

Area 31 Meeting Minutes May 9th 2018
Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Mike S.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Paul H.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
AREA CHAIR *	Mike B.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
AREA TREASURER	Karl H.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
AREA SECRETARY	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sonja P.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P.</i>	Y	N	Y		Y							
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Moira E.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Bob R.	N	Y	Y		Y							
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Jerry K.	N	N	Y		N							
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Sarah F.	N	Y	Y		Y							
CPC CHAIR	Frank M.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
CPC CO-CHAIR	Chris O	Y	Y	N		N							
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Michael C.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Tania H.	N	Y	Y		Y							
P.I. CHAIR	Peg C.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Carol L.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
WEBSITE CHAIR	Ben E.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Amy G.	N	Y	N		N							
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y							
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Andrew B.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
BERK. IGP CHAIR		N	N	N		N							
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Eric P. M.	Y	Y	N		N							
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>		N	N	N		N							
ROUND UP CHAIR	Lee M	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Marion B</i>	Y	N	N		N							
WMYPAA CHAIR	Tatiana S	N	N	N		N							
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Alyssa F</i>	N	N	N		N							
District 1 DCM	Lynne S.	N	Y	Y		Y							
District 1 CO-DCM	Yolanda R.	N	Y	N		N							
District 2 DCM	Rick W.	Y	Y	Y		Y							

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District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y	N	Y		Y							
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y	Y	N		Y							
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y	N	N		Y							
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y	N	N		Y							
District 4 CO-DCM	Michael B.	Y	N	Y		N							
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y		N							
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y	Y	N		N							
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	27	24		24							

Secretary's Report:

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.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning April Balance:	\$ 2,107.05
Group Contributions:	\$ 727.03
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 1,134.59
Closing February Balance:	\$ 1,699.49
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 10,199.49

Further comments:

- Contributions in April 2018 have decreased by \$1,686.73 from contributions in April 2017.
- There were 18 contributions made in April 2018.
- Contributions April 2018 YTD have decreased by \$748.18 from contributions April 2017 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted
Area Treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- Corrections from the Assembly Report
 - Active groups 314
 - Inactive Groups 146
 - Merged 7
 - Pending 1
 - Unknown 13
- The GSO is cleaning up the database and integrating all databases into one customer relationship data system. GSO asks for patience during this process.
- District 2 has done well getting to inactive groups.
- Please check your districts for inactive groups.
- There are reports of GSRs not receiving their packages- Please let the registrar know of any GSRs that haven't received their packages.
- Plan on visiting district 4 next month
- Preferred email is registrar@area31aa.org

Area Archivist Report:

- Spent 4 hours working in the Archives office during April and May
- Progress is being made on sorting all the items
- Please continue to send your documents to the archives.

Webmaster:

- The website is in the process of moving over to a mobile friendly version.
- MP3s of the PI/CPC radio show will be available on the website.
- The webpost@area31aa.org email address is for minutes. Minutes must be in an editable format. This can as simple as text in an email.
- Flyers to be posted for upcoming events should go to webmaster@area31aa.org and can be in pdf format.

Accessibility:

- 10 members in attendance
- The weekly commitment to Mt. Marie is on hold due to health reasons.
- A couple of AA members that need assistance are being picked up.
- Visited district 3 and discussed the role of the accessibility committee in the area.
- One new call this month. A woman in AA who resides in Wingate in West Springfield has asked for help. The committee will be there next Thursday at 6pm for a trial run.
- Large Print meeting lists are available. See accessibility chair person.
- Hearing assist units will be brought to the Round Up
- The committee has a workshop at the Round Up.

Archives:

- 3 people present
- Creating a master list of groups with history forms and reaching out to groups without a history to get their information.
- New Project Idea: A tree showing the evolution of AA in area 31.
- The archives boards will be going to the Here and Now group in East Longmeadow on May 30th
- Potluck Dimmer will be held in the second week of September. The event will be called "Potluck with the good old timers". There are three possible locations: Trinity Church in

Springfield, St Michael's Church in East Longmeadow, and the intergroup office in Holyoke.

- The area history pamphlet update is an ongoing process.

CPC:

- Put on a presentation at the Berkshire House of corrections.
- The committee is concentrating on the Round Up opening meeting.
- Elected a new secretary.

Grapevine:

- 9 GVRs present, 3 new
- May Issue: Special Sections "The Steps Turn 80" and a section on page 37 on AA in Rwanda about the first meeting in Africa.
- Mini Conference (April 14th & 15th) – Chair gave six month report as to what the Committee did.
- Holyoke Meeting had their anniversary April 29th and the Grapevine Boards were presented.
- 1991 - 2012 Grapevines were donated by member - to be donated to Archives.
- Joe K's story, Deaf AA. is finished.
- Purchase three books (1. AA in the Military; 2. Voices of woman in AA and 3. Making Amends). The total of the three books would be approximately \$36.00. Books to be put out for viewing only.
- Members can buy Grapevines and donate them to your group. Some groups buy a subscription and raffle off on a monthly basis.
- 49th Round-Up at the La Quinta- bring Grapevine Boards. The keynote speaker is Ami from GSO. She is the Executive Editor and Publisher of the Grapevine.
- Grape Jam is September 22nd in Holyoke (5:30pm - 6:30pm food; 6:30pm - 8:30pm meeting and 8:30 - 10:30pm dancing). Include music, pizza and pot luck. We are looking for speakers that had a story in the Grapevine. The entry fee for the Grape Jam would be a Grapevine book or any AA books. The books that are donated will then go to Correction Facilities. Two members had a story in the Grapevine last year.
- Will present Grapevine Info to District 2 meeting on May 14th.

