# Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes December 8, 2021 Called to order at 7:30 PM

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AREA DELEGATE	Mike B.	Υ											
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Steve M.	Υ											
AREA CHAIR *	John G.	Υ											
AREA TREASURER	Steve	Υ											
AREA SECRETARY	Ray M.	Υ											
AREA REGISTRAR	Sally	Υ											
AREA ARCHIVIST	Carl G.	Υ											
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Mike C.	N											
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Bruce V.	N											
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Immer C.	Υ											
ARCHIVES CO- CHAIR	Kellie C.	Υ											
CPC CHAIR	Charlie	Υ											
CPC CO-CHAIR	Steve A.	N											
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Jack A.	Υ											
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Cindy F	Υ											
P.I. CHAIR	John M.	Υ											
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Mark H.	N											
WEBMASTER	Bob B.	Υ											
W. MASS IGP CHAIR		N											
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Suzane	Υ											
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR		Υ											
INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR		N											
ROUND UP CHAIR	Yolanda R	Υ											
ROUND UP CO- CHAIR	Steve A.	N											
NEYPAA Liaison	Michael R.	X											
NEYPAA Co- Liaison		0											
District 1 DCM	Aaron P.	Υ											
District 1 CO- DCM		N											
District 2 DCM	Chris K.	Υ											

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District 2 CO- DCM	Kerri O.	Υ											
District 3 DCM	Tom H.	Υ											
District 3 CO- DCM		N											
District 4 DCM	Leah D.	Υ											
District 4 CO- DCM		Υ											
District 5 DCM	Tom H.	Ν											
District 5 CO- DCM		Υ											
District 6 DCM	Megan T.	Υ											
District 6 CO- DCM		Ν											
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25											

# **Secretary's Report:**

**Old Business** 

• None

#### **New Business**

- Possible NERAASA transportation.
- Printing of Area 3 Handbook. Discussion: Last one printed in 2020. Is Updated on Area Website. Members spoke to reasons why it's needed, book has service structure, history, guidelines. Motion was 25 votes and passed unanimous. 100 Books to be printed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

 Beginning Dec. Balance
 \$ 24,494.28

 Group Contributions:
 \$ 2,800.53

 Total Area Expenses:
 \$ 2,386.50

 Closing Dec. Balance:
 \$ 24,908.31

 Plus - Prudent Reserve:
 \$ 8,501.00

 Total Funds Available:
 \$ 33,409.31

#### **Further comments:**

- Contributions in December 2021 have decreased by \$373.21 from contributions in December 2020.
- There were 31 total contributions made in December 2021 totaling \$2,800.53.
- Contributions December 2021 YTD have increased by \$760.46 from contributions December 2020 YTD.
- On-line (PayPal) had 5 contributions totaling \$370.93

# Registrar's Report:

- District Lists- 1. a list of groups in the district. 2. a list of groups in the area labeled "district unknown. 3. group status definitions, which tells if active or inactive or unknown. 4. a DCM change form for districts where needed info is missing.
- Pease take a look at the lists, check for errors, if you find missing info, make more accurate.
- If you see unknown group on the list that looks like it might belong to your district, please let me know.
- Ongoing process to maintain and update as we can-keep connections between GSO and our districts/groups.
- GROUPS & GSR's Group info change form on website, for GSR's to record changes, names, address or meeting locations, dates and times. These forms trigger the GSR kits to be sent.
- I would be happy to visit the districts.

## **Area Archivist Report:**

- Purchased cassette/usb recorder, did test, and worked great.
- Propose disposing old non area31 cassettes, non area31 aa books. No room to store
- Updates to area handbook. (history)
- Asking for help to all, to aquire minutes, passed out folders for minutes to committees, districts. Also encourage posting minutes to area website.
- Continue unpackaing
- Mentioned past experience helps current members.

#### Webmaster:

- Thanked Carl for plug
- Minutes are being posted
- Email address for every committee and district. Please make sure to pass on to the next chairs of the committees.
- Send in your minutes to the webmaster; WORD Editable edition. Flyers can be sent to webmaster in a PDF format.

## **Accessibilities**

NO Report.

## **Archives**

• 1st meeting as new committee chair on Jan. 4th. Met committee co-chair, Kellie. One group rep attending.

