

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y											
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y											
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y											
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y											
District 4 CO-DCM	Michael B.	Y											
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y											
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y											
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y											
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y											
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25											

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
None
- New Business
Committee's conscience was to seek an alternative meeting place as a backup for the Spring 2018 Assembly due to a fire at the United Congregational Church in Holyoke.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning December Balance:	\$ 4,119.55
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,299.16
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 1,295.95
Closing December Balance:	\$ 4,122.76
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 12,622.76

Further comments:

- Contributions in December 2017 have decreased by \$770.91 from contributions in December 2016.
- There were 29 contributions made in December 2017 - There were 37 in December 2016.
- Contributions December 2017 YTD have decreased by \$5,065.95 from contributions December 2016 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

**Budget B was chosen by the Area Committee for 2018

**Beginning balance for January 2018 = \$4,122.76

(Variation from estimated starting balance of \$3,755.81= \$366.95 (+)

Respectfully submitted,
Area 31 treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- Confident yet nervous about the new position.
- Area contact list important to Registrar.
- Would like to meet with each district by means of a visit to each district's meeting.

Area Archivist Report:

- Met last week
- Updating Area history to the present (currently ends in 1988).
- Archives office too cold to work in.

Webmaster:

- Encourage incoming committee chairs and DCMs to access their area email accounts
- In boxes in some of these email addresses are full.
- Willing to have a work shop on using the Area email system.

Accessibility:

- Committee met on 12/27/2017- 6 attendees including the chair/co-chair.
- Welcomed new co-chair Bob.
- Several reps are rolling out so we are hoping for some new faces to show up this month.
- Meeting for January is on 1/24/2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Our current commitments are:
 - Betty at Mt. Marie
 - Several individual pick-ups in the Springfield area
 - Possibly a new meeting at Vibra hospital
 - A traumatic brain injury and long-term care center in Springfield.
 - More to come on that.

Archives:

- No Report.

CPC:

- We met yesterday with new co-chair Chris O.
- Attendance was light. Hopefully it will increase as roll overs occur.
- What the CPC (cooperation with the professional community) does was explained and a modified presentation was given as well as the needs of the committee.
- We continue to work on presentations to the deaneries of Hampden, Franklin, Hampshire, and Berkshire counties.
- The radio commitment was covered.

Grapevine:

- Attendance was low.
- Discussed the role of the Grape Vine (GV) Representatives.
- January 2018 issue is available. The theme is "Joys and Challenges of Sponsorship"
- Review Boards—They are available for group anniversaries/district or committee workshops.
- The chair and co-chair attended the District 6 workshop "Safety in AA".
- Discussed article of Joe K., a deaf member, that was submitted to the Grape Vine.
- Met with the website committee.

Public Information:

- Nine new members- many are experience former members
- A new secretary was elected.
- We are updating the following commitments:
 - Somers High School
 - Western Mass Correctional Alcohol Center
 - Northampton DUI Class
 - Greenfield IOP
- Discussed placement of literature racks.
- Discussed public service announcements.

Website Committee:

- Met on December 23rd with five people in attendance.
- Incoming chair and co-chair were brought up to speed as far as what the position is and what the committee has been up to'
- Sally S. will continue to edit the handbook as necessary.
- Steve M. will continue to man the "web post" email until it is turned over to the new chair.
- The chair and co-chair will be working on the new boards which just came in the mail.
- I'm still figuring out what the position entails and look forward to working with Amy, Sally, and Bob this year.

Website Chair.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Round Up is set for May 11th, 12th, and 13th.
- Registration is \$15.
- Committee has \$1,579 in its checking account.
- Registration forms will be ready next month.
- Extra meeting at the Alkathon.
- There will be greeters on the first floor of the hotel.
- Alanon is participating (made a donation).
- Round Up will be recorded including the CPC meeting.
- The role of the bilingual community was expanded with two meetings during the program and an Alkathon meeting.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Quiet month for donations, \$550, very low.
- Still have a good amount of literature on hand.
- Met on first Wednesday of the month at Providence Hospital.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- "When and Where" to come out in February. The last day to make a change is January 25th at 5:30 pm. "When and Where" changes can only be made in person by a GSR, Intergroup Representative or group officer.
- Kids Christmas part was a success. Plenty of donation and gifts for the kids. We had a lot of

AA members helping throughout the event. I want to thank all who helped and donated.

