

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
District 2 CO-DCM	Suzanne L.	Y	Y										
District 3 DCM	Tim M.	Y	Y										
District 3 CO-DCM	Joan P.	N	N										
District 4 DCM	Anthony D.	Y	Y										
District 4 CO-DCM	Emily C.	N	N										
District 5 DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y										
District 5 CO-DCM	Bill H.	Y	Y										
District 6 DCM	Cathy S.	Y	Y										
District 6 CO-DCM	John M.	Y	Y										
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	26	28										

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

- Too many workshops

New Business

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Treasurer's Report:

No Report

Registrar's Report:

- The Registrar is the link to the General Service Office for data on GSRs and Groups
- Group information sheets were given to the DCMs of each district
- Blank information sheets and new group forms are available
- Unknown groups do not need a GSR but can have a contact person
- Registrar has not received any information on LCMs from any of the districts
- The Service Manual form for DCMs is not necessary but is available
- Send forms to Registrar@area31aa.org

Area Archivist Report:

This month's Archives meeting was full of enthusiasm. I gave an Archives Workbook to all of the attendees. There was a lot of interest in group histories and there is an example of how to do an oral history in the Workbook. I am still sorting, filing and eliminating documents. I am looking forward to attending NERAASA again this year. Always something to learn at the Roundtables.

Respectfully submitted

Area Archivist

Webmaster:

- The “Webpost” or “Webmaster” email addresses can be used for meeting minutes
- The area 31 meeting list has been added to the “Meeting Guide” app
- Western Mass Intergroup has been given access to a sub-domain of our website to allow for changes in the meeting list
- The new meeting list format is available on the Western Mass Intergroup website.

Accessibility:

- 7 members present at the January meeting
- Verified that the contact/hotline number was on the website
- No new calls had been received at the time of the meeting but two referrals have been made since then and the committee has followed up on both
- Another phone call has been received and the committee has reached out to that individual

Archives:

- 10 members were present were present at the January meeting
- A trip to the General Service Office in New York City was discussed
- The Archives boards will be at the Randall Group Anniversary on February 17th
- The Archives boards will be at the Singleness of Purpose Group Anniversary on February 19th
- The group history form was discussed_
- A list of the histories in the archives will be compiled and more aggressive attempts to collect group histories will be made. Specifically, committee members will attend meetings and the forms will be given to the groups
- Discussed including the history form in area 31 commitments
- Discussed creating two versions of the area 31 group tree, one physical and one digital version
- The committee will be sending a member to the Mass State Convention planning meeting

CPC:

- CPC didn't meet last week
- Bring boards to Randall Group February 17th 64th anniversary
- Attended roundup meeting earlier today in regards to Friday night meeting at the Round Up
- Working on commitments

Grapevine:

- 9 Grapevine representatives attended the meeting, 3 were new
- Discussed creating a Berkshire liaison similar to an LCM
- Discussed ideas for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Grapevine
- The chairperson has been in contact with General Service Office Grapevine Coordinator
- The Grapevine boards will be at the Florence Eye Opener Group Anniversary on February 10th
- The Grapevine boards will be at the Randall Group Anniversary on February 17th
- The Grapevine boards will be at the Singleness of Purpose Group Anniversary on February 19th

Public Information:

- There was no meeting on February 12th due to a snow storm
- The committee has a dozen active members
- There are another half dozen people in the background that will take commitments
- The committee presents to people of all ages
- The Public Information boards will be displayed at the Randall Group on February 17th

Website Committee:

- 3 people in attendance
- Discussion was held about what the website committee does and does not do
- Clarified the difference between the website and the webmaster
- The “Webpost” email address will be kept active for a year for meeting minutes
- Discussed the website pamphlet and possible changes to it including the radio show MP3

Western Mass Round Up:

- Registration forms, banquet tickets and dance tickets are ready to go
- This may be the 50th Round Up in area 31
- The Round Up committee asks that we pass the word on the Round Up
- There have been complaints about the cost of the banquet, 28 years ago the cost was \$20
- Room price at the Clarion in West Springfield will be \$109 per night with breakfast
- The Round Up committee plans on attending the district meetings
- The Buffet (Banquet or dinner) is limited to 160 people

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Discussed the success of the Christmas and New Year’s alcohons
- 6 Intergroup Representatives attended the meeting
- More books will be purchased, supplies are good at present
- Treasury
 - Expenses \$879.40
 - Group Contributions \$1,921.67
 - Funds on Hand \$5,180.90
- The Berkshire Institutions committee is doing well with 56 of 60 commitments filled
- The is discussion about restarting the group calendar format for group commitments with the 27 speaker groups in the Berkshires

