

Area 31 Committee Meeting – June 11, 2014

The Area Chair, Paul H., opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading from Chapter 5 of the Service Manual (p. S 44).

		Jan	Feb	Mar	May	July	Aug	Sept	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Anne F	✓	✓		✓					
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mark N	✓	✓	✓	✓					
AREA CHAIR *	Paul H	✓	✓	✓	✓					
AREA TREASURER	Beth C	✓	✓	✓	✓					
AREA SECRETARY	Sue A	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A</i>	✓	✓							
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Michael B	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Karl H				✓					
ARCHIVES CHAIR	TK	✓			✓					
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Keith M			✓	✓					
CPC CHAIR	Tye O	✓	✓	✓	✓					
CPC CO-CHAIR	Mike S	✓	✓	✓	✓					
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Neal N	✓	✓	✓	✓					
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR					✓					
P.I. CHAIR	Steve R	✓		✓	✓					
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Mark C	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CHAIR	Carl G	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Mary									
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	✓	✓							
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Eddie K	✓	✓	✓	✓					
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Mark P	✓	✓		✓					

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INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Chuck M	✓	✓	✓						
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Andy D</i>									
ROUND UP CHAIR	Betty N	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Bill R</i>		✓	✓						
WMYPAA CHAIR	Tom H		✓	✓	✓					
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	✓								
District 1 DCM	Pat S	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 1 Co-DCM	Katherine T		✓	✓	✓					
District 2 DCM	Steve F	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 2 CO-DCM	Mike R		✓		✓					
<i>District 2 LCM</i>	<i>Joe</i>			✓						
District 3 DCM	Anthony T	✓	✓		✓					
District 3 CO-DCM										
District 4 DCM	Tiffany	✓	✓		✓					
District 4 CO-DCM	Patti K			✓						
District 5 DCM	Pauline D	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 5 CO-DCM	Robert W	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>District 5 LCM</i>										
District 6 DCM	Carl H	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 6 CO-DCM	Wayne	✓		✓	✓					
<i>District 6 LCM</i>	Wendy			✓	✓					
Quorum =18	Wayne * only votes to make/break a tie	25	24	24	30					

Secretary's Report:

🕒 Secretary read the old and new business from the June 11, 2014 Area 31 meeting minutes.

🕒 **New Business :**

None

Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

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Treasurer's Report:

- ⌚ Beginning May Balance: \$6,477.52; Group Contributions: \$2,722.17; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,156.94); Closing May Balance: \$8,042.75 plus Prudent Reserve: \$6,000 = \$14,042.75 Total Funds Available.
- Motion:* To accept the treasurers report- passes.

Registrar's Report:

- ⌚ All updated group sheets were updated to Fellowship New Vision and to be entered into the latest directory. DCM's please make sure the mailing address of contacts have correct postal address. Their mailing address' need street and zip code. Forty of the records on file had incorrect addresses. A call will be made to contacts to obtain correct information and will ask DCM's for assistance. The unknown groups dropped considerably thanks to the DCM's.

Area Archivist Report:

- ⌚ Renewed interest in the Archives following service (work) days and occasional Open House
- ⌚ There was an Archives meeting at the Round-Up, "Saving our History." Those that attended did some personal sharing on their experience.
- ⌚ Open House with Grapevine and Archives on June 21.
- ⌚ Who, what, where, and when should clearly be visible on all documents that are going to be saved in our Archives.

Webmaster:

- ⌚ June statistics can be found on <http://area31aa.org/docs/webmaster>
- ⌚ The Webmaster will be attending the 2014 National AA Technology Workshop which is held in St. Louis, MO in August.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility:

- ⌚ The committee met with the deaf community recently. Discussed ASL use for the hearing impaired/hard of hearing.
- ⌚ Informed that the deaf community tends to want ASL interpreters and that a speech to text would be of use to those who have difficulty hearing. A group member will be contacting the Mass Dept of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to attend their meeting in July to discuss what the committee is trying to do and direction on how to do it.

Archives:

- ⌚ Enthusiasm of its members noted.
- ⌚ The committee continues to transfer cassettes to CD's. Those cassettes not being archived (members not from MA) are available.