Basically, a meet and greet. Carl provided an introduction as new archivist.

Look forward to working with him. Shared with committee links to archives information/tools that are available for free on aa.org website.

# **CPC**

- The committee met on January 11th with the chair, co-chair, and three CPC representatives in attendance.
  - 1. The committee has one lead for an external connection, and is brainstorming for new targets.
  - 2. The committee is open to suggestions from anyone who may have a good idea.
  - 3. The committee is open to new reps joining, please share that message with GSRs so it gets back to the groups.

The plan for the next meeting is to select our first targets and set up a plan to reach out. This will be a repetitive process we get a good calendar of meetings going.

## Grapeine

• met Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, visitor from other area, encourage groups to purchase subscriptions & donate to jails or hardships. Talked about quote of the day, thinking about doing a writer's workshop to practice submit article. Looking for past published members. Offered to bring the boards to committee events or meetings. We encouraged people to listen to PODCAST.

# <u>PI</u>

December meeting was after last Area meeting and Tamara chaired her last meeting. We reviewed the minutes from our last meeting with the 5 committee members in attendance, 2 new members. We are losing 3 members including our secretary who are rolling out. Tamara gave the report on the last Area Meeting information shared. Our Mill St commitment is still in effect as one of our only regular commitment. It is on Zoom At 3pm on last Wednesday of each month. Tamara volunteered to chair. We discussed possible different ways to enlist possible interest from High Schools and other alcohol education centers that have not responded to our calls and emails. One of our members is going to try to visit some places in person to enlist interest. Paul. our delegate shared with us his message of thanks as he leaves his position. He also made us aware of the Ma. St. Convention that will be in person in Sturbridge. Also, info. On the Planning Committee meeting details. We all thanked Paul for his great service to our area. This month's meeting was held yesterday. It was sparsely attended. One member beside myself attended in person and two on zoom. Our Co-Chair Mark was ill and could not attend in person. Our guest was John, our new Area Chair. Tradition 1 was read by a new member Peg and discussed. I gave report on our last meeting and information for our new members. Discussed our Mill St Commitment and our new member, Peg will try to Chair for us. If she, can't I will. Come to find out Peg has previously served as a PI Chair. Susan, another new member who came last month has been busy visiting a Senior Ctr., Library and a Center for Human Development. All were very happy to receive the pamphlets and info. She shared. She also volunteered to visit a Out Patient program in the Holyoke area to see if they have any interest. I shared some information I received from AAPI about PSA info. Available online that we could share with facilities. There was a discussion of the possibility that we could create a recorded P I presentation that could be shared virtual with High Schools, etc. For them to use place of in person during this pandemic. Area Chair, John shared with us that help is needed with the Round Up Planning Committee And there is a critical need for help in setting up the hybrid equipment for area meetings.

# **Round Up**

- Met tonight. Save the date flyer available.
- No banquet in June, meet and greet at noon.
- Papers signed Fairfield Inn in Enfield. May 20, 21, & 22nd
- Rooms available at discounted rate, just say Round Up. Next meeting 2/9

## **Berk IG**

- Suzan -Chair
- Xmas Alcathon went well. In person mtgs & zoom.

Working on App for B.I.G., Working on Survey, all service positions filled.

## <u>Institutions</u>

• Met 1/5, 474 Pleasant St., 7 people attended, Live meeting only. VA commitment suspended, waiting on Carlson detox for letter of intention. No facilities allowing incoming. Donations are still coming in good. Literature good. Appointed new Bridging the GAP Coordinator. 2/2 next meeting

#### WMIG

NO report.

#### NEYPAA

NO report.

## **District 1**

• Under represented, 4 GSR's in attendance.

# **District 2**

- New DCM
- Met at 474 Pleasant St., 9 in attendance, New business to move to Alano Club ASAP, GSR's to update groups.

