

Called to order 11 January 2017 7:30 PM

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
Motion to accept Budget choice 3 passes.
Discussion regarding the Dinner January 14th a motion was made and withdrawn.
- New Business
- Will reimburse District 3 for their additional workshop expenses.
Motion to set aside \$600 in the 2017 budget to cover the webmaster's additional services in migrating the Area 31 website from Drupal 7 to Drupal 8 passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning December Balance: \$11,915.09; Group Contributions: \$2,080.07; Total Area Expenses: (\$3,213.04); Closing December Balance: \$10,772.12 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$18,272.11 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in December 2016 decreased by \$62.25 from contributions in December 2015. There were 42 contributions made in December 2016. There were 37 in December 2015 . Contributions in December 2016 YTD increased by \$8,635.80 from contributions in December 2015 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- My apologies for not being at the Area meeting ... my work schedule has been very busy these past couple of months and I am currently in Alabama on business.

FNV was down for a couple of weeks but is back up and I have been entering group changes as I receive them. New Committee co-chairs will be entered in this week. If you are a new co-chair, DCM or Co-DCM, please give your contact information to both the Area Secretary and myself so that we can update the area contact list.

DCM's & Co-DCM's that would like some extra guidance regarding keeping the group records organized please contact me and I will try to accommodate individual or combined "sessions" in the next couple of months as schedules permit.

- Group information can be sent to me via e-mail at registrar@area31aa.org or by phone at (###)###-####.

In Service,

Area Registrar

Area Archivist Report:

The month of December was very quiet. I am really looking forward, “with gratitude” to another year as your Archivist.

We have received two paper shredders. They were donated by Eric. These will be an immense help. Sometimes documents get brought to the Archives Office ...get sorted and then brought back to my house to be shredded.

The Archives Committee has been very busy. Wayne will share on that. Once again remember to put who, what, when, where & why on all documents that might become part of our Archives.

Submitted by
Archivist/Area 31

Webmaster:

- New chairpersons please ask for help with passwords or anything website related.
- The calendar module is not yet ready
- Will be testing multi lingual
- Drupal 8 upgrade is on schedule.

Accessibility:

- There are a few documents on the table stating what accessibilities is and a signup sheet for those willing to be involved with taking meetings to people .
- The voice mail feature on our hotline is not working. Will be taking care of that asap.

Archives:

- 5 new attendees this month.
- Work commences on rebuilding the boards. We are about 30% completed.
- We may be sponsoring a trip to the Wilson House possibly in April or May the measure is tabled until February to check on lunches at the house.
- We have as of today 1 commitment for the boards in January at The Southwick Nooner on the 20th.

CPC:

- DCF commitment in December went well as did the BNH in Springfield.
- Contacted and will have future commitments at Carlene Manor, AIC, Elms College, Safe Passages, Head Start and the Phoenix House.
- Will have a booth at the bay State Health Forum
- Met with the Round-up Committee to discuss CPC's participation at the Round-Up.

Grapevine:

- New phone App available
- Boards available for workshops request by email or in person or by whatever means you are comfortable with.
- How to find doc's on our site.
- The 7 minute audio program still continues, to find out more contact us or grapevine.
- Looking for a project for the committee to do this year.

Public Information:

- Participated in first live radio show at STCC
- Westfield HS commitment done.
- Somers HS coming up
- Have a secretary

Website Committee:

- We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year at the committee
- We invite all to join us at our meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the each month.
- The website has a calendar of events, flyers and also the Area Handbook we hope you check it out.

Western Mass Round Up:

- June 9,10 and 11 at la Quinta in Springfield.
- Hospitality will have their own room this year.
- Will not have meetings scheduled during lunch this year.
- \$105 per night this year for the hotel.
- Alanon and the program are finished.
- We will have a registration table at the Area Assembly.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

- **Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee**
- We focused on the issue of how to "Pass It On" What needs to be maintained as servants rotate and what procedures do we need to make that easier.

