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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	Sally S.	•		•				•	•				
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-August 9, 2017

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BERK. IGP CHAIR	Brenda N.	•				•		•	•				
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Holly W.			•									
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Eric P. M.</i>	•	•						•				
ROUND UP CHAIR	Lee M		•	•		•							
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</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	Ray M.	•	•	•					•				
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	26	27		24	21	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>				

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
- Fall Assembly thoughts and ideas discussed.

- New Business
None.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning July Balance: \$4,279.15; Group Contributions: \$2,602.85; Total Area Expenses: (\$2,554.96); Closing July Balance: \$4,327.04 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,500 = \$12,827.04 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in July 2017 decreased by \$14.79 from contributions in July 2016. There were 44 contributions made in July 2017. There were 38 in July 2016. Contributions in July 2017 YTD have decreased by \$3,395.83 from contributions in July 2016 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- 1 change was made through GSO directly.
- Please send changes to me directly through the area email, my phone, snail mail or any other method you prefer. If there are questions regarding group numbers or dates I can get you that information.

Area Archivist Report:

- No report

Webmaster:

- Making strides on the theme change.
- Please send your postings to webpost@area31aa.org where they will be reviewed and added to the site.

Accessibility:

- No report

Archives:

- No Report

CPC:

- We are sending out letters to the Deaneries in Hampden, Chicopee, Hampden East, Belchertown, Hampden West, West Springfield, Greater Holyoke, Franklin-Greenfield, Hampshire-Northampton and Berkshire-Dalton.
- I visited district 6.
- Our boards will be at the Grapevine workshop.
- The commitment at care 1 in Northampton this went well.

Grapevine:

- Please announce the Grapevine workshop August 26th 1-4 at 474 pleasant St. We will have the “History of the Grapevine”, The Audio project, contests and a free raffle. We will also have the Archival binder of Area 31 contributors to the Grapevine.

Public Information:

- Attended district meeting.
- Discussed if we should be going into WMAC (former Howard St).
- Discussed purchasing table clothes for the table at events.
- Q R scanner posters have been put in several locations.
- A lengthy Q/A regarding the anonymity implications that the posters may bring. More

research will be conducted.

Website Committee:

- Not much to report.
- Please send minutes to the new email address webpost@area31aa.org
- Available to visit Districts

Western Mass Round Up:

- No report.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Ad Hoc Committee for relocating the area's meetings.

- No report

Invited Committees

Institutions

- Treasurers report. Total donations \$2,168.62, expenses \$179.80, Ending balance for book purchases, \$1,888.82
- A new Liaison has stepped in.
- Old business:
Providence is making the Monday night and Saturday afternoon meetings at the Providence CSS meeting mandatory.
Need an alternate sponsor for the Monday night meeting.
The committee is looking for men to do phone correspondence with incarcerated alcoholics.
The librarian has coordinated with various institutions in the Area to figure out what each facility's needs are for literature.
Everyone will receive a packet of pamphlets.
We have large print big books and when & where's available.
- New business:
The co-Chair facilitates a meeting at Cybulski. Men are allowed to go to a meeting on furlough to men's meetings in Connecticut. Volunteers are needed to do this work.
A member has a personal commitment at the Northern Hope Center that he has been doing for 6 months and other people are showing up at it as it is not listed on the calendar.
Looking for women to go into the hope center.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Increased attendance for July 2017
- Increased contributions
- Office Management Operations:

Going well still in need of an office manager/ and still in need of volunteers for office

- Met with AdHoc committee agenda for simplification of office procedures
- Revamping how literature is tracked
- To set up meeting with special events committee planning alchathon, and other events, for next meeting 8/14/17.
- Partnering with district 3 for service day on September 2

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The picnic is the next event on August 27th 11-6 at the Moose Family Center on Fuller Rd. in Chicopee.
- We thank all groups for their donations, it makes our work possible.
- Phone coverage is going well
- Any flyers needing to be made or information to be put on the website please contact itergro4@aol.com. and for group anniversaries please try and get us the info a month prior to the event if possible.
- The Yellow Card is out and available at the office.

