

Called to order 13 December 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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	Frank M.			•		•				•	•		•
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Nancy P.	•	•	•		•	•	•		•			•
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Michael C.	•		•								•	
P.I. CHAIR	Chris O	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Peg C.	•		•				•	•	•	•	•	•
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-December 13, 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>	<i>Marion B</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	Will W.	•	•	•				•		•		•	•
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>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>28</u>

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
- None

- New Business
- None

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning November Balance:	\$ 6,477.32
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,194.17
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 4,551.94
Closing November Balance:	\$ 4,119.55
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 12,619.55

Further comments:

Contributions in November 2017 have decreased by \$40.86 from contributions in November 2016.

There were 35 contributions made in November 2017 - There were 45 in November 2016.

Contributions November 2017 YTD have decreased by \$4,295.04 from contributions November 2016 YTD.

See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Area 31 treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- Explanation of what the registrar does and how they get their information.
- Need at least group name on form, but full name, mailing address, email, and phone of contact person. Check box on form if you wish to be included in the regional registry.
- We have 326 groups and 16 unknown.

I have made changes in 4 different countries in my time as Registrar and I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve and as I turn over my duties I will be available for any assistance that may be able to do.

Thank You,

Area Registrar

Area Archivist Report:

- We will begin visiting committees and districts to get more group histories. We have less than 80 histories on file. I am looking forward to the committees and districts this coming year.

Webmaster:

- E-mail addresses are getting full and not all are being accessed. Please go into your emails, sign in and remove the emails that are not necessary.
- A workshop to instruct users how to access their emails is a possibility.
- A discussion regarding viruses and please do not open attachments that are in question or that you do not recognize.
- To change passwords you can contact me and I can reset the individual account so you can create your own. We do not reset all at once, we have found that doing individual resets allows better oversight and control of our website.

Accessibility:

- We have a strong commitment at Mt. Marie.
- You can get in touch with the committee via email or our hot line or contact me directly.
- 2 people contacted the committee that we are now bringing to meetings.
- We are discussing a workshop for next year we believe it will create more awareness for the committee's work.
- The committee has filed its final report to the mass state Convention Committee.
- We took part in the district 6 workshop

Archives:

- No Report.

CPC:

- We had our boards at the Mass State Convention and it went well.
- We did a commitment at the Ludlow-Chicopee Deanery who said it was needed and they learned a lot.
- We had a commitment with the tenancy prevention program whom are interested in coming to the Round-Up.
- We will be presenting at the West Springfield Deanery and possibly Holyoke and Northampton cancelled.
- The radio commitment was covered.

Grapevine:

- We had a table and boards at the mass state Convention and at the service fair.
- We have a member of AA who is deaf writing their story to be submitted to grapevine for their publication and are finishing up that project soon.

Public Information:

- Workshop went well
- Set up at the mass state convention.
- Commitments at the Westfield H.S. and working on Greenfield H.S., also working on a possible commitment to the Clay Written House.
- QR Scanners are out and not getting many hits.
- Bought 5 literature racks.
- The radio show commitment has had some talk about using the word god in the talks.

Website Committee:

- I have enjoyed my time serving on this committee and am grateful for the opportunity to serve with the people on the committee.
- We are ordering new boards as our current boards are beginning to wear and we have ordered a tablecloth for presentations as well.
- The website has a new address specifically for posting documents and flyers on the site. It is webpost@area31aa.org. It will be monitored by members of the committee and submissions reviewed and posted.
- Check out the calendar on the website, it has all the district and committee meetings times as well as upcoming workshops. I find it to be a great help.
- I welcome the new chair and co-chair to our December meeting.
Thank you for letting me be of service.
Website Chair.

