clarion Hotel. Contact: Phone #413.582-0471 or 800.322.0424 - Maureen Blackmore email: [MBlackmore@csoinc.org](mailto:MBlackmore@csoinc.org)

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2/13/14	Garret		Marc C.	
3/13/14	David S		Garret/Sean/Dave	

- ⌚ Concept meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month 7pm 474 Pleasant Street Holyoke Please Attend
- ⌚ Spring Assembly 4/12/14-4/13/14 Corner of Appleton and Maple in Holyoke
- ⌚ NERAASA 2014 Warwick Rhode Island 2-22-14 -2-24-14 check online for More Info. This is a great opportunity for Service committee Members to brain storm with peers from all over New England and discuss AA service work and ideas of Carrying the message.
- ⌚ All information can be obtained off of Area Website [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ⌚ Still Working on New Contact information on person supervising The Start Program (IOP) in Northampton. Maureen B. No Longer in Charge. Left for Private practice.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ⌚ New Commitment Driver Adult Education Program in Western Mass. 5 Dates will be covered in February. One in Palmer 2/11/14 6:30p, Two in Westfield 2/12/14 6:30 and 7:30pm and Two in Springfield 2/15/14 11:00am and 2:00pm. Contact Brigit M. states, " there is a need for this type of info in the state programs." Jim W. in discussion with Brigit ongoing and is bringing all gathered information to Committee. Looks like an exciting new opportunity for PI. Location and more information were handed out by Steve. As of 2/11/14 confirmation with Brigit had been

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confirmed and she is awaiting our arrival on the previous mentioned dates. She is excited and very optimistic about this and so is Our PI Committee.

- ⌚ Steve mentioned the importance of Reading the Pamphlet “Speaking at Non- AA meetings”. We are not Professionals yet we need to carry a consistent Message.
- ⌚ Check your E-mail for Pop-up Commitments. It is not uncommon for PI to get last minute Commitments. Stay Connected
- ⌚ Committee mentioned bringing it to Home groups business meetings and asking if anyone knows of schools or Health and wellness programs looking for an outreach Commitment. PI is Here
- ⌚ Question was addressed from Jim S., “Do you use are Last name in Non- AA Presentations?” Conclusion from Committee was “NO. We are an Anonymous Program.”
- ⌚ Discussion on what appears to be a fine line between Institutions and PI. A good resource for answers to this dilemma would again possibly be found in the PI workbook. Available on line or at the Western Mass Intergroup Office/ Book Store.
- ⌚ Reading of Tradition 2 from Hand out from Steve R, followed by brief discussion about For Our Groups purpose there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He expresses Himself in our Group Conscience . Steve R. ,Matt S., Sam S. and Jim W. Shared their thoughts
- ⌚ Mock Non-AA Speaking commitment presentation given by Garret M.
- ⌚ Garrett intelligently fielded some questions from Paul G. which could be potential questions from a group we may be visiting.
- ⌚ We are not Professional on anything concerning medical, legal or financial advice. All we know is How Alcohol nearly destroyed our lives and many others and what we do to live in recovery on a daily basis. The Program of Action found in the Book, “Alcoholics Anonymous”
- ⌚ Minutes will be E-mailed to all Active Committee Members and selected Area 31 officers
- ⌚ Great to see so many people in attendance. Public Information is picking up new commitments and the School Prom season is around the corner. Come join in The excitement and Recovery.
- ⌚ **Next Meeting 3/11/14 7:30 474 Pleasant Street (Upstairs)**
- ⌚ **Meeting closed at 8:30 with I am Responsible Pledge**

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