Public Information:

- The PI/CPC radio show will be on the website with some archived shows
- The radio show will also be on the Intergroup website in the future.
- Roundtable discussion at the Round Up on Saturday morning at 10 am, topic "Honest, Open, & Willing".
- PI boards will be at the Round Up
- PI chair will attend the CPC presentation on Friday.
- Approached by the VA hospital in Leeds and determined that they do not need our help.
- PI committee needs support.

Website Committee:

- Area31aa.org is the service related website in Area 31.
- Co-Chairperson put on the meeting in April.
- New boards are complete and will be at the Round Up.
- The committee has workshop Saturday morning at 10 am at the round Up and will have a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation will discuss the various AA related websites and what is available on them.
- Please see the webmaster for any password issues related to area email addresses.
- Email access instruction pamphlets are available.
- Tri-fold pamphlet is complete.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Registration on Friday from 4-5 pm.
- The dance is sold out.
- Opening on Friday with the CPC meeting with Ala-non.
- AA traditions skit to follow.
- Workshops all day Saturday.
- The Delegate's report will be given Saturday afternoon.
- The Keynote speaker on Saturday evening is the Publisher of the Grape Vine.
- There will be workshops and a spiritual speaker on Sunday.
- The program is available online at the area website under Round Up.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- No report

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Thank you to the groups for their donations
- The service committee chairs are invited to the Intergroup meeting.
- Phone coverage, 30 calls received, 128 were informational. 8 were twelfth step calls, took 25 dial outs and totaled 135.40 operator minutes, looking for backups for phone coverage, sign up sheets should be turned in by the Wednesday before the week of phone coverage
- The Ad Hoc committee for the Intergroup Anniversary meeting is finishing up their work. The meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on July 23rd. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Intergroup office and from members of the steering committee and the Intergroup officers.

WMYPAA

- No report.

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- No report.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 15 people in attendance
- All service committees are invited to present at District 1, just show up.
- DCM & Co-DCM attended mini-conference and the spring assembly.
- Unrepresented groups are still being visited.
- GSRs notified about Round Up workshop topic of "Rule 62" on Friday at 4 pm.
- GSRs given the homework of coming up with a date and topic for the district 1 workshop.

District 2:

- Meeting was well attended.
- GSR discussion: A group was paying rent in advance using prudent reserve funds and reimbursing the reserve.
- Workshop at the round up on Friday at 6 pm with the topic of "Making amends beyond saying

sorry”.

- The joint workshop with district 4 will be held on the second Saturday in June.

District 3:

- Met on April 20th with 16 GSRs in attendance.
- Accessibilities chair gave a presentation.
- The Berkshire Intergroup is looking for a secretary.
- The Berkshire Institutions committee is looking for help.

District 4:

- 11 people in attendance.
- District GSR is on the Ad Hoc committee for the joint workshop with district 2.
- The committee is visiting meeting that may be conflicting.

District 5:

- 1 new GSR from the “Back to Reality” group.
- 11 GSRs were present.
- The LCM has connected with the bookies from district 5 meeting to find out about GSRs.
- District 5 workshop will be held on June 2nd from 10 am – 1 pm at the Devine Mercy Church 2267 Main St Three Rivers. Topic will be “The three legacies and how they influence in this area today”.
- The Thorndike Noontime meeting has been discontinued.

District 6:

- No report.

Delegate’s Remarks

- Thank you for attending the assembly. I was better prepared because of it.
- After attending the GSC, I feel that AA is in good hands.
- Advancements have been made in reaching out to the sick and suffering alcoholic.
- AA is currently 83% self-supporting
- The cost of AA services per member is \$7.44.
- Members can sign up for recurring contributions to GSO.
- Smart Phone App coming in September to include the big book, pamphlets, daily reflections video and meeting finder.
- There are major computer upgrades underway at GSO.
- The Big Book has been translated into Navajo- a spoken language.
- The report on the GSC at the round up will be one and one half hours long.
- Is attendance at the Delegate’s report free? We are supposed to be self-supporting.
- The report will be on the website.
- The presentation will be give to groups if requested.
- One can buy the report on CD for \$10.00.
- 2019 GSC Theme: “Our Big Book 80 years 71 Languages”
- Discussion Topics for 2019
 1. Yesterday’s World- Our Legacies Begin
 2. Today’s World- Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service
 3. Tommorrow’s World- Courage to be Vigilant

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Thank you for participating in the mini-conference.
- Contributions to AA are up from 1/17-12/17. Budgeted was \$7,675,000, actual contributions were \$8,409,452.
- This was an increase over 2016 of \$474,583.
- The total income was budgeted to be \$16,485,950, The actual income was \$ 17,771,383. Resulting in an operating income of \$1,758,452.
- Great group for the Mass State Convention planning committee. The next meeting will be on May 29th.
- The Worthy Hotel was the meeting place for the original downtown group started by Dr Davy.
- The original downtown group's 75th anniversary is coming up.

Area Chair Remarks:

- The assembly went well. Where do we want the Fall assembly to be held?
- Do we want an area inventory on Saturday?
- Group conscience by a show of hands was to have the Fall assembly in the Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield area.
- 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

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- Renting a van for NERAASA 2019 in Maryland?
- Area committee will meet downstairs for the summer.
- Keys- archives and Grape Vine committee chairs do not have keys to their meeting places.
 - The locks and alarms at 474 Pleasant St. may be changing.
 - There was an issue because no one with keys showed up for committee meeting
- Hospitality basket for the Delegate at the GSC
 - The basket made it to shipping and receiving at the Crown Plaza but did not get to the delegate
- Determine the location of the Fall assembly at the next meeting.

Closed at 9:11 pm.