Western Mass Round Up:

- The committee is strong and working.
- The alkathon is all set.
- The rate for the hotel is \$168 per night.
- The banquet is \$25
- Greeters are all set.
- Alanon has 2 members on the committee and they are all set.
- Young peoples will be doing the countdown and more.
- Accepting donations of coffee/books and money.
- Will have an ongoing raffle all day Saturday.
- DJ Saturday night.
- Will be recording the Friday night speakers as well as the Saturday and Sunday speakers this year.
- Will have a 12 traditions play this year.
- The bilingual sub-committee is doing well.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Ad Hoc Committee for relocating the area's meetings.

- None.

Invited Committees

Institutions

Treasurer's Report.

- Total donations \$1,714.99 • Expenses \$710.13 • Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$1,504.86
- Brought boards to the fall assembly.
- Held elections and have a new committee.
- Berkshire Institutions is struggling.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Christmas party for the children and the alkathon are on as scheduled.
- The new When and Where's will be printed soon. The deadline for submissions is January 25th at 5:30 pm. Only group intergroup reps or other recognized group contacts are allowed to submit changes.

WMYPAA

- NECYPAA will be in Portland Me this year.
- We have a bid committee for next year's NECYPAA.
- Will have an ugly sweater /game night 16 Dec 6:30.
- We are a committee that has grown in the last few months.
- We have a detox commitment on Sunday nights.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- We had a good time at the assembly and at the service day.
- We had our workshop this year and we will be having the Grapevine Chair here and have invited the Archives Chair as well.
- We will be having an election this month for a co-DCM.
- A special thanks to the Area Chair for her help throughout the year and for putting on the District workshops.
- Was able to bring sponsees to the assembly and Mass state Convention.

District 2:

- One group reported a disruptive member and decided to have a group conscience about it.
- Held elections and have a new Co-DCM and LCM.

District 3:

- We had 12 GSRs in attendance
- The secretary had to step down and a new one stepped up.
- The LCM continues to visit meetings. He mentioned that several GSRs were not happy about Elections, but they weren't at the meeting the month before, when we had Elections, and was not present at current Meeting.
- There was some discussion and it was agreed that GSRs need to be present to express their concerns and that since the current DCM had only served part of one year and the Co-Chair had only served half the year there wasn't a conflict with the " Spirit of Rotation ".
- There was a report on the Fall Assembly.
- We also had discussion about Tradition 11.

District 3 DCM

District 4:

- New DCM and LCM elected.
- Groups questioned the Archivist line item on the budget.

District 5:

- Workshop went well.
- The safety card is being read at a few meetings.
- Watching the GSRs get involved and get active has been a rewarding experience for me.
- There may be 2 men's meetings getting together.

District 6:

- Accessibilities' committee and the Treasurer will be presenting at the workshop and we will talk about the safety card as well.
- Our district meeting has moved to a H/A facility in our district.
- Thank you for allowing me to serve and I look forward to my new position coming up as your registrar.

Delegate's Remarks

- The positions at the GSO that travel to different countries are vital for the growth of AA in other countries.
- The FNV is being made more user friendly.
- The archives of Grapevine have reopened and are working on the back log of requests.
- We are at 86% self-supporting now. The highest we have ever been.
- GSO is working on the 2020 convention in Detroit.
- The Grapevine is doing well and La Vina is updating their website.
- There will be the first corrections conference.
- 45 agenda items to be considered.
- NERAASA will be in Cromwell Ct in February.
- I will be chairing the new service manual meeting taking the place of the traditions meeting and the concepts meeting as well.
- Thank you all for allowing me to serve this committee for as long as I have.

• **Alternate Delegate Remarks:**

- Mass State Convention registrations totaled 868.
- For those rolling out of this committee keep yourself available for future service as it enhances your sobriety.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Thank you all for allowing me to serve on this committee as I went from one position to another my sobriety and friendships have been strengthened. I have served as an area officer for the last 8 years and I have learned a great deal.
I do not know what the future brings but I know you have helped me turn my small world into a great big world.

Old Business:

- Motion to accept scenario B of the budget proposals passes after a discussion and vote.

New Business:

- Motion to donate the 12 & 12's to the Institutions Committee Passed.

Closed at 9:30 pm.