



		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Anne M.	Y											
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Joan P	N											
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>		N											
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Emily C.	Y											
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>	Steve B.	Y											
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Bill H.	Y											
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	Vicky W.	N											
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	John M.	N											
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	Corbin R.	Y											
<b>Quorum =18</b>	* only votes to make/break a tie	23											

**Secretary's Report:**

Old Business

- The committee was presented with 3 budgets for consideration, Budget A would be \$900 less than the current budget, Budget B would equal the current budget, and Budget C would be a \$500 increase over the current budget
- A motion was made to adopt Budget C and it passed unanimously

New Business

- 200 copies of the Area Handbook will be printed and they will be available in January
- Do we want to rent a van for NERAASA? Will be discussed at the January area meeting
- There was a motion made to raise the travel reimbursement rate for the Area officers from \$.32 per mile to \$.50 per mile
- The motion was seconded and discussion ensued
- A motion was made to table the motion on increasing the reimbursement rate, that motion passed, the dissenting opinion was heard and opinions changed
- A second vote was taken and the minority opinion won meaning the original motion was back on the floor
- More discussion ensued, the question was called and a vote was taken
- The vote ended in a tie with the deciding vote in favor of increasing the reimbursement rate being made by the area chairperson.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning December Balance:	\$ 4,836.14
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,858.03
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 1,890.01
Closing November Balance:	\$ 5,804.16
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 14,304.16

Further comments:

- Contributions in December 2019 have decreased by \$75.62 from contributions in December 2018.
- There were 31 contributions made in December 2019.
- Contributions 2019 YTD have increased by \$5,982.05 from contributions 2018 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted  
Area Treasurer

**Registrar's Report:**

- New database/portal from GSO. It is moving slow.
- Welcome to the new DCMs
- Have two forms available for the DCMs: New Group form and Group Change Form-Please pick them up when making your report
- Snap a picture of the completed forms as necessary and send them to the Registrar
- Need to provide a listing of all committee members to GSO. Will obtain from Area Secretary.

**Area Archivist Report:**

- Was not present.

**Webmaster:**

- Radio shows have been having trouble.
- Postings online have been spotty at best.
- Area has a website- each committee has their own email. If you don't know what I am talking about, please contact me and I will review individually.
- Send meeting minutes to the Webpost and Webmaster email addresses for posting
- A question was raised regarding minutes from committee and district meetings, where are they sent. The response was to webmaster. There was also a suggestion stating copies of minutes should also be sent to the archivist. It was reported the archivist wanted them but last year not many committees complied.

**Accessibility:**

The Accessibility Committee met on Wednesday, December 18th. Five members were in attendance. The committee heard a report from the outgoing Delegate, explaining the rate of mileage has been increased by votes at the area meeting.

There were some committee members who were concerned regarding the Accessibility Hotline, new chair person is deaf member of AA. Chairperson stated he would figure it out and make it work for him. He stated he and the co-chair will work closely together.

The ASL Big Book DVD is now available and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are also available.

**Archives:**

The Archives committee met on January 7<sup>th</sup>, there were 9 committee members present. It was reported that being their first committee meeting, they brainstormed and came up with a few good ideas. More will be revealed in the direction they want to move in at the next area meeting. First piece of history in 2020- Bluetooth conference call with the Berkshires for the concept meeting. It was requested that if anyone is interested in compiling archive materials to come before the archives meeting, come help Bobbi.

### **CPC:**

- Has not had their committee meeting yet this month.

### **Grapevine:**

- There were 9 committee members present for January's meeting.
- A new secretary was elected.
- Rep having difficulties with giveaway subscriptions, having problems using electronic voucher systems for gifting Grapevine Subscriptions at monthly raffle.
- At [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org), one can order calendars and pocket planners, as well as submit photos of meeting places and jokes
- Discussion had:
  - Grapevine Lending Libraries at groups,  
What does the Grapevine publish and how do we promote that at our groups?
  - G.S.O. Maintains a grapevine call desk for questions regarding grapevine.  
Creating writing sessions where people could write down stories and we could submit to grapevine.
  - Reading grapevine stories at meetings to promote discussion.

### **Public Information:**

- The PI committee has not met yet this month.
- The committee will need help as many members are rolling out. Lost about half of their members. Will rebound.

### **Website Committee:**

- No report.

### **Western Mass Round Up:**

- The committee has 4 new members
- \$6189.36 was deposited in an account at Holyoke Credit Union. Previous chair is still has a balance of \$327 owed to him.
- It was decided to eliminate CPC speaker on Friday night and replace with a Sober Movie Night! After the AI-non meeting.
- The dance will be replaced with a Sober Comedy Night on Saturday. When tickets are sold, it will be told that tickets are for both dinner and the comedy show.
- Registrations and banquet tickets will be sold as one to eliminate problems of people showing up for banquet and not pay for registration.
- The committee will be working on 'marketing' the Round-Up better.
- Same caterer as last year.
- Registration price will be increased from \$15 to \$20 per person.