# **District 3**

- o Next district meeting will be on Friday, January 22 at 7pm. We will be hybrid and returning to the Lee Courthouse at 32 Main St. in Lee, MA. Zoom login info will remain the same.
- o District 3 Secretary has been filled by Thomas D. of the Mens 12<sup>th</sup> Step meeting.
- o Co-DCM and LCM remain unfilled
- O The district has secured a physical location for our March 5<sup>th</sup> event. We'll be meeting at St. Charles Church in the basement. The time is not finalized but is likely to be in the neighborhood of 10am-Noon
- O The district traditions meeting kicked off last Sunday. We had 25 in attendance. About half of attendees were from district 3. We had several attendees from the area, a few from Area 30, as well as attendees from CA, Washington state, Canada, and a gentleman from Australia. We'll continue to meet the second Sunday of the month at 7pm. We are considering recording the presenter portion of the workshop and making the recording available through mediums yet to be decided.
- O At the last district meeting, a motion was brought forward by a GSR to have a hard stop to the district meeting after 1 hour. Discussion was had with arguments for including the mention of most meetings being 1 hour long and most meetings in the business world sticking to a timed agenda. Arguments against brought forth the idea of a time limit hindering an informed group conscience while also contradicting our primary purpose. Ultimately, the GSRs voted unanimously to go forward with the time limit. An extension can be voted on prior to ending the meeting

# **District 4**

• Group Check-Ins • Conway Monday Night 7-8pm via Conference Call: Group will be switching from a telephone conference call meeting to a Zoom meeting in the near future. The group's secretary will be contacting Intergroup with the new zoom information soon. • Better Safe Than Sorry: Meeting began on Zoom and is still on Zoom daily at 6pm. All is going well, still going strong, with about 30 people average in attendance. • Friday Night LGBTQ in Northampton: Group is still hybrid and things are going well. • Hadley Women's Language of the Heart at 7pm: Group is still going in a hybrid format, constantly getting newcomers. Group will be speaking at the Western Mass Intergroup alcathon at 7pm on 24th of December. Group will probably be having a group inventory in January. • Making Progress Group: Group is still Hybrid: Group seems to be having more attendance on Zoom. Hybrid is still very good for people. • Haydenville Sunday Night Life: Nothing new to report. All is well. • Sunderland Security: Group is back meeting live, with more people every week in attendance. The church upped their rent, which will be more than the group will be able to pay. After 47 years, they are looking for a new meeting space. • Amherst Monday Night Beginner Meeting: Group is continuing to meet in a hybrid format with about 11 people in person and 20-something on Zoom. Last week, group had difficulty connecting to the Zoom so they put on two meetings. The group is hoping to fill in more positions at the next business meeting. Group heard a rumor that the rent will be halved at the church, but are discussing continuing to pay what they have been paying.

#### **District 5**

- Light GSR attendance, Webmaster attended, standard group shares- no issues. Mask Mandate.
- Do or Die concerns: well, attended, considering hybrid, masks are used, unstable.

#### District 6

• No LCM. Usually, 5-10 GSR's. EYP new year's dance went well. Currently a few meetings are mandating masks. Voted to go hybrid.

# **Delegate's Remarks**

- Attended NEYPAA Saturday meeting, lots of energy.
- NERF- Voted to allow external countries to attend.
- AA.ORG- New website
- Agenda items & background coming out soon to prepare for mini-conference
- Letter from GSO to delegates suggesting raising area contributions from \$1600 to \$1800 to cover costs. Area 31 traditionally has sent \$1800. Is due 3/1/22

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# Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Paying \$50 to 474 Pleasant for left over items.
- NERASSA 25, 26 & 28 in Pittsburg, PA
- Mass State Convention, November 11-13, 2022, The Sturbridge Host Hotel. Event will be live. Carpool leaves the bowling alley at 6:00 (for now). Opportunity for service

## Area Chair Remarks:

- Service Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month, 730pm, at 30 Carew Street
- Concept mtg, 1st Thursday every month at 730 pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley
- Area will do in coming commitment & group conscience, contact the Area Chair
- Need someone (or more) to step up and do Zoom/Hybrid
- Please check your area, committee email.
- Area has outgoing commitment to Joy of Living on 2/10/22 at 7p.m., LIVE ONLY (Feeding Hills)
- Food drive in current meeting room for 2 weeks, effected meetings will need to utilize another room.
- Intergroup is requesting committees to come check it out, SPREAD THE WORD!

# Old Business

None

#### **New Business**

Handbook printing. Motion was made to print 100 updated handbooks. Motion Passed 23-0 Discussed a Van to transport members to NERAASA. More will be revealed at next meeting.

Next mtg 2/2/2022