

Area 31 Committee Meeting – August 12, 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	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	Lena							✓			
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</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		✓	✓							
<i>LCM</i>	<i>Renee</i>							✓			
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	23			

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Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the July 15, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.
Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning July Balance: \$1,431.55; Group Contributions: \$1,940.19; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,694.21); Closing July Balance: \$1,677.53 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$9,177.53 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in July 2015 increased by \$553.12 from contributions in July 2014. There were 32 contributions made in July 2015. There were 34 in July 2014. Contributions July 2015 YTD decreased by \$2,461.70 from contributions in July 2014 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Updates are in data base. Group changes can be made via hand, email, or cell phone. 290+ groups and 400 mtgs in Area 31.

Area Archivist Report:

- The donated computer and scanner have not been hooked up yet.
- Fliers available for 10/9, Friday night movie hosted by Archives, WMIG and WMYPAA. To be held at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke. The movie is Markings on a Journey.
- 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. To be discussed in New Business.

Accessibility:

- Working on display boards
- Discussed with Intergroup the possibility of large printing of the When and Where meeting list.

Archives:

- 4 members in attendance.
- Members developed an action plan about how to move forward on the group history project. 1. Visit groups by districts, 2. Visit districts to put the word out to "GSR's", 3. Talk about group histories at the fall assembly, 4. Make announcements at individual meetings. Bottom line, of the 300+ meetings in the valley we only have approximately 75-80 on record.

CPC:

- 9 people in attendance with 2 new members.
- If you have contacts, please pass along to the committee.
- Needing a contact for the women's correction.
- GSO recommended CPC attend a weekend -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:

- 8-10 reps in attendance
- The Grapevine boards are going to meetings, anniversaries, & Mass State Convention
- Grapevine will be doing a presentation at the workshop in District 3 in Lenox.

Public Information:

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

Website Committee:

- Bi-lingual (Spanish) Website- discussed where to prioritize as we start translation, i.e. Notices, District Workshops Calendar, etc.
- Mobile Version/Website – will revisit since there was an Area interest.
- Will be attending the District 4 even on 9/19.

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Western Mass Round Up:

- No report

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Handbook Committee:

- Done with changes. By next month it will be copied to the Website.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- 1 new group rep
- Treasurer's report: total donations \$2,068.82 expenses \$106.13 – ending balance for book purchase \$1808.69. \$1,808 .69 to be spent on books.
- BTG Report- 13 calls
- Liaison Report- St. Lukes now has a meeting on Wednesdays, Baystate Medical Psych dropped a lot of criteria for background checks, lot easier to get in and needs meetings. Meetings at Phoenix house have not been going on. Numbers are not working on Master list for Howard Street, needing to be updated.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- With District 3, BIG is putting on a AA Service day, 9/22
- The When and Where recently updated.
- Next meeting will focus on planning holiday Alkathon.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Intergroup will be entertaining a motion thorough the body to assume the financial responsibility of the Spanish hotline.
- The new When & Where's are at the printers. The web has been updated.
- WMIG picnic is 8/23 11am-6pm. Donations welcomed. The event will be held at the Family Moose Center, 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee

WMYPAA:

- Dance in January? Trip to Bill W.? Possibilities
- Move night planned with Archives for October 10th. @ 7pm Movie: "The Days of Wine and Roses"

Western Mass MSCYPAA Bid:

- WON the BID!!! Chosen because clearly Western Mass needs an YPAA Convention. Now the committee will disband.

Western Mass HOST:

- MSCYPAA#20, August 2016. Probably held in Springfield. The committee needs help. Elections to be held on 9/20 @ 2pm at 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke. No Experience needed.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- No report

District 2:

- Discussed the Fall Assembly in addition to the votes brought to the Area then back to them.

District 3:

- 14 groups represented.
- Discussion at meeting related to financial support of GSO. What are the problems and what solutions could be implemented at the group level to address lower contributions to World Services?
- Workshop on Diversity called "Are We Welcoming Enough to All Who Need Our Help" on August 22 at the Lenox Community Center. Flyers available.

District 4:

- Workshop, 9/19 from 1-5. A day to celebrate and explore service in AA with food, fun and fellowship. Topics include: AA Service, Top to Bottom, Sponsors Helping Sponsees, and How Service Changed My Life.

District 5:

- 12 in attendance.

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- Discussed “how do you deal with the problem of people taking on service positions and not living up to the obligations that the position requires? There was some discussion with more to follow next month.
- Workshop: 3rd week in October, 1-4. Topic- “Primary purpose, being of service and safety in AA”.

District 6:

- Planning October-November workshop at the southern end of our district. To be held in CT. looking for input on location, availability for selected dates and rental price.
- 18 in attendance.
- Many groups in District 6 are reporting drastic reduction in attendance.

Delegate’s Remarks:

- New GSO general manager as of 11/1. Greg Tobin.
- If you group or service body is using social media, GSO wants to know about it for the next General Service Conference. Inform your Delegate who will pass information along.
- District 3, 4, 5 & 6 have or will have events. Who should attend? EVERYONE.

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:

- Commitment in Stockbridge on the 15th. Tuesday at 8 and Scrambled Eggs on 10/25, Sunday.
- Fall Assembly; inventory on Saturday with Richard P. NE Trustee. Topics to come from the Districts. Area business meeting on Sunday. Districts and committees have a maximum of 3 minutes for their report. Reports reflect the last six months following the spring assembly. Possible topics, love and tolerance.

Old Business:

- Motion: The “Area to put a cap on contributions of \$3,000 to mirror the GSO”
Friendly amendment- “To follow GSO’s guidelines for donations.”
Vote- 18-4
Discussion
Re-vote 18-4, Motion passes

New Business:

- Print 100 copies of manual. 1000 -\$500, 100- \$50
Recommendation – print 100 to send out as a draft/looking for errors ONLY.
Motion: “authorize the printing of 100 DRAFT addition of the Area Handbook to be distributed to Area for review”.
Vote – 18-0 Motion passes
- Certificate for Website, 2
Motion: “Area fund \$84 to purchase 2 certificates for Website annually”.
Vote – 19-0 Motion passes.

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 10:10PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 09/9/2015 at 7:30pm.