

Called to order 10 May 7:30 PM

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AREA DELEGATE	Mark N.	•	•	•		•							
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mike S.	•	•	•		•							
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	Marc C.	•	•	•		•							
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Moria E.		•	•									
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Wayne J. M.	•	•	•									
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR													
CPC CHAIR	Carol L.	•	•	•		•							
CPC CO-CHAIR	Rich J.			•		•							
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Nancy P.	•	•	•		•							
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Michael C.	•		•									
P.I. CHAIR	Chris O	•	•	•		•							
P.I. CO-CHAIR		•		•									
WEBSITE CHAIR	Terri S.	•	•	•		•							
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Steve M.	•	•	•									
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	•		•		•							
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Tamara P.	•	•	•		•							

Area 31 Committee Meeting-May 10, 2017

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BERK. IGP CHAIR		•				•							
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Holly W.			•									
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Eric P. M.</i>	•	•										
ROUND UP CHAIR	Marc Gonneville		•	•		•							
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lee M.</i>	•	•	•		•							
WMYPAA CHAIR			•	•									
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>													
District 1 DCM	Derek W.	•	•	•		•							
District 1 CO-DCM	Lynne S.		•	•		•							
District 2 DCM	Mark B.	•	•			•							
District 2 CO-DCM	Rick W.	•	•	•		•							
District 3 DCM	Tom L.			•		•							
District 3 CO-DCM		•	•	•									
District 4 DCM	Ben E.	•	•	•		•							
District 4 CO-DCM	Lisa W.	•	•			•							
District 5 DCM	Jerry K.	•	•			•							
District 5 CO-DCM	Renee K.	•	•	•		•							
District 6 DCM	Sonja P.	•		•		•							
District 6 CO-DCM	Jenny A	•	•	•									
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	26	27		24							

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
- Motion to cancel April business meeting in lieu of the Assembly passed.

- New Business
None

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning April Balance: \$6,977.36; Group Contributions: \$2,413.76; Total Area Expenses: (\$5,131.83); Closing April Balance: \$4,259.29 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,500 = \$12,759.29 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in April 2017 decreased by \$775.16 from contributions in April 2016. There were 38 contributions made in April 2017. There were 43 in April 2016 . Contributions in April 2017 YTD decreased by \$2,379.75 from contributions in April 2016 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Crunch time for regional directory.
- Information should include full name, address, phone number and email and sending it in as soon as possible.
- Group information can be sent to me via e-mail at registrar@area31aa.org

In Service,

Area Registrar

Area Archivist Report:

- Spent about 10 hours in the archives office consolidating and removing duplicate items.
- One archives rep has asked to be included with the work in the office.
- Received a file box from a past treasurer that looked familiar. It was a box I had put together and passed it on to the treasurer that succeeded me as treasurer.
- This month I would like to put together some round-up archival material, the Round-Up Co-Chair will be assisting me with this. Then we will be able to display it at the Round-Up.
- Please remember to put who, what, when, where, and why on all paperwork submitted to the Archives committee.

Submitted by
Archivist/Area 31

Webmaster:

- Started the Drupal project and may have to change directions. The calendar has a challenge that was unexpected.
- Move to Drupal 7 to make it more mobile friendly & have multi lingual and from an un-editable format.

Accessibility:

1. The committee will be updating its webpage to include the following information:
 - a. updated information on handicap accessible meetings
 - b. information on all active and upcoming commitments the committee is involved with
 - c. updated information on ASL meetings in the area
 - d. contact information for the commission for the deaf and hard of hearing
 - e. a link to the PVTa site for information for the Para transit program for wheelchair bound members of AA
2. Braille literature found in the Archives office:
 - a. contact with the commission for the blind was made and awaiting to see if they have a need for it
 - b. if no need exists committee will decide what to do with it
3. Large print When and Where's are in Intergroup office
4. Accessibility Committee Survey:
 - a. chair and co-chair will visit the 6 districts and hand out the survey as well as Committee flyer and sign up sheets. Information obtained will be used for;
 - i. compile a list of groups and/or individuals interested in committee commitments or request needs
 - ii. update information on handicap bathrooms to make sure they comply with federal size requirements so wheelchairs will fit in them
 - iii. compile any pertinent information for future meeting book printings
5. PVTa Para transit:
 - a. will be adding link to site to updated webpage
 - b. will discuss with PI about adding the contact link to radio show format
 - c. will be adding the contact number to the hotline voicemail answering system

Archives:

- **No report.**

CPC:

- Elms College went well and one of our members took a student to a meeting and the student sent me a heartfelt thank you letter saying she got so much from the meeting and questions answered.
- Visited District 1 and explained the difference between Pi, Institutions and CPC.
- CPC fliers for the round-Up are ready....some are at the table.
- We are invited to present a luncheon for the Deacons and Priests from the Catholic Diocese of Greater Springfield.
- Our flier will go in their newsletter.

Grapevine:

- Purchased 6 month online subscription for the committees use.
- Workshop Saturday August 26th 1-4
- Photo contest of groups (no faces)
- Guess how many grapes.
- Visiting the round-Up and Website committees.
- Boards available for events and anniversaries.

Public Information:

- 15-20 members at meeting.
- Westfield H.S. last month
- Web cat health care people where close
- 2 sub committees
- 1 for posters/scanners 2 research anonymity workshop.