Institutions:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Thanks to all groups for their contributions
- The new meeting list booklets are available
- The Intergroup website has a new meeting list format but the old PDF list is still available for download
- “The God Word” Pamphlet is available at the intergroup store
- “One Big Tent” Pamphlet is available at the intergroup store

WMYPAA

- Voted to become WMYPAA instead of the NECYPAA Bid Committee
- Spring event is being planned (will update)
- Voted on service positions
- Visited Area 30 for outreach
- The Committee will have a table at the Round Up to sell merchandise

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- No Report

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 7 people in attendance
- Groups report that they are doing well
- Groups are contributing as recommend by the pie chart in the area handbook

District 2:

- The district has met twice since the last area meeting
- There were 11 GSRs and 3 Alternates in attendance in January
- There were 12 GSRs and 5 Alternates in attendance in February
- The district has a volunteer for Secretary
- The district meeting format was handed out in January
- Have had good participation by the GSRS in summarizing the reading in the service manual and the tradition
- A group has an issue with people leaving after the speaker in a speaker discussion meeting
- A group had an issue with their host regarding drug paraphernalia being left behind after the meeting

District 3:

- The Alternate Delegate gave the GSR presentation
- There were 9 GSRs and 4 Alternates in attendance at the last district meeting including 4 new GSRs and 3 new alternates
- A group with a problem member was give the suggestion to have group inventory
- Elected New Co-DCM
- The GSR presentation will be given at the next district meeting

District 4:

- One meeting in the district has a format section about inclusivity
- There was a question about prudent reserves
- There was a question and answer session at the end of the meeting for GSRs

District 5:

- 9 GSRs and 1 Alternate in attendance

District 6:

- The District meeting was moved to a different room due to the Western Massachusetts

Hospital closing for two weeks

- There were 2 new GSRs in attendance for a total of 5 GSRs
- Groups in the district are struggling to get GSRs
- Passed out the district meeting format to the GSRs with a calendar and excerpt from the website
- The GSR presentation will be given at the next meeting

Delegate's Remarks

- Shout out to the Round Up committee for their hard work
- Would like to thank District 3 for considering a concept meeting by phone
- Thanks to Western Mass Intergroup for working with the Webmaster on the changes required for inclusion in the "Meeting Guide" app
- Thanks to the webmaster for making the changes necessary for getting Area 31's meeting list included on the "Meeting Guide" app
- There have been information requests on how the Areas do things
- The General Service Office is doing well financially
- A new book is going to be published by the General Service Office called "Our Great Responsibility"
- The Grape Vine has a new publisher
- Please read the "Impact Collaborative" report on Alcoholics Anonymous' success at carrying its message available on the area website

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- The General Service Conference Agenda Items for discussion at the area 31 mini conference have been received
- The area service manual meeting will be on February 20th
- The "What a Concept" meeting will be held on March 7th
- The Mass State Convention Planning committee is looking into different offerings at the convention
- There is a place for everyone on the Mass State Convention planning committee
- The next Mass State Convention planning committee meeting will be in Framingham at 7:30 pm on March 26th
- A carpool to the planning committee meeting will leave the bowling alley parking lot on Burnett Rd in Chicopee at 6:00 pm
- Looking to visit Districts 1, 2, & 4 to give the GSR presentation

Area Chair Remarks:

- The area has a commitment to the Singleness of Purpose Group anniversary 6:00 pm for food and fellowship and meeting at 7:30 pm on February 19th
- The area has a commitment to the Randall Group at 7:30 pm on February 28th
- The Ad Hoc committee researching the combining of AA world service and AA Grape Vine did not meet due to snow
- The DCM/GSR workshop went well
- The Spring assembly will be held at Berkshire Community College on April 27th for a mini conference from 10 am – 4 pm and on April 28th from 10 am – 3 pm for a business meeting
- The Area carried insufficient insurance to meet the requirements of Berkshire Community College, the required policy change cost \$400 for the year
- The fall assembly is tentatively scheduled to be held at Westfield State University

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New Business:

- 13 people confirmed for the vans to NERAASA
- The meeting place for the vans to NERAASA will be at the Sacred Heart church at 395 Chestnut St. in Springfield at 7:00 am on February 22nd
- The website committee will continue to maintain the area handbook if the current handbook editor leaves their position
- A group inventory is the suggested solution to handle a bleeding deacon member of a club that hosts multiple meetings

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm with the unity declaration