WYYPAA

- No report.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- The District is doing well.
- The workshop went well. Thank you for those who attended.
- 2 groups reported that they have lost their meeting places.

District 2:

- No report.

District 3:

- We had 14 GSRs in attendance.
- There was a discussion regarding how our district meeting could be more meaningful. After a good discussion ; the consensus of the group seemed to be that the meeting happens to take care of the nuts and bolts of AA Business and was not supposed to be fun.
The Important thing is that information is circulated in both directions up-and-down. It was agreed that the secretaries report would be distributed and read ahead of time so that It could be approved at the meeting without taking up time to read.
Also the agenda for the meeting will be circulated ahead of time .
- Our LCM has been visiting meetings but often feels like he is looked upon as the "enemy" which is just the opposite of his position. It does give him an opportunity to visit many meetings which is valuable.
- The new yellow carded on safety was discussed as well as the fact that the areas donations are down still.
- There was also a discussion about how credit cards might be used in meetings to collect donations. There was some concern about privacy and anonymity.

We also discussed our September 9th workshop and the new format of having one speaker and then breaking up into round table discussions, followed by presentations and questions.

There were no invited committees.

District 4:

- Monday night in Conway feeling the pinch of their attendance.
- Not sure about our election for co-dcm before the fall assembly.
- Have an Ad-hoc for the combining of the workshop with district 2.
- Discussed the Yellow card.
- Discussed rotation.

District 5:

- 3 groups with anniversaries coming up Brimfield August 25th, Green St in Monson August 17 and Byobb August 2.

- Here & Now still having difficulties.
- Belchertown anniversary did not have the archive boards show up.
- Talked about budget for workshop on November 18. Topics will tentatively be slogans and safety in AA. Had GSR's bring the questions back to their groups for discussion?
- Passed around a sign-up sheet for the mass state Convention hospitality.

District 6:

- Discussed a workshop in December and having it in Westfield since the first one was in Enfield and trying to secure the facility that hosts the Westfield Nooners.
- We have a new Co-Dcm elected.
- Discussed why our district meeting is not in our district and the accessibility of the facility.
- Have a GSR who is not pleased with the job or the district and we are trying to get her to hang on.

Delegate's Remarks

- The Annual report is out. Please take some and bring them to you districts and committees.
- The communications via email with committees and their GSO desks are coming along.
- Box 459 is available on line.
- I show up at the committees and districts to be a tool for you and not to tell you what to do.
- I can get in touch with other Areas to ask what they have done on a particular issue or advice if wanted.
- Thoughts to consider: most groups are not represented at the district meetings and that is how it has always been. Who is going to be the voice of AA and who will bring the excitement to the area for service and love and tolerance.
- Service has enhanced my sobriety and has taught me how to learn so thank you.
- Chapters 2,3 and 5 of the service manual have had some changes.
- A new appendage regarding the Library of Congress's big book being in the top 100.
- Considering having the preamble and responsibility statement.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass state Convention is Nov 10,11 and 12.
- Subcommittee Sept 9th at the Sturbridge Coffee House.
- September 26th at 6:00 for the car pool will be departing from the bowling alley parking lot at the end of 291 in Chicopee across from exit 6 of the mass pike for the meeting of

the Mass State convention.

- Requesting Young Peoples involvement with the old timers luncheon.
- The west is hosting this year so our boards are to be displayed there.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Fall Assembly is October 21st and 22nd. Saturday is 10-4 and Sunday is 1-5
- We have service commitment October 16th.
- Reminder about the traditions and concepts meetings.
- Reminder about job descriptions for committee chairs to help those who follow you after you rotate.
- Requesting if you plan on making a motion at the fall assembly please send an advance copy to the Area chair if possible.

Old Business:

- Fall assembly thoughts moving to new business.

New Business:

- A motion will be made at the fall assembly to replace the traditions meeting with a service manual meeting.
- Proposed agenda for the fall assembly Saturday as a service fair style after a GSR presentation. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to use the remainder of the day with the service fair style with a working lunch.

Meeting closed at 9:30 PM.