

Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes JUNE 8th, 2022  
Called to order at 7:30 PM

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| <b>AREA DELEGATE</b>            | Mike B.        | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ALTERNATE DELEGATE</b>       | Steve M.       | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>AREA CHAIR *</b>             | John G.        | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>AREA TREASURER</b>           | Steve          | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>AREA SECRETARY</b>           | Ray M.         | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>           | <i>Sally</i>   | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>           | <i>Carl G.</i> | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR</b>    | Mike C.        | N   | Y   | N         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ACCESSIBILITIES CO-CHAIR</b> | Bruce V.       | N   | N   | Y         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>           | Immer C.       | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>        | Kellie C.      | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>CPC CHAIR</b>                | Charlie        | Y   | N   | Y         |           | N   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>             | Steve A.       | N   | N   | Y         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>          | Jack A.        | Y   | N   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>       | John           | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>P.I. CHAIR</b>               | John M.        | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>            | Mark H.        | N   | N   | N         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <i>WEBMASTER</i>                | <i>Bob B.</i>  | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>        |                | N   | N   | N         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>          | Susan B.       | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>       |                | Y   | N   | Y         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>    |                | N   | N   | N         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>           | Yolanda R      | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</b>        | Steve A.       | N   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>WMYPAA</b>                   | Michael R.     | X   | X   | N         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <i>WMYPAA CO</i>                |                | O   | O   | N         |           | N   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>District 1 DCM</b>           | John P         | Y   | N   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>District 1 CO-DCM</b>        | Vacant         | N   | N   | N         |           | Y   | N        |      |     |      |     |     |     |
| <b>District 2 DCM</b>           | Chris K.       | Y   | Y   | Y         |           | Y   | Y        |      |     |      |     |     |     |

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| <b>District 2 CO-DCM</b> | Kerri O.                         | Y  | N  | N  |  | N  | N  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 3 DCM</b>    | Tom H.                           | Y  | Y  | Y  |  | Y  | Y  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 3 CO-DCM</b> | VACANT                           | N  | N  | N  |  | N  | N  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 4 DCM</b>    | Leah D.                          | Y  | Y  | Y  |  | Y  | Y  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 4 CO-DCM</b> |                                  | Y  | Y  | Y  |  | Y  | Y  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 5 DCM</b>    | Tom H.                           | N  | Y  | Y  |  | Y  | Y  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 5 CO-DCM</b> | KATE V                           | Y  | Y  | Y  |  | N  | N  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 6 DCM</b>    | Megan T.                         | Y  | N  | N  |  | Y  | N  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 6 CO-DCM</b> | Jodie                            | N  | Y  | N  |  | Y  | N  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Quorum =18</b>        | * Only votes to make/break a tie | 25 | 22 | 26 |  | 22 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Secretary’s Report:**

**Old Business**

Area Chair asked who has keys to church, did a roll call to confirm. District 2 DCM asked about costs to AA members to attend round up. Discussion, questions and answers. Delegate informed that there will be an online version via Zoom for any members that want the report after the round up. Also will be posted on area website.

**New Business**

Motion made by Alt-Delegate to discontinue zoom for area and area committees and revert back to original times. (Return to live only). Motion did not pass.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer’s Report: Beginning May Balance \$ 23,136.93 Group Contributions \$ 2,420.34 Total Area Expenses \$ 3,850.47 Closing May Balance\*\* \$ 22,695.62 Plus – Prudent Reserve \$ 8,501.00 Total Funds Available \$ 31,196.62

Further Comments: \*Contributions in May 2022 have increased by \$799.70 from contributions in May 2021 \*There was a total of 24 donations made in May 2022 totaling \$2,174.84 \* Online PayPal contributions totaled \$245.50

\*See Treasure’s spreadsheet for more detail \*\*Closing balance is reduced by returned check for \$390.00 and returned item charge of \$7.11 Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

## **Registrar's Report:**

### **NUMBERS**

- 307 active groups—305 regular and 2 virtual

### **FOLLOW-UP ON "STATUS UNKNOWN" GROUPS**

- The "status unknown" list has 12 groups, half of which are meeting (according to the Meeting Guide app). If we know some are meeting, can't we just convert them from "unknown" to "active"? No.
- Because Fellowship Connection can't convert status from "unknown" to "active" without a GSR listing. And none of the groups has a GSR or group contact listed.
- So, we need GSR info at least for the 6 groups that seem to be active.
- DCMs are working on this, but it can be challenging.
- Thank you to the DCM who sent in details for one group's GSR. That's one less unknown group and one more active group!

### **FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION vs. MEETING GUIDE APP / INTERGROUP LISTINGS**

- Reminder that being listed with Intergroup or the on-line Meeting Guide is different from being registered in Fellowship Connection with GSO.
- Here's a good reason to be registered: it's written into the Charter of A.A. that no change in the Steps, Traditions, or Warranties may be made without the written consent of three-fourths of the registered groups of the world.

### **GROUP LISTINGS BY DISTRICT**

- DCMs are getting updated lists of their groups (last distributed in January).

## **Area Archivist Report:**

- Not too much to report.
- Encourage posting of minutes, keep copies of paper minutes for area history.
- Emails from committees are not being saved- Need in paper.
- WILL BE MAKING A SPREADSHEET

## **Webmaster:**

\_ Updating info to meeting guide App. Accessibility related moving slow. Looking into meetings for accessibility for listings. Hotlinks on website to meeting changes.

### **Accessibilities**

Co-Chair is working the Mass State convention. Working on cellphone issue decided to hold off for now. Asking intergroup if they could use their number for people trying to reach accessibility committee or help getting to a meeting. Getting new boards for state convention. Made flyers for meetings.

