

Area 31 Committee Meeting – June 10, 2015

The Area Chair, Paul H., opened the meeting at 7:31 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	Jun	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	Karl H				✓						
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Pauline D		✓	✓	✓	✓					
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Keith M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Dick	✓	✓	✓							
CPC CHAIR	Mike S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
CPC CO-CHAIR	Steve M	✓		✓	✓	✓					
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Ray L	✓									
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Tiffany C		✓								
P.I. CHAIR	Mark C	✓	✓	✓		✓					
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Brennan M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CHAIR	Mary M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Sally S	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	✓	✓	✓							
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Eddie K	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Mark P/Tom										
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Andy D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Rich J</i>	✓	✓	✓							
ROUND UP CHAIR	Bill R		✓			✓					
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Cheryl</i>			✓	✓						
WMYPAA CHAIR	Tom H										
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lena</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 1 DCM	Katherine T		✓		✓	✓					
District 1 Co-DCM	Bruce C	✓		✓							
District 2 DCM	Mike R	✓	✓	✓		✓					
District 2 CO-DCM	Janis A	✓		✓	✓	✓					
District 3 DCM	Connell Mc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 3 CO-DCM	Mike L	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 4 DCM	Patricia K			✓	✓	✓					
District 4 CO-DCM	Steve C			✓	✓	✓					
District 5 DCM	Robert W	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 5 CO-DCM	Angie Mc		✓	✓							
District 6 DCM	Wayne M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
District 6 CO-DCM	Erick M	✓		✓							
<i>District 6 LCM</i>											
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	24	23	28	23	24					

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Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the May 13, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.
Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning May Balance: \$3,022.71; Group Contributions: \$1,564.22; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,545.07); Closing May Balance: \$3,041.86 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$10,541.86 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in May 2015 decreased by \$1,157.95 from contributions in May 2014. There were 35 contributions made in May 2015. There were 33 in April 2014. Contributions May 2015 YTD decreased by \$2,133.19 from contributions in May 2014 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Registrar attended the workshop at NERF.
- Good news 30 addresses were bouncing back from GSO, with the help of the new District members, information was corrected and they are now correct in the system.

Area Archivist Report:

- Young People, WMIG and archives will be setting a date for movie night.
- Archives received 4 CD's from Round-up 2014.
- A member of AA has both a scanner and a computer to donate.
- There are 50 old Grapevines to go to the Institutions committee.
- DCM's and Committee Chairs can email their minutes to archivist@area31aa.org and please be sure to put *who, what, when, where and why* on all documents that will be archived.

Webmaster:

- No report.

Accessibility:

- The NERAASA 2016 committee members requested to meet with the Accessibility committee. There were 2 hard of hearing members with interpreters. They discussed the things they needed and the ability to be able to go to the meeting they wanted to go to and not what the interpreters chose for them. There was a discussion on the equipment needed for the Spanish speaking members. Discussed what should go on the registration forms pertaining to special needs.
- The equipment was used at the Round-Up and it worked well.

Archives:

- 7 new members in attendance.
- Display boards traveled to a couple of groups for group anniversaries and will be going to the ICAA in Atlanta Georgia.

CPC:

- 9 people in attendance with 0 new members.
- The contact manager has been updating their contact list with 5 new contacts. A second email was sent to the previous 50 emails that were sent to local colleges and legal professionals as well as medical professionals were requesting they contact us for literature or presentation opportunities.
- The committee reached out to Area 30 to follow up on their request to participate in the NE Trial Court conference. The right of participation was discussed as far as voting for your home group. This is due to a request that all CPC reps bring the NE Trial Court participation to their groups and a group inventory.
- Contact was made with Baypath University and literature will be mailed to them. We are expecting this will lead to presentations at the Graduate School of Health and Human Services and Law School.
- Elms College was approached so we can get on their schedule for a presentation next semester.

Grapevine:

- No report

Public Information:

- Discussions of the radio show format in final re-write. PI will present to CPC for approval when it is done.
- Ad-hoc committee formed to create an Anonymity Workshop presentation outline.

Website Committee:

- Pamphlet circulated at the Round-up in the packets.
- Marquee- the committee agreed that they can take pictures before people come to the meeting and to put on the Area

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Website under “service”

- Security certificate- the committee reviewed the pros and cons. The Webmaster will be presenting certificate prices to the Area so a decision could be made around purchasing. If the committee moves forward on this, an adjustment of requested budget in November to cover the cost annually will be noted.
- Discussed the Roundup commitment topic “social websites” the committee will chair as a panel.

