

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y	N	Y									
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y	Y	N									
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y	N	N									
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y	N	N									
District 4 CO-DCM	Michael B.	Y	N	Y									
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y									
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y									
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y									
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y	Y	N									
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	27	24									

Secretary's Report:

- Old 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.
- New Business
None

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning February Balance:	\$ 5,796.01
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,976.54
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 2,907.39
Closing February Balance:	\$ 4,865.16
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 13,365.16

Further comments:

- Contributions in February 2018 have increased by \$617.98 from contributions in February 2017.
- There were 28 contributions made in February 2018 - There were 26 in February 2017.
- Contributions February 2018 YTD have increased by \$1,170.11 from contributions February 2017 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Registrar's Report:

- Attended NERAASA and the Registrars roundtable meetings
- Consensus of the roundtable was that GSO should update the antiquated system used to keep group and area information current
- Good to interact with other Registrars
- Area 31 committee members are up to date with the GSO

- Please make sure group forms are legible (adds to the workload if not)
- District 2 DCM is updating district meetings
- DCMs – please proofread group forms
- Last names are required for mailings
- Have forms that have been updated
- Two forms available, existing group and new group

Area Archivist Report:

- February & March have been very busy.
- I did attend NERAASA 2018 in Cromwell CT on February 23rd-25th and participated in the Archives Roundtable on Friday & Saturday evening.
- One of the main complaints is that the Roundtables are too late in the day.
- In some of the 18 Delegate Areas in the Region the Archivists do not rotate, so there were some familiar faces. As usual the new faces look like "deer in headlights".
- The moderator of the Roundtable had several handouts and shared his experience as an Archivist. The attendees then shared their experience. NERAASA is always an opportunity to learn.
- The National AA Archive Workshop will be in Chicago this fall. All those that have attended the event in the past had lots of positive remarks.
- I am making some progress in the Archives Office. The longer that I continue in the Archivists position the more I realize the difference between archival documents and important papers.
- At our monthly meeting we did some sorting. It was a fun meeting.

Webmaster:

- Meeting minutes are still being sent to webmaster@area31aa.org in pdf format. Minutes should be sent to webpost@area31aa.org in an editable format like Microsoft Word.
- Meeting time changes are to be sent to Intergroup
- Group information forms will be available on the area website

Accessibility:

- 7 members in attendance – 1 new group rep rolled in.
- Still doing meeting at Mt Marie on Tuesdays and Thursdays for past delegate Betty.
- Marc continues to pick up a couple of AA members who need assistance.
- NERAASA was a success. Area 31 hearing assist units were put to good use. However, Karan did bring up some accessibility issue that came up at NERAASA and we brainstormed some ways to improve ASL accessibility in the future. Inherent barriers to this include ASL availability differing from state to state, but perhaps NERAASA can budget for certified ASL interpreters regardless.
- High View of Northampton is looking for escorts to local AA meetings. However, several local AA meetings are not handicap accessible. Contact is looking into specific needs to determine whether stairs can be navigated by the requesting members or not. Waiting to hear back.

Archives:

- Small working meeting.
- Committee has a new Co-Chair Sarah F.
- Helped Archivist
- Archives boards have been located
- Planning old-timers event, possibly at Trinity Church in Springfield.
- Group history forms are available and may be a means to encourage service with the

archives committee.

CPC:

- Meeting cancelled due to weather
- Presentation put on for Holyoke Deanery in South Hadley with about a dozen people in attendance. Atmosphere was friendly. The deanery purchases literature from the Intergroup office and wanted to know what they could do for AA. The presentation was modified to reflect the deanery's knowledge of AA.

Grapevine:

- 4 GVRs present, 3 new
- March issue Special Section: "AA & Families". Cover story on p 26: "Drunk as Dad: Liquor, Lies and chaos ruled their lives. The one day, he followed his Dad to AA and found forgiveness and truth."
- Attended NERAASA, met the editors of the Grape Vine and La Vina, Made the report to the assembly for the Grape Vine roundtable.
- Gave a report about the website brochure from the national Grape Vine website.
- Event "Grape Jam of the North 2018" 3/31/18 Hazardville CT. There will be a dance.
- The committee is planning a workshop.
- The committee is available to visit the districts to discuss the Grape Vine committee.

Public Information:

- One new member joined
- We have been invited to participate at the Round-Up May 11 – 13th
- 2 New commitments (or renewed) DEA Driver Education Aftercare -starting March 22
- Handed out to AA pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" to all committee members
- Highlights of NERAASA PI Roundtable:
 - Restaurant placemats w/ QR code
 - Assisted Living (growing population)
 - Some areas are forming committees to support this demographic
 - Internet platforms like The Patch and Tap
 - (Discussion about how to control on-line anonymity and to avoid affiliation - read the fine print)
- Attended 3/8/18 Intergroup meeting to report on PI commitments and opportunities for service
- Introduced idea to the committee for a Fall workshop- to collaborate with CPC and invite members of medical community to introduce them to PI and CPC and have them share their experiences/training with alcoholics (idea came from No. NJ PI chair).

Website Committee:

- Met on February 28th with seven people in attendance.
- Working with the Grape Vine committee to make their page more informative and exciting.
- Discussed the change in the Website committee pamphlets from bi-fold to tri-fold
- The website committee boards will be at the Round Up
- Chairperson met with the Webmaster to learn the process of posting items to the website.
- Chairperson attended the NERAASA Website roundtables.