### **Invited Committees**

#### **Berkshire Intergroup:**

- No report.

### **Institutions:**

- Minutes from January 2020 meeting.
- A listing of updated open meetings were made available to the area.
- 25 members were in attendance. 11 new members
- Treasurer's Report – Ending Balance from Prev.: \$1,050.00 Total Donations: \$2,343.21 • Expenses \$603.94 • Ending balance for book purchases: \$1,739.27 Ending Balance to Carry

(reserve)\$1,150.00

- Motion to not move the Committee meeting when it falls on a holiday. Seconded. Discussed. Vote of 15 in favor, 6 opposed, the motion passed.
- Motion to spend \$1,739.27 on books. All in favor.

### **Western Mass Intergroup:**

- The Intergroup has formed a steering committee, meets the last Thursdays of the month at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke. Consist of 11 members.
- Kevin is no longer intergroup manager, resigning from his position.

### **WMYPAA**

- WMYPAA won the bid for NECYPAA 2020.
- WMYPAA on hold, will have final balance for next month's meeting. \$800 seed money.
- 2/9 1 pm to 4 pm elections for NECYPAA committee at Providence Hospital.
- WMYPAA will be made dormant, details will be worked out at next meeting.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **District 1:**

- There were 5 GSRs in attendance at the district meeting
- Discussed: upcoming Alcothons at 474 Pleasant St for X-Mas and Serenity Club's NYE. Encourage GSRs to attend as well as signing up to chair a meeting.
- GSRs reported groups are doing good, no concerns.
- Better Life Group is celebrating 35<sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary on 12/23/2019.
- Discussion had about mileage reimbursement, District 1 and District 2 co-facilitated workshop held on 12/14 at Providence Hospital. Great Success.
- New DCM, Co-DCM and Secretary rolled in.

### **District 2:**

- Have not met yet.

### **District 3:**

- Was not present. No report.

### **District 4:**

- Meeting was canceled due to the weather.

### **District 5:**

- There were 11 GSRs in attendance of the district meeting.
- Attendance has been very good.
- A phone listing has been established in case of bad weather or cancellation of district meeting.
- New DCM, Co-DCM and Secretary.
- 2 New alternative GSRs present.

### **District 6:**

- 12 GSRs attended the meeting
- The groups reported all is well
- Discussed Alcothon at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke for X-mas and NYE at the Serenity Club.
- Elections held and new positions filled.

### **Delegate's Remarks**

- International convention will be in Detroit, MI on 7/2/2020 to 7/5/2020. Expected to register is 35,000 members of AA. Hotels getting full and further away from venue, make plans quickly.
- GSC will be held in Rye Brook, NY from 4/19/2020 to 4/25/2020.
- Sample agenda items, still pending. Possible items: Big Book for potential 5<sup>th</sup> edition, translate to plain language, gender neutral text, eliminate chapters, "To the Wives", To Employer", and "Family Afterwards". Other possible GSC items: use Grapevine better, to educate. Create a pamphlet to explain how, AA Podcast, invite members with accessibility needs to this committee and obtain their input.
- Delegate will give a 2 minute talk regarding the state of Area 31, due 1/24/2020. Discussing: things going on in the area, Berkshire 30 year anniversary, WMASS Intergroup 67<sup>th</sup> year, Mass State Convention, past delegates stay active and involved in the area and how our area already has deaf member on the accessibility's committee.

### **Alternate Delegate Remarks:**

- Meeting at the bowling alley/Mercedes Benz parking lot (at 291 and Mass Pike) for car pooling to Mass State Convention Planning Meeting for 1/28/2020 at 6 pm.
- Workshop for GSRs will be held on 2/1/2020 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Intergroup Office.
- GSR Presentations will be held at the District Meetings.
- NERAASA is coming, 2/21 to 2/23 in Nashua, NH. Deadline for hotel is 2/6. Look on Area Website for more information.

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### **Area Chair Remarks:**

- Service Manual Meeting 1/15 at 7:30 pm at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke
- Concept Meeting 2/6, Thursday 7:30 pm at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke

### **Old Business:**

- Renting a van for NERAASA Trip? Won't make decision until closer to the convention. Not sure if there is enough interest. Will ask again in February.
- Reimbursement for attending the convention? Everyone on the committee is reimbursed depending on what money is left over for those who get fully reimbursed. Area committee gets reimbursed only. Groups can sponsor their GSRs to attend, registration fees.

### **New Business:**

- Heated discussions were had regarding mileage rates, \$.32 to \$.50 a mile.
- GSO requested \$1800 from delegate, money has already been budgeted. Letter will be given to the treasurer.

The meeting closed with the unity declaration at 8:57 pm