Western Mass Round Up:

- 18 people at the meeting
- Next meeting for Round-Up will be in September.

Ad Hoc Committee’s Report(s)

Redistricting Committee Meeting:

- Opinion of the AdHoc committee is that there is no need at this time to re-district.
- There is more support coming into the Area with the GSR’s. If districts become too big, the committee could revisit then. This has to come from the groups, not the Area.
- Disbanded the committee.

Handbook Committee:

- No report

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- 4 new group reps
- Treasurers report: total donations \$795.57, expenses \$218.99 – ending balance for book purchase \$476.58.
- BTG Report- 4 call’s this month, 3 of which were people who didn’t need services, 1 didn’t return the call. People may be misunderstood what BTG is.
- Liaison Report- it will be 2-3 weeks at least before meetings can happen at Howard Street.
- Motions: to spend \$478.58 on books, donate four Grapevines subscriptions’ to the scholarship fund yearly.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The Ad-Hoc committee has not met in sometime. Currently the Trustee @ Large is very busy in the spring. The new When and Where’s will go to print in July, 2015. Changes deadline is June 26th. All changes have to be done on a change form.
- WMIG picnic is 8/23 11am-6pm. Donations welcomed.

WMYPAA:

- Members were of service at the Round-Up, the committee chaired and spoke at the 12pm meeting and “MC’d” the sobriety countdown.

Western Mass MSCYPAA Bid:

- Events planned: June 20th BBQ, meeting and music/games
- Chair person attended NERF 2015
- The committee is working on the hotel contracts. Looking for new members to assist with planning events and putting together the bid package. WMMSCYPAA will present a bid package at this year’s MSCYPAA in Leominster, MA August 7-9th, 2015. If selected the bid committee will dissolve and a new HOST committee will form.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Members shared about their group activities 8 GSR’s
- Possible agenda items from the Delegates Report to inspire a topic for a workshop from the District, with a possible October date.

District 2:

- No report. District doing well.

District 3:

- 10 groups represented.
- PI did a presentation to the GSR’s
- GSR’s encouraged to purchase Grapevine subscriptions.
- District 3 will give a workshop on Diversity called “Are We Welcoming Enough to All Who Need Our Help?” on August

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22 at the Lenox community Center. Flyer to follow.

- During the next meeting, the discussion will be on reviewing the Delegates report back from the Conference and ramping up our planning for our upcoming workshop.

District 4:

- 17 GSR's.
- District 4 had a good showing at the Round-Up
- Discussed illegal behavior at AA meetings and what to do.
- Discussed supporting parents in meetings and how groups do it.

District 5:

- 18 in attendance.
- Workshop: 3rd week in October. Details should be going onto website. **Topic:** 12 Steps service- Are we helping the Newcomer?
- Discussed 7th tradition and sending in money monthly rather than every 3 months.

District 6:

- No report

Delegate's Remarks:

- Reviewed information shared at the Round Up from her time at the General Service Conference in April.
- If going to Atlanta for the International, there will be a party on Thursday night. There is an App for the International Convention as well. There will be 225 meetings. 60 thousand pre-registered.
- Grapevine challenge continues. Mass has a 10% increase. We are in 10th place.
- What does the GSO say about 7th Tradition? A lively discuss ensued and thought it would be a great topic to continue at fall assembly.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Needing to set topics for the Mass State Convention. Topics will come from the General Service Conference.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Fall assembly 10/17-18, elections on Sunday.
- Service commitments: 7/28 Hamden Group and October Scrambled Eggs.
- Concept meeting changed to 7/23 due to members being at the international.

Old Business:

- Certificate for website, more information and cost to be brought to the next Area Meeting in June. – tabled till July meeting. Webmaster not present to discuss.

New Business:

- Handbook committee, looking to review the rolls of the GSR's, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chair and how they are recorded in the Handbook. Looking to make document accurate. Members had a sense of urgency to make the final revisions. Noted that one can find handbook on website while changes are being made.
- Motion: request to the "Area not sponsor a tradition meeting."
Discussion
Motion tabled till next meeting
Vote: - 10-8 to table

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 10:01PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 07/15/2015 at 7:30pm.