

Area 31 Committee Meeting – September 9, 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>	✓	✓	✓					✓		

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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			

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the August 12, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.
Motion: To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning August Balance: \$1,677.53; Group Contributions: \$2,7542.94; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,489.38); Closing August Balance: \$2,941.09 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$10,441.09 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in August 2015 increased by \$232.79 from contributions in August 2014. There were 47 contributions made in August 2015. There were 36 in august 2014. Contributions August 2015 YTD decreased by \$2,228.91 from contributions in August 2014 YTD.

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Registrar's Report:

- Nothing new to report.

Area Archivist Report:

- 2 members
- Went through format and had an informal chit chat.
- Movie night set for 10/9 @ 7pm @ 474 Pleasant street Holyoke. "Days of Wine and Roses".
- 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:

- Nothing new to report.

Accessibility:

- No report.

Archives:

- No report

CPC:

- 11 people in attendance
- On 8.14, members went to the Western Mass Substance meeting, and were well received.
- CPC members spoke with Adrian Osborne from the Women's Detention Center.
- Reorganized presentation. CPC like the format of a speaker meeting. (members to read pamphlet)
- 10/9 a request to put on a presentation at the Hadley School system.

Grapevine:

- 12 members
- Updating Grapevine boards.

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 presenting at the District 4 workshop
- Town of Munson is setting up an information table that PI will be at.
- Attending Recovery High School on 9/17
- Exploring PSA's developed in NY

Website Committee:

- Security certificates being worked on by Webmaster. Purchasing them approved by the area.
- Bilingual (Spanish) no participants were able to come *however, at the /September meeting, two bi-lingual members will attend so the committee can move forward on expanding the Website to Bilingual.
- District 4 workshop in September. Website committee will attend and co-chair will share at this workshop.
- Creation of website boards was discussed to have available for the MA State Convention and other events.
- Another district from another Area would like to use descriptions from Area 31 website.
- Discussed the critical need for a back up Webmaster. The committee feels this matter has been getting overlooked. The Webmaster has been expanding and the responsibility is requiring more time (NERAASA 2016, Bi-Lingual possibilities).

Western Mass Round Up:

- Motion to assume Spanish hot line passed unanimously.
- When & Where available.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- 1 new group rep

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- Treasurer's report: total donations \$2,204.51 expenses \$104.26 – ending balance for book purchase \$2,100.25.
- BTG Report- 8 calls, 4 made it to meetings, 4 were not in need of service. A lot of calls are coming in from halfway houses; we do not bridge the gap from these homes. In need of contacts to give rides!
- Liaison Report- Baystate Psych filled one of the meetings, St Luke's meeting still going on. The contact from Providence Detox stated that the commitment on Friday @ 3:30 hasn't showed since June 2015 – this meeting slot is open.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

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.

WMYPAA:

- Discussing our use of Facebook and the importance of public anonymity at the meeting.
- Move night planned with Archives for October 10th. @ 7pm Movie: "The Days of Wine and Roses" and a GSO short. Popcorn and coffee –free.
- Winter dance in January possibly.

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:

- No report

District 3:

- 12 groups represented.
- Continued response to topic of Safety in AA. One group using long timers as greeter to welcome newcomers.
- Groups reported various approaches in meetings to recognize seventh tradition importance to AA as a whole.
- Discussed GSR's experience with groups since serving as GSR. Responses included it being a positive experience providing a sense of connectedness with group and personal satisfaction. They appreciated the increased involvement in group activities and indicated personal growth in sobriety.

District 4:

- Discussed Box 459, bringing 7th tradition to every meeting members attend.
- 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:

- Workshop: 3rd week in October, 1-4. Topic- "Primary purpose, being of service and safety in AA".

District 6:

- Talked to GSR's about bringing new people who may be interested in service to attend our meetings. Hoping to have a good core of new GSR's for 2016.
- LCM has move to Boston and can no longer attend our mtg. We are in the process of trying to get a list of what groups have not yet had their contacts updated. We will work with the Registrar in hopes of completing all the group contacts.

Delegate's Remarks:

- New GSO general manager as of 11/1. Greg T.
- Final report of the General Service Conference is out.

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- In the hopes of overcoming barriers of accessibility, there is interest in name change from accessibility committee to special needs. GSO requested that Delegate write something up about the change.

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:

- Stockbridge Group, 9/15 commitment @ 8 and Scrambled Eggs on 10/4, Sunday.
- Fall Assembly; inventory on Saturday with Richard P. NE Trustee. Topics to come from the Districts. Area business meeting and elections 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:

- none

New Business:

- Motion: “not to have regular Area Meeting in October”
Vote- 16-5 Motion passes
- Novembers Area meeting will be for the Area Treasurer/budget meeting.
- Secretary requested to research motions on sharing information freely with other Areas. (check old motions of 2013)

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:09PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 11/11/2015 at 7:30pm.