- We passed out questionnaires at the meeting and will have them sent with a reminder as well.
- Our last try at this only got us 1 returned,so we are trying again.
- If you have just rotated into a new position you may want to wait a month or 2 while you learn

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Treasurer's report: total donations \$2017.80 expenses \$108.37 – ending balance for book purchase \$1809.43
- BTG reports 2 calls and 1 disconnected.
- Liaison reported Howard Street moved into the Mills Street facility. Asked for support with getting Alcoholics rides to meetings.
- Received a letter about specific meetings for Northern Hope Center.
- 1 roll outs 8 roll ins.
- Old business.
- 1.Berkshire intergroup has a surplus of funds they would like to contribute and after a discussion a motion was tabled and this month the motion failed.
- New Business.
 - 1.Berkshire intergroup has a surplus of funds they would like to contribute and after a discussion a motion was tabled.
 - 2.Motion was passed to spend \$1809.34 on books.
 - 3.Motion to give Berkshire \$250 for a workshop passed.Franklin county Recovery center is officially requesting meetings.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Alkathons were a success
- Managing our were and when
- Possibly updating our software.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The Committee ended the year with the Childrens Christmas party and the Alcathon which were very successful. A special thanks to all those who helped and those groups that contributed with donations. Ans that you to our Archivist for her dedication and support.
- All committees have a spot on the Intergroup agenda at our monthly meeting.
- Intergroup wants to support events and new meetings, so please share the information about the event and we will create flyers and put the information in our monthly news letter.
- You can also have information posted on our website.

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- Putting in a bid soon.
- Meeting is the 3rd Sunday at 1 pm at the Boston Central Service Office.
- May be hosting an event soon.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- A few new GSR's.
- Ended the year with only one DCM.
- Will attempt to visit the groups and get more GSR's to attend.
- Explain the PIE to the GSR's
- Thinking about doing a workshop.
- Now have a second DCM and a secretary.

District 2:

- Had discussion about group members not attending business meetings.
- Had a discussion about cell phone use during meetings.
- Explained the importance of attending NERAASA and why GSR's should attend.
- Talked about attending the Area Assemblies and the Round-up as it is part of the job description.
- Will begin reaching out to the groups that do not send GSR's to the district meeting.

District 3:

- Discussed groups reading the green card.
- Discussed foreign meetings and the importance of literature being made in different languages.
- Pot luck holiday dinner was a success at the Northern Berkshire Williamstown Group.
- Participation and enthusiasm seems to be lower than usual.
- Healthier groups try to have young people get involved.

District 4:

- Discussed smaller meetings
- Discussed what to do if anything regarding who are there indefinitely (not rotating).
- Asked to attend a business meeting and explain what a GSR does and why they should have one.

- Discussed a meeting using non AA approved literature during the meeting and how that is a traditions violation.

District 5:

- 1 unlit group sent a GSR. Small victory.
- Here and Now is struggling.
- Created a calendar to visit the unlit groups.
- Making GSR packets for unlit group visits.
- Workshop February 11th 1-4 so please bring your committees boards and we will have pizza.

District 6:

- The District case has been transferred.
- Light up the dead groups.
- May have 2 workshops.
- New secretary and new LCM.

Delegate's Remarks

- Corresponding with other delegates.
- Have the information regarding the n
- Nerf is June 2-4
- Neraasa is coming up.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass state convention Nov 11,12 and 13th.
- Set goals and share the enthusiasm. Be a cheerleader for your committee and show exuberance for the work you do.
- Service Sponsorship is helpful.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Area Assembly is April 1 and 2.
- A reminder that we have a Traditions and Concepts meetings sponsored by the Area each month.
- Also Neraasa is coming up and a reminder that the area will give some reimbursement to those committee members that bring receipts for rooms and registration.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

- Took a straw poll to decide what sort of mini conference the Delegate wanted to collect the Area conscience and decided that we would not do group breakout sessions, but instead have a meeting with all participants in the same room.
- Decided to conduct a DCS workshop prior to the February Area Meeting at 6 pm. We will have Pizza. All DCM's and past DCM's are encouraged to attend.

Meeting closed at 10:13PM.