Website Committee:

- 4 people in attendance.
- Discussed the Area change at the head table and that the thought was that it has caused a fracture.
- Discussed the committee slot at the Round-up and expressed gratitude about the decision not to have lunchtime meetings.
- We will have a display and the topic of A visit to AA on the web.
- We are available to come to committees and districts and we will be visiting district 6 this month.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Will be meeting at the hotel May 30th.
- Everything is ready to go.
- Will be taping the Delegate, Old timers, Saturday night speaker and the Sunday morning speaker and will be available to be purchased for \$5 on a MP3 cd.
- Banquet and dance tickets are still available.
- 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.
- 7:30 Friday evening start.
- We are accepting donations for coffee, books, and cash.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee

- We will have 3 recommendations in new business to be discussed.
- The feedback for the questionnaires also highlighted some excellent work already being

done. However these “best practices” did not yield specific recommendations for consideration by the area committee. We felt that sharing this information , individuals could try some new ideas and incorporate whet works. They are collected in a document for the area.

Ad Hoc Committee for relocating the area’s meetings.

- The area contributions have been on a downward trend.
- We are looking at the church we are in for any available room here.
- The current space is in the process of updating bathrooms, ceilings, roof and new floors as they can afford these updates.
- One major question is will we be able to afford space that is in he amount we have here and for the times that we use it.
- Can we afford an increase in rent if we stay and use more space here.
- Will be meeting with a rep from the church to discuss these issues.

Invited Committees

Institutions

- No report

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Attendance has been growing 10-12 this month.
- Group contributions have gone down over the psat quarter.
- The office is running smoothly and we now have a need for volunteers on Monday and Tuesday. The office manager may have a candidate for this.
- All is good in the Berkshires.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- One group was wrongly omitted from the where and when and we have corrected the error on our website and will update the where and when on the next printing.
- We will be voting in a new secretary at our next meeting.
- Any flyers needing to be made or information to be put on the website please contact itergro4@aol.com.
- Donations are steady and thank you for your groups donations.
- The summer picnic is our next event being planned and more to be revealed.
- We will be selling literature at the Round-Up and putting on a workshop at 11AM.

WYYPAA

- No report

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Made it to a few meetings to promote GSR involvement and encountered little enthusiasm for this work.
- Talking about topics for the workshop on the 29th of July at Sacred Heart 1-4 pm.
- Attendance fluctuates from month to month and is low in general.

District 2:

- A big thank you to intergroup for fixing the issue with the where and when.
- Round-Up commitment is at 6pm on the 10th.
- Working on workshop ideas.
- A GSR complained about the district (no details available) and the group replaced the GSR.

District 3:

- We had 18 GSR's in attendance..
- One GSR brought up an issue in that group "that a newcomer was chairing and claiming it was alright to do controlled drinking" We had a lively discussion and concluded with the suggestion that the person should not be chairing, but should be welcomed in the group and not excluded. It was also suggested that a "group conscience " be done at their next business meeting.
- Our Co-Dcm is stepping down and we will be voting on a new one at the next meeting.
- Our Lcm continues to visit unlit groups and it was suggested that other Gsr's go with him.

District 4:

- Looking for a new facility that has handicap accessibility.
- Planning a workshop for September.
- One group is moving districts.
- Non alcoholics attending closed meetings discussed.

District 5:

- Church is requiring liability insurance at the do or die group.
- Lcm is visiting the unlit groups.
- Cold spring has an anniversary on May the 25th.
- The district is doing Hospitality at the Mass state convention.

District 6:

- Work shop on the 20th 12:00-3:00pm at the United Methodist Church Enfield.
- Contributions/pie Chart/ What is GSO and how to welcome the newcomer.
- Hope to see you all there.

Delegate's Remarks

- The conference was the best and am grateful to serve.
- Will give a full report at the Round-up.
- NERF topics, around the world and what they do. June 2-4th Mars Pa.
- I will be doing a workshop at NERF so please attend it those who are going.
- The Districts involvement are terrific.
- The GSR's at the assembly reminded me of the committee at the conference. Ideas from everyone were very helpful at the conference.
- The conference was a humbling experience so thank you .

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Thank you to the Delegate for asking me to attend the banquet the night before the conference in NY where I talked to a few class a trustees to ask them why they serve AA and their responses where incredible.
- Mass state convention Nov 11,12 and 13th.
- The next committee meeting is may 30th. Leaving at 5:30 with the Intergroup Chair.
- Our committees boards will be on display this year.

Area Chair Remarks:

- A reminder that we have a Traditions and Concepts meetings sponsored by the Area each month.
- Service commitment Monday October 16th

Old Business:

Discussed the 3 minute limit motion voted on and passed at the Spring Assembly for the monthly area meetings..

Motion was made to have a 5 minute limit to replace it and that failed.

New Business:

- Motion to finish the tax exempt process passed unanimously.
- Motion to create a checking account and to collect donations for the Grapevine committee failed.

- Ad-Hoc committee recommendations/motions.
- Motion to hold DCM roundtables in the spring and fall prior to an area meeting and facilitated by a previous DCM and appointed by the area Chair Passed with 16 votes.
- A second motion was withdrawn regarding responsibilities.
- Motion to revise the area handbook to include the duties of each of the standing committee chairs and the committee members in addition to the existing description of the work of each committee passed with 16 votes and a motion to reconsider the vote after the minority opinion was heard failed.

Meeting closed at 10:20 PM