

Area 31 Committee Meeting – July 15, 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	24				

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Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the June 10, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.
Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning June Balance: \$3,140.86; Group Contributions: \$2,180.15; Total Area Expenses: (\$3,7090.46); Closing June Balance: \$1,431.55 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$8,931.55 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in June 2015 increased by \$224.61 from contributions in June 2014. There were 23 contributions made in June 2015. There were 35 in April 2014. Contributions June 2015 YTD decreased by \$1,908.58 from contributions in June 2014 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- No report.

Area Archivist Report:

- The Archives portable boards made their way to the International A.A. Convention and were displayed in the Northeast Region Hospitality Suite. Items brought back for the Archives collection include: Alcoholics Anonymous 80 Years Happy, Joyous and Free Souvenir Book for the 2015 International A.A. Convention.
- The Archives Committee continues to wait for the donated computer and scanner.
- 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:

- Website quiet this month.
- Website certificate of use, the cost is \$42. a year for the website. If wanting coverage for the mail server, the cost will be \$84.

Accessibility:

- Cooperation with Special Needs - NERAASA 2016.
- Discussed with intergroup the possibility of large printing of the When and Where meeting list.

Archives:

- 9 members in attendance.
- The archives committee broke into 4 groups and each group had a specific task; listing "cd's", comparing existing group histories vs. Registrar group list, Grapevine filing, and general sorting and filing of materials. In an effort to move forward, we formulated a loose action plan for the group histories and "cd's" tasks.

CPC:

- 9 people in attendance with 0 new members.
- West Springfield HS guidance would like a presentation as well as Bay Path University.
- NE Trial Court for professionals. The committee looking to co-participate with Area 30. The cost is \$1000, but Area 31 would cost \$350.

Grapevine:

- No report

Public Information:

- All service commitments covered.
- Mock, Public Information presentation of a Non AA Meeting, usually from volunteer familiar with School or IOP Presentations.

Website Committee:

- Mobile Version – Committee decided to ask the Area on how many were interested in having a mobile version. Many members have smart phones
- Bilingual (Spanish) Members to contact some members of the Spanish Community to see if they might attend the next Website Committee Meeting to discuss adding Spanish translation.

Western Mass Round Up:

- No report

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Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Handbook Committee:

- No report

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- 1 new group rep
- Treasurers report: total donations \$2,331.12 expenses \$78.05 – ending balance for book purchase \$1,581.13 no report
- BTG Report- no report
- Liaison Report- contact for Howard St meetings need updating.
- Motions: to spend \$1,581.13 on books.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No Report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The new When & Where had glitches pre printing. Re printing delayed until end of July/first part of August.
- WMIG picnic is 8/23 11am-6pm. Donations welcomed. The event will be held at the Family Moose Center, 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee

WMYPAA:

- Committee voted to make the language in our Bylaws gender neutral by using the pronoun “they” instead of he/she and his/her.
- Date and time change of WMYPAA to the second Thursday at 6PM in the same location.
- Move night planned with Archives for October 10th. Movie: “The Days of Wine and Roses”

Western Mass MSCYPAA Bid:

- MSCYPAA 2015 will be held from August 7-9 in Leominster. The Committee will present their bid package on the morning of the 8th.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- 9 GSR's present
- District 1 workshop tabled again and members asked to think about a topic.
- Spanish hotline: A phone line they have to accept voice mails. A person calls the hotline for information. The cost mnthly is \$55. Information to be shared with the Area.

District 2:

- No report. District doing well.

District 3:

- 12 groups represented.
- Workshop on Diversity called “Are We Welcoming Enough to All Who Need Our Help” on August 22 at the Lenox Community Center. Flyers available.
- Of interest- An event in CT called Together We Can, on Sunday July 26 in South Meriden CT. It's a bilingual sharing day were everything said will be translated in Spanish and English.

District 4:

- 23 in attendance.
- Discussing the traditions, 4 & 7 mostly. Talked about how it impacts the Area and AA as a whole.
- Discussed the Grapevine and asked “What could WE do for AA”?

District 5:

- 18 in attendance.
- Workshop: 3rd week in October, 11-4. Details should be going onto website.

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District 6:

- Planning October-November workshop at the southern end of our district. To be held in CT.
- District close to finishing having all our groups contact updated.
- 18 in attendance.
- Noted to GSR's that it was a good time to begin bringing alt GSR to meetings to get them familiar to the process.

Delegate's Remarks:

- No report

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass State Convention 11/6-8
- NERAASA 2016 planning committee meeting on the last Thursday of the month. Save the date: 2/26-28/2016.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Final version of the Handbook will be presented next month.
- Fall Assembly; inventory on Saturday with Richard P. NE Trustee. Topics to come from the Districts.
- Howard Street no longer. New name is Western Mass Correctional Addition Center. Young Peoples agreed to do the registration for the assembly.
- Phone coverage /Spanish speakers in the community. Discussion with WMIG and the two Spanish members. The consensus is good and a good match with Intergroup. This has to go to the body and will be brought to the Fall Assembly.

Old Business:

- Motion: request to the "Area not sponsor a tradition meeting."
Discussion
Motion tabled till next meeting
New vote- 3-16, Motion does not pass.

New Business:

- Motion: The "Area to put a cap on contributions of \$3,000 to mirror the GSO"
2nd, discussion then moved to table 15-3.
- Fall Assembly: This year we will be having an Area Inventory. Look at Fall Assemblies of past inventories, these can be found on the website.
- Area commitment, 7/28 at Hampden Tuesday night.

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:26PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 08/12/2015 at 7:30pm.