

Area 31 Meeting Minutes July 11th 2018
Called to order at 7:30 PM

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

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District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y					
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y					
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y	N	N		Y	N	N					
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y					
District 4 CO-DCM	Anthony D.	Y	N	Y		N	Y	N					
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y					
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y	Y	N		N	N	Y					
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	27	24		24	27	22					

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

- 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.

New Business

- The archives committee keys have been found
- The Fall Assembly will be in Springfield or Chicopee

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning June Balance:	\$ 1,486.55
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,969.62
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 845.73
Closing May Balance:	\$ 2,610.44
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 11,110.44

Further comments:

- Contributions in June 2018 have decreased by \$620.28 from contributions in May 2017.
- There were 31 contributions made in May 2018.
- Contributions June 2018 YTD have decreased by \$2,482.52 from contributions June 2017 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted
Area Treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- The Registrar is the keeper of data for the groups and area
- The Registrar works with the FNV database at the General Service Office
- The database at the General Service Office is being revamped and may be clogging up the works
- Have received reports of GSRs not getting their packages
- Visited District 6 in June
- Going to District 2 in August
- Will investigate issue with GSR packages
- Please contact the Registrar with names of GSRs missing packages

Area Archivist Report:

- Working on archival tree with groups listed by district and start date
- CDs available from the Intergroup dinner

Webmaster:

- No report

Accessibility:

- 8 members in attendance in June
- Betty is feeling better and the meeting is back on at Mt Marie nursing home Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Two AA members with mobility issues are being taken to meetings
- The meeting for Rosemary at Wingate is on hold due to outside issues
- Large print meeting lists are available from the accessibilities committee
- Will attend the Mass State Convention planning meeting at the end of the month to work on the translation into Spanish
- No new calls on the hotline
- No new email requests for assistance

Archives:

- 3 in attendance
- Archives boards will be going to Cold Spring Group anniversary
- Visited Districts 1, 2, and 4
- Visiting District 5 in August
- Visiting District 3 in September
- Co-chair will work on revision of archives pamphlet including area history and how archives can carry the message
- Purchased a copier, scanner, printer
- Archives webpage enhanced by webmaster
- Cleaned up email account
- Created folder to keep group histories
- Will match groups with existing histories
- Will reach out to groups that do not have histories
- Working on banner with area history tree
- Archives boards are going to the District 6 workshop

CPC:

- Presented to Timbelyn Heights Skilled Nursing facility in Berkshire county
- Presented to Hillcrest Commons Skilled Nursing facility in Berkshire county
- Both went very well. Each nursing home will transport clients to a local aa meeting on a weekly bases. They also will provide literature purchased from Intergroup.
- AA member from district 3 was instrumental in setting up these meetings and helped in coordinating CPC on a local level.
- Attended a district 3 meeting to explain what CPC does.
- We have a contact with the Springfield court system and hopefully will be making a presentation in the fall.

Grapevine:

- Meeting on July 3rd lightly attended.
- This month is the prison issue.
- The Grapevine committee will be holding the "Grape Jam" on September 22nd, a space was secured and fell through, may be held at 474 Pleasant St in Holyoke. The "Grape Jam" will include a meeting, with a speaker published as a comic writer in the Grape Vine as well as other published speakers, and food.
- Intergroup has been invited to sell literature.
- Not sure about food.
- Trying to get western mass young peoples involved.
- Spanish translation of the flyer is done
- The subscription challenge is going on now.
- Visiting District 5 this month

Public Information:

- Co-chair chaired the meeting
- Delegate attended with area report
- We filled 12 commitments for July and August
- Researched an internet marketing platform called Patch. It seems to be a very effective way to post public service announcements to a broad audience. It's affordable: for \$7.00 our PSA would reach 16 communities for 7 days and also appears in the monthly newsletter. Found it in Eastern MA only but will call to see if Western MA is available.
- Co-chair will be visiting District 1 in July
- We still have literature racks and posters to be placed in schools, libraries, treatment and medical facilities

Website Committee:

- 5 episodes of the PI radio show are available for download at area31aa.org
- Visited district 4
- Will present "breaking online anonymity " at the district 6 workshop on July 28th
- Tri-fold pamphlet has arrived.

