

Area 31 Committee Meeting –February 2016

Called to order 10 February 2016 7:30 PM

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Nov | Dec |
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| AREA DELEGATE | Mark N | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| ALTERNATE DELEGATE | Paul H | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| AREA CHAIR * | Sue A | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| AREA TREASURER | Mary M | • | | | | | | | | | |
| AREA SECRETARY | Mike B | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| <i>AREA REGISTRAR</i> | <i>Jack A</i> | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| <i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i> | <i>Bobbi P</i> | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR | Pauline D | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR | Mark C | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| ARCHIVES CHAIR | Dick W | • | | | | | | | | | |
| ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR | Wayne | | • | | | | | | | | |
| CPC CHAIR | Steve M | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| CPC CO-CHAIR | Phylene A | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAPEVINE CHAIR | Mary | | | | | | | | | | |
| GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR | Nancy P | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| P.I. CHAIR | Brennan M | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| P.I. CO-CHAIR | Beth C | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| WEBSITE CHAIR | Sally S | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| WEBSITE CO-CHAIR | Terri S | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>WEBMASTER</i> | <i>Bob B</i> | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| W. MASS IGP CHAIR | Tamara P | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| BERK. IGP CHAIR | Tom L | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| INSTITUTIONS CHAIR | Rich J | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i> | | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| ROUND UP CHAIR | Cheryl Z | • | | | | | | | | | |

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| <i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i> | <i>Marc G</i> | | • | | | | | | | | |
| WMYPAA CHAIR | Lena M | • | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 DCM | Bruce C | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 CO-DCM | Derek W | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 2 DCM | Janis A | • | | | | | | | | | |
| District 2 CO-DCM | Mark B | | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 3 DCM | Mike L | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 3 CO-DCM | Eileen M | • | | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 DCM | Steve C | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 CO-DCM | Ben E | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 5 DCM | Angie Mc | • | | | | | | | | | |
| District 5 CO-DCM | Jerry K | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 6 DCM | Eric M | • | • | | | | | | | | |
| District 6 CO-DCM | Sonja P | • | | | | | | | | | |
| Quorum =18 | * only votes to make/break a tie | 24 | 23 | | | | | | | | |

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Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
Fall assemblies Area inventory was passed out for people to look at and bring back ideas
Revised December 2015 budget to include the intergroup invoices
- New Business
No new business

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning January Balance: \$2346.44; Group Contributions: \$3447.56; Total Area Expenses: (\$2734.91); Closing January Balance: \$3,059.18 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$10,559.18 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in January 2016 increased by \$2404.25 from contributions in January 2015. There were 41 contributions made in January 2016. There were 19 in January 2015. Contributions in January 2016 YTD increased by \$2,404.25 from contributions in January 2015 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Regional directory deadline is April 29th.
- Reminded DCM's to send in their information on GSR's to him using any method they are comfortable with.

Area Archivist Report:

- Scanner is connected and ready to go to create hard copies of archival material as well as digitizing onto flash drives.
- Discussed the traveling archives of Neraasa.

Webmaster:

- Talked about the importance of keeping a paper trail along with digital archives. Since paper will last centuries and we are not sure about the digital copies time line.

Accessibility:

- Will be providing hearing assist devices at Neraasa.
- Will be sponsoring a (Cart) demonstration at the February Accessibilities meeting.

Archives:

- No report

CPC:

- Commitment at the Elm's 23rd
- 23rd march substance abuse fair
- Cpc opening up the Round up's first Friday night in several years 7:00pm

Grapevine:

- Area 31 ought to be on the GSO website
- Will display boards at Neraasa
- A past Deleगत will share his experience at a mock meeting of the Grapevine
- Q/A regarding subscriptions

Public Information:

- Commitment descriptions passed out
- Problem with many people tagging along at recent PI commitments, while the enthusiasm is terrific it creates space and other problems so please do not do that
- The Committee wants to create boards to bring on there committents
- Discussion regarding the boards.

Website Committee:

- Spent most of the meeting looking at the website on their phones and discussing.
- Berkshire intergroup visitor attended for ideas for their site
- Increased postings of minutes
- Discussed how to raise awareness of website

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Western Mass Round Up:

- May 20,21,22 first 3 day in several years
- Registration forms will be available at Neraasa
- \$25 banquet
- Red ball meeting after Cpc kickoff on Friday night
- Committee slots and topics will be available at the march Area meeting

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

- None

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Treasurer's report: total donations \$2,016.19 expenses \$99.38 – ending balance for book purchase \$1816.81.
- BTG reported 4 calls and 1 known person brought to meetings
- Discussion about what they do with the books that the librarian hands out

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Not much to report
- Low attendance at last meeting
- Planning on several workshops in the Berkshires to raise awareness

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Steering committee looking at events coordinator
- Creating new rep packet
- Will be at Neraasa
- Phone coverage cost increase due to people not answering their phones and the answering service having to call other people. Intergroup is charged by the minute for that service so please if you take phone coverage answer your phone.

WMYPAA:

- No report.

MSCYPAA:

- No report.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Looking to have a workshop in April
- Talked about 7th tradition among the GSR's

District 2:

- Planning a workshop
- Making GSR beginner packets

District 3:

- 3 groups in north county combined
- Dalton young at heart moved
- Talked about birthday envelopes to GSO

District 4:

- Working on meeting agenda with Co-Dcm
- Ways to improve the 7th tradition
- Planning a workshop

District 5:

- Plan on visiting the many dark groups
- Decided not to change the start time

District 6:

- Talked about their attendance at Neraasa

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Delegate's Remarks

- General Service Office is moving floors but expects to be finished by the Conference
- The topics will be available at Neraasa
- Other areas are interested in how we do our business
- Missouri won the subscription contest
- Lavinia increased by 50%

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass state convention planning committee meets 29 March
- Talked about 7th tradition and birthday envelopes

Area Chair Remarks:

- No service commitments this month
- Mini conference flyer should state 10-4 and GSR meeting 9-10
- Neraasa reports 280 online registrations and 538 total preregistrations
- Asked chairs of committees to let the chair know who is bringing boards

Old Business:

- Give receipts for Neraasa to the treasurer for reimbursement
- Discussion ensued on how to prioritize the inventory issues and it was decided that the Chair will create an ad-hoc committee for that purpose

New Business:

- No new business

Meeting closed the at 9:24PM with the Responsibility Declaration.