

Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Meeting  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
474 Pleasant St.  
Holyoke, MA

Meeting started at 6:19 pm

Moment of silence

Serenity Prayer

Introductions

8 members in attendance

Issues

- In reference to area committee meeting
  - Redundancy
  - Off topic discussion
  - Distraction
- Too Many Groups- Is many a "good" thing?
  - Affects:
    - Self- Support
    - Service Availability
  - Groups are hung onto as opposed to being allowed to be discontinued
- In reference to District Meetings
  - Direction to DCMs, Agenda
  - Respect time- Run long vs Getting Work Done
  - Follow up with Area Chairperson's meeting
  - Passing on format/agenda from DCM to DCM: Help the district follow the format
  - Learning curve for DCM/GSR
- District Workshops- Role of DCM/GSR
  - What are the instructions for a workshop?
- Explanation of Area commitments/responsibilities
- Sponsorship vs Service Sponsorship
- Timeliness of receiving the GSR kit
- Group problems shared at area meeting but no solutions/discussion-time
- Too many committee reports- no time for work
- Communicating the conference process
  - Evaluation of a General Service Conference agenda item
- Purpose of events not explained openly enough
  - Alphabet soup- NERAASA, NERF, NERD, etc
  - Purpose of committees
  - Workshops
- How does what Area 31 does relate to AA as a whole?

Homework

- Group the issues
- Identify the strengths as reported