Western Mass Round Up:

- No report
- Next meeting on September 12th

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No quorum at the last meeting
- Have elected a Secretary
- Still in need of a Treasurer
- Account balance \$9646.70

Institutions:

- Meeting tonight, nothing to report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Thank you to the groups for their donations
- Anniversary meeting was a success
- Intergroup picnic is approaching, looking for groups and individuals to donate items for raffle, also accepting cash donations, bring donations to the intergroup office or see Bobbi P. or Lee M.
- The intergroup chair is stepping down. No replacement as yet.

WMYPAA

- No report

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- Will have a beach day in the Berkshires at a lake in Pittsfield
- Meeting went well
- Committee is going on a boat trip around Manhattan

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- No report

District 2:

- Meeting was well attended.
- The district is passing out service manuals for GSRs that have not received their packages yet
- Easthampton Group Anniversary August 13th, food and fellowship 6:30 meeting at 7:30
- Archives chair discussed the function and value of the archives committee

District 3:

- Our last District Meeting was on June 15th with 13 GSRs in attendance.
- GSRs gave reports, nothing too exciting to report, all is well.
- Area Delegate gave an outline of Theme for 2019 Conference.
- CPC Chair, gave a synopsis of a typical CPC presentation.
- Ad Hoc committee presented topic for Workshop.
- After a lively discussion the topic was decided, "Carrying AA's Message into Institutions, Getting Back to the Roots of Our Service "
- Workshop will be on September 8th at the Lenox Community Center from 9am till Noon with Pizza following.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will meet an hour before our next District Meeting on July 20th, to iron

out the details of the Workshop.

District 4:

- Things are “cooking”
- The district discussed “Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service”
- There was a question as to what exactly “accessibility” means
- No date has been decided for the work shop
- A few new GSRs were in attendance
- Discussed the book “Women in the Military” and the pamphlet “The God Word”

District 5:

- Meeting attendance has been consistent
- A new group representative attended as a result of LCM outreach
- Friday Night Belchertown Group Anniversary on August 3rd, food and fellowship 6:30 to 7:30 pm, meeting to follow
- As a result of the group conscience a group has start reading a different concept each month.

District 6:

- Meeting not very well attended
- An Intergroup representative visited the district meeting
- The Area Registrar visited the district meeting
- Discussed the upcoming workshop scheduled for July 28th, the topic will be clarity of purpose, there will be a raffle and the CPC and archives committees are bringing their boards

Delegate's Remarks

- “Impact Collaborate” was hired to determine how well AA does its business, a report has been filed and is under review, changes are likely to follow as a result, they will be shared as they become known
- Tax exempt status for the area has encountered a glitch with how the officers are set up, the area should have tax exempt status in two weeks
- The date of the General Service Conference is in doubt, the hotel was hired from April 21st to April 27th but the conference approved April 28th to May 4th which is unavailable at the hotel. The hotel has May 19th to May 25th available, emergency polling is in effect to deal with the situation

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- The Mass State Convention Program Committee met last Saturday
- The following sessions were incorporated into the program bases on the topics decided at the recent General Service Conference:
 1. Home Group: Clarity of Purpose – Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings
 2. Today's World: Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service
 3. Service, Unity, Recovery: “The Forgotten Twelve” (possibly presented as a skit)
 4. Tomorrow's World: Courage to be Vigilant
 5. Big Book: 80 Years, 71 Languages --- Same Message
- The next Mass State Convention Planning meeting will be held on July 31st, the carpool will meet at the bowling alley on Burnett Rd in Chicopee at 6:00 pm, The will be pizza at the meeting place at Framingham at 6:00 pm for those who arrive early
- The next Service Manual meeting will be held on July 18th at 7:30 pm
- The next Concept Meeting will be held on August 2nd at 7:30 pm

Area Chair Remarks:

- The Fall Assembly will be held on October 13th and 14th at the St Catherine of Sienna Church 1023 Parker St, Springfield, MA
- There will two workshops on Saturday, "Group Contributions Online" by the Treasurer and Webmaster and standing committee presentations on what they do and why they need help
- Sunday there may be an election for our candidate for North East Regional Trustee
- The Area committee has a commitment on Friday August 3rd at the Eye Opener in Ludlow at 7:00pm
- There is an Area Commitment at the Here and Now group in East Longmeadow on Wednesday August 8th at 8:30 pm
- Bus to NERASSA 38 person for \$4900, 57 person for \$5250 for Friday 7:00 am and return Sunday night
- Will look into renting a van, possibly of two

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New Business:

- Motion made to add Bob B. as our first webmaster to the area history section of the area handbook on page 20 below 2013 after the paragraph stating the webmaster being voted in.
- Motion carries

Closed at 9:00 pm.