### **Archives**

- Got boards to Holyoke anniversary. Throwing down the gauntlet to record each person for history.

### **CPC**

\_ Next meeting 6 days from now. Got first 2 commitments live, it's been over 2 years. Mostly schools going on. Going through old emails to make contacts.

### **Grapevine**

Met last night. 3 reps present. Had boards at round-up and Wild Cats. Grapevine is looking for articles on spirituality/Step 2. July 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline. Talked about the "3-foot rule" if you are within 3 feet of a grapevine member you will hear about the grapevine and what it has to offer. Cases for boards are getting ratty looking at replacing- Grapevine office is conducting meet and greet Friday.

### **PI**

\_ Meet next Tuesday haven't met since last month. Radio show started back up. Called Friends helping Friends. On Audacy Radio 98.1 F.M. Recordings are flexible contact John for info has sheet send email or text for sheet.

### **Round Up- NO REPORT**

### **Berk IG**

- Meeting Next week, nothing new to report.

## **Institutions**

- No report.

## **WMIG – NO REPORT**

## **WYPAA**

- NO REPORT

## **AD-HOC Committee Ad Hoc to Define the Webmaster Role**

The ad hoc committee met for the third time on Wednesday, June 1st. Participants were Sally S., Carl G., and Bob B. We spent most of the time creating a revision of the 'Duties and Suggested Qualification' for the Webmaster position. Changes were made since we found that it could be summed up more succinctly. We ended the discussion satisfied that we had finished this portion of the agenda.

The discussion next moved to the Assistant or Co-Webmaster position. It was decided the qualifications should be the same since there would be equivalent duties expected of anyone holding this role.

Discussion was also had relating to the research on how other Intergroups, Areas or Districts have addressed webmaster qualifications and whether payment for services was included in their location. Further discussion on this topic will be had at the next meeting.

## **District 1**

- Met on May 19<sup>th</sup>. All Groups doing well. Discussed commitment to Round-Up.

## **District 2**

- Don't meet until next week.

## **District 3**

- The district continues to meet in a hybrid format with the physical location at the Lee Court house. We've had 7-8 groups at recent meetings - our largest attendance in a couple of years. We've only had 1 group represented in person and the rest have joined online. Co-DCM and LCM remain vacant. Men's 12th Step group. Had discussion about Southern Berkshire Group and how to facilitate their hybrid meeting. There are concerns about having or not having the physical meetings on camera. The group shared various ideas including a camera in the rear of the room. Created a document outlining each area committee, their purpose, and when they meet. Encouraging groups to get active while it's easier than ever for Berkshire County to get involved. We continue to have our Traditions meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm on Zoom. The meetings have had solid attendance - about 15.

## **District 4**

Group Check-Ins ● Making Progress Group: Still meeting hybrid. On June 1st, group is changing the Zoom ID. Group has let intergroup know. Meeting is well-attended. More people have attended on Zoom than in person this past month due to COVID. ● Saturday Night Beginners Group: Fewer people in this past week. Other than that, all is well. Group might be able to move from the chapel and meet back in regular meeting space starting in July 2022. ● Better Safe Than Sorry: Meet seven nights a week at 6pm online with differing formats daily. About 35-40 people per meeting. A lot of newcomers at the meetings in this past month. Zoom continues to be a format where newcomers can enter to start their recovery journey and get sober. All is going well. ● The Only Requirement Group: Group is still well-attended in person with incoming groups and outgoing commitments. A lot of anniversary celebrations this past month. ● Amherst Monday Night Group: Current GSR has found another homegroup. Group is looking to find someone to replace her. ● Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group: All is well. ● Hadley Language of the Heart: Group meets LIVE weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm. Group is in the process of handling a case of disruptive behavior by a member. GSR will be at the round up this weekend!

## **District 5**

Met on 5/06/22 @ 7:30 PM at 30 Carew St., South Hadley We had 4 GSR's present, one was new. This was our first meeting in South Hadley and on zoom, we had three participants there. The groups that reported are doing well, most are still working on filling one or two last service positions. Mike B. was our guest with announcements. We were scheduled to meet hybrid again next month but on the second Monday of the month. We will be meeting on Zoom only on July 11 because the church has its own function scheduled that night. The meeting progressed quickly, we talked about attending some A.A. meetings in our District soon to recruit GSR's and closed at 8:30 P.M.

## **District 6**

- NO REPORT

## **Delegate's Remarks**

Working on Fall Assembly. N.E.R.T, open position nomination is open. July 9<sup>th</sup> is ON-LINE delegate report for those that couldn't attend Round up. Info is posted, Report is on-line. It is a written report. Was sent a report from GSO on out-of-stock items and when they will be back in stock. Looking for stories for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition Big Book, Deadline is OCT. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Alternate Delegate Remarks:**

Mass State convention planning committee meets the last Tuesday every odd number month. Will be held November 11-13, 2022. Rooms are ready. Please reserve via committee, call directly and mention. Registrations are coming. Will start giving the shorter version of the GSR report- please attend. Talked about District 6 not having a meeting, cancelled without notice, didn't give chance for Area to help make the meeting happen. Also spoke about districts moving the meeting dates- feels it is unacceptable and not OK to do. Said it's not the DCM's meeting to move, no matter the date or holiday. Said he himself has always shown up for commitments, feels everyone else should do the same.

## **Area Chair Remarks:**

- Service Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month, 730pm, at 30 Carew Street
  - Concept mtg, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Talked about intergroup meeting, invited every committee chair or member GSR's included to show up to learn what is happening in our area. Feels it will help our area be more informed/

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Motion to close 8:52p.m.

Next meeting 7/13/2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray Meunier

Area 31 Secretary