

Area 31 Committee Meeting –March 2016

Called to order 9 March 2016 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	Mar	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Nov	Dec
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	28							

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Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
Reminder to give receipts for Neraasa to the treasurer for reimbursement
- New Business
No new business

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning February Balance: \$3059.18; Group Contributions: \$1803.76; Total Area Expenses: (\$2937.75); Closing February Balance: \$1925.19 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$9,425.19 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in February 2016 decreased by \$162.01 from contributions in February 2015. There were 25 contributions made in February 2016. There were 36 in February 2015. Contributions in February 2016 YTD increased by \$2,242.24 from contributions in February 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.
- Advised DCM's that their GSO job packets should arrive soon.

Area Archivist Report:

- Working on Neraasa traveling archives to be filed in binders and to display at the area assembly.

Webmaster:

- Working on making the site more mobile friendly.

Accessibility:

- Will be putting on a weekly commitment on Thursday's 6pm at Mt Marie for a past Delegate who lives there.
- Looking for several groups to take the Tuesday commitment at Mt Marie for the same past delegate.
- The demo for mobile Cart at last month's accessibility meeting was a success.
- Next month more info will be available and known for both the cart service and the new weekly commitment at Mt Marie.

Archives:

- Workshops will happen on the even months.
- Movie night will be April 22nd time to be revealed.
- Bringing boards to 3 upcoming anniversaries
- Talked about scholarships and that people can give money at an event for that purpose.

CPC:

- On fire/many group reps showing up and many commitments
- Need a co-chair
- 23rd march substance abuse fair
- Cpc opening up the Round up's first Friday night in several years 7:00pm CPC presentation and Q/A with professionals.
- New commitments being looked into including one at AIC.

Grapevine:

- Webmaster showed committee how to use website for information and outreach.
- Talked to GSO regarding copywriting
- New app coming out in May or June for subscriptions
- Lavina's 20th anniversary
- 22 books available as E-books
- Next meeting a past Delegate will be at meeting

Public Information:

- Rule 62 -Do not take yourself too seriously
- 30 members last month/Huge turnout
- Vibra facility is a new commitment
- Received new workbook from GSO and it is helpful.

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Website Committee:

- Confusion regarding website differences
- Visiting district 5 to inform
- Master passwords for website are now in 3 people's hands. Webmaster, Website chair and Area Chair.
- Handed out snapshots of district pages.

Western Mass Round Up:

- May 20,21,22 first 3 day in several years
- Registration forms are complete
- \$25 banquet,\$10 Registration and \$5 dance.
- Red ball meeting after Cpc kickoff on Friday night
- Committee slots and topics are finished and handed out.
- \$115 Hotel costs until April 20th
- Q/A regarding the program

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

- None

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Treasurer's report: total donations \$1,955.82 expenses \$686.64 – ending balance for book purchase \$1769.18.
- BTG reports 9 calls received and 4 people taken to meetings 4 unreachable and 1 in need of services.
- Liason reminded members to be respectful of other 12 step programs when sharing.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Not report since they do not meet until next week.
- Neraasa was inspirational

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The new When & Where's final date for changes is April 29th 12:30 pm
- 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. This issue continues to this month.

WMYPAA:

- No report.

MSCYPAA:

- Had first meeting for event at the hotel discussed roles of people and how to do the jobs
- Friday the 25th will be a pasta dinner 6:30-7:30 and PI will speak 7:30-8:30 \$10
- June 10-12 campout \$20
- Creating an outreach document
- Monthly conference call idea came from neraasa

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Goal of 20 GSR's is getting closer
- Began removing groups that no longer exist from data base through the Registrar
- Spanish meetings express wonder why there are no women at their meetings.
- Workshop scheduled for April 9th 1 pm at the Serenity club singleness of purpose and primary purpose
- Discussion regarding safety outside the serenity club. DCM says he will escort those who wish.

District 2:

- Planning a workshop

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District 3:

- Discussion about what their web page would look like.
- Explained the service structure to the body
- Round tables at Neraasa were useful

District 4:

- Donations from groups in District up
- Doing a pick a topic at district meeting and have a round table
- Passing the word about how important the GSR really is.

District 5:

- Utilizing the group information forms
- Decided to change the start time to 7pm
- Having a service day May 2nd and pizza

District 6:

- Attended Neraasa and the round tables
- Will attend district workshop

Delegate's Remarks

- Talked about Nerassa and how he learned about how wonderful our area is even though we are one of the smallest
- Communications are an issue with other Areas because of their size and amount of people/districts etc.
- Mini conference will be here soon and that is where he will get the area conscience.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- No report due to resignation

Area Chair Remarks:

- Service commitment this month is march 19th at the let it begin with me group 730
- Enthusiasm is important and catchy

Old Business:

- Area chair called on the people who volunteered for the inventory ad-hoc committee to join with the past delegate who accepted the role as chair on March 24th

New Business:

- Our Alternate delegate has resigned the position and a special election will be added to the agenda at the area assembly in April to fill that position.
- Our Delegate is tasked with filling the position in the interim with preferably a past delegate.
- A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to cancel the April area meeting in lieu of the area business meeting taking place on April 3rd.
- Our Delegate will do the alternate delegates duty and give the GSR presentation at our mini conference on April 2nd.

Meeting closed the at 9:40PM with the Responsibility Declaration.