CPC:

- ⌚ 13 CPC representatives in attendance with 3 new reps.
- ⌚ A commitment to the Sheriffs Dept. in West Springfield to speak with the officers.
- ⌚ Mock CPC presentation with Q & A time after. Changes to be made to the presentation to make it less boring.
- ⌚ A list of suggested project ideas was included in everyone's meeting packet and the homework assignment was for everyone to circle 3 ideas they would like to pursue.

Grapevine:

- ⌚ 4 Grapevine representatives. Committee chair stated he would send reminders to come to the next meeting.
- ⌚ There are plans for the combined open house with the Archives Committee being held on June 21, 11am-1pm. Flyers are available at the Intergroup office.
- ⌚ At the Round Up, their meeting was on Third Legacy, six people were in attendance.
- ⌚ The Grapevine boards were available at two group anniversaries this month.

Public Information:

- ⌚ 15 PI representatives and 2 new.
- ⌚ PI fulfilled its commitments to the Radio Show, Phoenix Academy and IOP.
- ⌚ Somers High School commitment at health fair discussed.
- ⌚ Howard Street commitment in the works.
- ⌚ Presented a mock PI presentation.

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Website Committee

- ⌚ Finalized new representative introduction letter.
- ⌚ Discussion of new committee webmaster back-up, defined roles.
- ⌚ Committee looking to increase awareness of the website committee.
- ⌚ Need for consent for materials being submitted for use on the website? (Artwork & ownership rights). GSO contacted and encouraged to speak with PI.

Western Mass Round Up

- ⌚ The Round Up had 412 registered attendees with 82 pre-registered. \$4,878 from the event. Banquet and hospitality went well. There were 265 walk-ins and 65 scholarships. Spanish speaker- participation good but better next year.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- ⌚ No new IGR representatives.
- ⌚ Treasurers report; donations \$963.71, expenses \$42.00 with an ending balance for book purchases \$819.73.
- ⌚ Bridging The Gap report; two service calls, one from the Berkshires and one from Springfield/Howard St. Both were assisted. There are 2 pieces of literature from the NY office that BTG is interested in customizing with a stamp showing the Holyoke contact information.
- ⌚ Liaison report; there have been some missed meetings to the institutions. Requesting that a phone call be made to 413.530.6887 if unable to fulfill commitment. Monday nights at Howard St have not been covered and the committee is working on getting a sponsor for the facility. Hampden County Jail needs people to cover meeting very badly.

Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):

- ⌚ No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- ⌚ If your home group participates in phone coverage, please be available for the time slot you have chosen. This is a vital service you provide to the sick & suffering alcoholic or addict. If your home group does not have an Intergroup Rep, but you would like to participate in phone coverage, WMI is looking for folks to help. Call the office 413-532-2111 to let the office know you are interested.
- ⌚ 8/24 family picnic. This event is free and will be held at the family Moose Center at 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, from 11am-6pm. Bounce house for the kids and every child leaves with a toy. Music, softball, food (at a nominal cost), and a raffle (donations welcomed).
- ⌚ 100 75th Anniversary Big Books have been ordered.

WMYPAA:

- ⌚ Has not met since last area meeting. Next meeting 6/14.
- ⌚ Committee was of service at the Round Up as well as put on two meetings.
- ⌚ Bus trip tickets for trip to NY/GSO, 9/19 for \$35 available through WMass Intergroup or WMYPAA Chair. Leaving at 6am from Kmart in Holyoke.

MSCPAA:

- ⌚ Disbanded

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- ⌚ 6 GSR's present. GSR's updated the members on their group's activities. Reviewed Area Meeting with GSR's, highlighting important dates.

District 2:

- ⌚ Date for District 2 workshop is September 6th, 1-4pm. The Workshop title - "Singleness of Purpose." Spanish and English flyers to follow.

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- 🕒 The District has a new secretary.
- 🕒 The District is doing commitments to inactive groups. Thursday, June 19th at 6:30 to the Joy of Living Group.
- 🕒 2 new GSR's
- 🕒 The Districts workshop, Live and Let Live was well attended at the Round Up.
- 🕒 Members of District 2 visited the Spanish groups to encourage them to participate in workshop.