- Christmas Alkathon went well. All groups honored their commitments and people from Intergroup stayed and took turns helping throughout the 24 hours.
- Spanish language hotline number changed to reduce cost. Intergroup bought a “Tracphone” to use instead of paying for the service. The new number is 413-409-2201.
- Westernmassaa.org has a current, updated “When and Where” at all times. When something changes it gets updated pretty quickly. There is also a link to the area website on the Intergroup site.
- The next Intergroup meeting is January 11th.2018. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month. All are welcome to attend.

WMYPAA

- Christmas Party was held.
- Lost NECYPAA bid to Burlington, VT Area 70.
- WYPAA and NECYPAA bid committee and considering separation and allowing WMYPAA to go dormant while the NECYPAA bid is worked on.
- Other possible outcomes are:
 - NECYPAA bid committee separating from WMYPAA entirely.
 - NECYPAA bid committee remaining a subcommittee of WMYPAA.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- No report.

District 2:

- 6:30 pm meeting with DCM, co-DCM, and LCM to discuss duties- Need information on 4 groups in order to get group packets.
- District meeting well attended- Welcomed and signed up new GSRs and alternate GSRs.
- One group issue- declining attendance at an 8 pm meeting- discussion followed with GSRs sharing their experience including a suggestion that an earlier start time might increase attendance.
- Presentations were given on Tradition 1 and Concept 1.
- Heard from the alternate delegate and scheduled the GSR presentation for the February meeting.
- Intergroup chair was invited guest.
- One GSR had no active group sheet – Sober Sunday.

District 3:

- Met on 12/15/2017 at Lee Court House.
- Record low attendance- 6 GSRs.
- Discussion was held on format and the traditions and concepts. No decision was made.
- Next meeting is on 1/19/2018.

District 3 DCM

District 4:

- One issue- Meeting where people identify as addicts. It is unknown whether the meeting is open or closed.

District 5:

- Meeting held on 1/1/2018.
- New GSR from the “Singleness of Purpose” group in Chicopee. This group has been together for a long time and this past year started getting active in service. This is the first time the group has had GSR representation.
- New LCM is working to bring information on what GSR position is and why this position/representation is important.
- GSR discussed how less and less people are carrying cash on them and how can we ensure donations are being provided. Discussion was had.
- Discussion was held concerning brain storming about topics and dates for workshops.

District 6:

- Meeting held on 12/19/2017.
- Visitors were the outgoing and incoming area chairs Sue A, and Mike B.
- New GSR – Westfield. Great attendance.
- Discussed workshop
 - Where your dollar goes
 - Safety
 - Workshop was well attended
 - Grapevine committee brought its boards.
- Discussed the possibility of changing the district meeting time to 7 pm. Got shot down. Has to be done by the Area Chair.
- Talked about mover to new location. Everyone agrees it is much nicer, well lit, safer, accessible, and in the district.
- We talked about safety.
- Talked about hearing impaired meetings.
- Started floating topics for Spring workshop- recommending GSRs attend service manual meeting.
- February- Alternate delegate coming to give GSR presentation.
- Invited standing committees to approach DCM and schedule a visit to the district meeting.

Delegate’s Remarks

- Welcome to all new area committee members. Looking forward to working with you.
- Contact Delegate at delegate@area31aa.org.
- Area Highlights for the General Service Conference. What are we going to do as an area. Send ideas to the Delegate.
- NERAASA 2/23-2/25. A lot of Conference items to discuss.
- English GSR kits ready to be shipped.
- Will be sitting on the Agenda Committee at the General Service Conference.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Thank you for the support for the position.
- Mass State Convention Planning Committee- Five meetings. First meeting 1/30/2018 at Sheraton Framingham. Remaining meeting will be held in March, May, July, and September.
- Designated carpool leaves at 6:00 pm from the bowling alley on Burnett Rd in Chicopee.

- Ask if you would like to be part of a committee,
- The tradition meeting is now a service manual meeting.
- The concept meeting is held the 1st Wednesday at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke MA.
- Contact by email at altdelegate@area31aa.org. Will help with any issue.
- Will schedule GSR presentation with each of the Districts.

Area Chair Remarks:

- A DCM meeting will be held in February, May, August, and November at 6 pm prior to the Area meeting.
- Area Service Commitment 1/26/2018 at the Wilbraham Group, Grace Union Church 7:30 pm.
- There was a fire at the United Congregational Church where the Spring Assembly is held. The church believes it will be ready on time for the Spring Assembly.
- Districts have 25% GSR participation but the Assemblies have only 10%.
- Contact: areachair@area31aa.org Phone: xxx-xxx-xxxx

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- It was the committee's consensus that a backup location for the Spring Assembly be investigated and that the location of the Spring and Fall assemblies should be rotated through the districts.

Closed at 9:20 pm.