Western Mass Round Up:

- 27 attendees, Lots of enthusiasm

- Registration forms are available
- Emailed Registration Forms to past attendees
- Topics for roundtable meetings delivered to the districts and committees
- May 11,12, & 13 at the La Quinta Inn located in Springfield MA

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- No report

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Thank you to the groups for their donations
- Phone coverage, 19 calls received, 16 were informational. 3 were twelfth step calls, took 25 dial outs and totaled 97.79 operator minutes, looking for backups for phone coverage, sign up sheets should be turned in by the Wednesday before the week of phone coverage
- Website; New pages have been added to the website for the AA Conference approved pamphlets with the ability to read said pamphlets
- Also added a Western Mass Institutions page with their information, the Bridging the Gap phone number and the open meeting list.
- New meeting lists are available.
- Donations are down. Last month intergroup received about \$2000.
- Intergroup will be holding a meeting at 474 Pleasant St. to celebrate its 65th anniversary. There will be a catered spaghetti dinner and possibly a presentation of the history of the intergroup with advanced tickets priced at \$10. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to plan the event and is looking for help.

WMYPAA

- First member of the committee attended the meeting
- The committee's concentration is on service
- The committee has a commitment at Providence Hospital
- Meetings held on the second Saturday at 5 pm at the Serenity Club in Springfield
- Next meeting may change in respect to time and location

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- Meetings held on the third Sunday at 3pm at Providence Hospital
- The committee plans on having a dodge ball tournament- flyers will be posted
- Trying to get members to the districts and the concept meeting
- Bonfire to be held at Girard D's house. Date and time to be determined.
- The committee is attending the Spring assembly and the round up

MSCYPAA

- Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in AA
- Conference to be held in Mansfield, MA July 27th-29th
- Committee is available for service.
- Web address is MSCYPAA.com
- There is a secret Facebook page
- Preregistration is \$16.00

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 13 people in attendance
- All service committees are invited to present at District 1
- GSR presentation was given by the alternate delegate
- Intergroup chairperson attended and presented
- DCM attended NERAASA and went to the DCM and GSR roundtables
- Copies of Box 459 were distributed to the GSRs
- Unrepresented groups have been visited
- AA guidelines on “bleeding deacons” was discussed

District 2:

- LCM is energetic and thorough
- 3 group announcements
 - Easthampton Monday Night has changed time from 8:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 - Joy of Living anniversary on May 17th at 6:00 pm
 - Scrambled Eggs anniversary on March 25th at 9:30 am
- Discussed the combined workshop with District 4
- GSR presentation was given by the alternate delegate
- Intergroup Chairperson attended and gave a report

District 3:

- No report

District 4:

- District 2 visited in reference to a combined workshop
- Two issues were brought up by GSRs that were occurring at unrepresented groups
- Discussion was held on safety as it relates to women

District 5:

- The Masonic Lodge where the Friday Night Belchertown meeting is held has been sold. The group is searching for a new meeting place, one possibility is the United Congregational Church Parish House
- Thursday Night Belchertown meeting is struggling financially
- Ware Young Peoples group is now represented after the LCM visited them
- BYOBB East Longmeadow is defunct
- Brimfield Tri-Area has a discussion about safety and met with the pastor about basic concerns and procedures. Group celebrates its 43rd anniversary on April 16th
- Morning Light group has been discussing safety

District 6:

- Meeting was well attended, 14 GSRs
- Secretary was not feeling well but provided minutes none the less
- The GSR presentation was given by the alternate delegate
- The Mini-conference and Round up were discussed

- 8 GSRs from the district attended NERAASA
- The Area 31 service committees are invited to put on presentations at the district

Delegate's Remarks

- Attended NERD in Tarrytown NY
- Thank the Alternate Delegate for his help
- Speaker for the Round Up is the Executive Editor of the Grape Vine
- GSO Designed table top card "Anonymity is so fragile it can be broken with a finger".
- Free App from GSO includes:
 - Big Book
 - Meeting finder
 - Pamphlet of the day
 - YouTube Daily Reflection Video (AAWS)
- Communication- Audit of Literature
 - The findings were that AA literature is great for the alcoholic, not good for people looking for AA
- The topics for the mini-conference have been chosen
- Please bring questions about conference items to the delegate
- The background information for the conference items is confidential. Please do not share it with the general public
- Methods of information dissemination were discussed with other areas
 - Encrypted emails may be a solution
- The mini-conference will be held on April 14th 9am- 3pm at the Holy Family Parish Center in South Deerfield, MA
- The issue with the manuscript of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" was discussed

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mini-Conference
 - Sensor General Service Board
 - PI Media Plan "A Brief Guide to AA"
 - Literature- Atheists and Agnostics Pamphlet
 - Service Manual Changes
 - LinkedIn
 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Fund
- Letter in packet explains the process
- The Delegate is soliciting written thoughts
- Extra Packets Available
- AA is supposed to be self-supporting. It is not now. The donations are supplemented with the proceeds from literature sales.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Attended NERAASA- Area 31 operates efficiently
- Looking into renting a van for next year's NERAASA in Maryland
- The Area has phone coverage starting the weekend of March 17th
- District 4 meeting in education building rather than the parish hall due to a church event

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Please have all receipts for NERAASA reimbursements into the treasurer by March 31st –

Expect to have checks ready for the Spring assembly.

- Please put group name or number on donations
- Motion was made and seconded to “Cancel the Area Meeting in April due to the Spring Assembly”. Discussion. Motion carries.

Closed at 9:55 pm.