District 3:

- 🕒 11 GSR's, 2 alternate GSR
- 🕒 GSR's gave updates of group activities. Informed members of group anniversaries in District 3 and shared information from Area Meeting.
- 🕒 Discussed Round-up and GSR participation.
- 🕒 District 3 currently has no Co-DCM

District 4:

- 🕒 13 GSR's
- 🕒 GSR's gave updates of group activities and anniversaries.
- 🕒 DCM shared with GSR's information obtained from Area Meeting highlighting upcoming events.

District 5:

- 🕒 11 GSR's represented at the meeting. 1 new GSR.
- 🕒 GSR's gave updates of group activities. Informed members of group anniversaries in District 5.

District 6:

- 🕒 10 GSR's represented at the meeting.
- 🕒 6 GSR's helped with presentation "Lifting the Burden" at the Round-up Alkathon. Dist 6's LCM put together a wonderful program.

Delegate's Remarks:

- 🕒 One of the issue facing alcoholics anonymous is Anonymity Online- see the Anonymity Online service piece from the GSO.
- 🕒 The GSO is looking for a Class A (non alcoholic) Trustee – if you know of a professional who may be interested and available to serve AA in this way please share with me.
- 🕒 At the 65th General Service Conference in 2015, the Delegates of the Northeast Region will elect the next Northeast Regional Trustee. Each area can put forth a candidate. Past Delegates from Area 31 may be interested in standing.
- 🕒 The early bird conference report issue of Box 459 is now available and notes from the conference inventory can be found there. Among the issue that came out of the process:
 - Language equality (3 languages-French, Spanish and English) at the General Service Conference.- Diversity in AA was called out as something we have an obligation to address – how "diverse" is Area 31? The question we are asked to consider is – who are the under-represented in AA? What groups of people could we do a better job reaching out to? Interested in ideas on how to do this.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- 🕒 Mass State Convention planning meeting to be held on odd months. On 7/29 meeting at 6pm. Program Meeting in Sturbridge Coffee house on 6/29 @ 10:30.

Area Chair Remarks:

- 🕒 Area Concept meeting changed to 7:15.
- 🕒 On 6/18 and thereafter every 3rd Wednesday, the Area will have a Traditions Meeting. 7:30 at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke.
- 🕒 Area Service Commitments: 7/24 in Belchertown at the Cold Springs group @ 7:30 and 8/21 in Chicopee at the Thank you Thursday group @ 7pm.
- 🕒 AD HOC Committee to redo handbook updates. Three people offered to assist.

Old Business:

- 🕒 The Area treasurer stated that we sent \$1,600 to GSO. The Area budgeted \$2,000 in the fall. The treasurer was encouraged to send \$400 to GSO.

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- ⌚ Additional discussions:
 1. Discussed Grapevine articles Delegate mentioned in her report
 2. The Birthday Envelope
 3. Is November still considered Gratitude month?

New Business:

- ⌚ The Area treasurer presented suggestions for budgeting NERAASA 2015 expenses for all Area Committee members who would be eligible for reimbursement. After discussion, it was decided that the decision would be finance generated at the time of NERAASA.
- ⌚ Motion: Area purchase 20 Tradition pamphlets, 10 Traditions books and 2 large print Traditions book for Area Traditions meeting.
Motion: To accept-All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- ⌚ Intergroup is not on the Area Calendar.
Motion: Put Intergroup on Area Calendar
Motion: To accept-All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- ⌚ CPC chair noted that there is a concern with no meetings “fragrance free.” Encouraged to speak with the Accessibility Committee chair and to spread this to homegroups as well.
- ⌚ CPC co-chair suggested changing CPC email address
Motion: change CPC email to CPC@Area31.org
Discussion- should other address’ change as well?
Motion amended: Have Webmaster simplify Area email addresses for the Area Committee to entertain.
Motion: To accept-All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
- ⌚ The Webmaster will be attending the 2014 National AA Technology Workshop which is held in St. Louis, MO in August. The cost is \$875 to attend. He is requesting financial assistance. Asked the Area to think about this for the next Area meeting in July.

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:42pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 7/09/2014 at 7:30pm.