

Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes, August 10th, 2022
Called to order at 7:30 PM

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

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District 2 CO-DCM	Kerri O.	Y	N		N	N	N				

District 3 DCM	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y				
District 3 CO-DCM	VACANT	N	N		N	N	N				
District 4 DCM	Leah D.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y				
District 4 CO-DCM		Y	Y		Y	Y	N				
District 5 DCM	Tom H.	N	Y		Y	Y	Y				
District 5 CO-DCM	KATE V	Y	Y		N	N	N				
District 6 DCM	Jenny A.	Y	N		Y	N	N				
District 6 CO-DCM	vacant	N	N		Y	N	N				
Quorum =18	* Only votes to make/break a tie	25	26		22	22	22				

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

No new business proposed, but topic was brought up about excess funds. Treasurer will call a finance meeting.

New Business

No New Business

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning July Balance \$ 28,540.57_
Group Contributions \$ 3,480.67_
Total Area Expenses \$ 1,499.51_
Closing July Balance \$ 30,521.73
Prudent Reserve \$ 8,501.00_
Total Funds Available \$ 39,072.73

Further Comments: *Contributions in July 2022 have increased by \$615.83 from contributions in July 2021 *There was a total of 34 donations made in July 2022 totaling \$3,480.67 * Online PayPal contributions totaled \$124.47 *See Treasure's spreadsheet for more detail

Registrar's Report:

NUMBERS

- 309 active groups—307 regular and 2 virtual
- Up by 1, because one of the “status unknown” shifted from “unknown” to “active”

“STATUS UNKNOWN” GROUPS

- We started with 12 groups listed as “status unknown.” 6 of the 12 are listed in the Meeting Guide. For those 6, we need GSR info so we can change their status to “active.” With the help of DCMs for District 2 and District 4, we now have GSRs for 2 of the 6.

VIRTUAL GROUPS

- Our number of registered virtual groups is 2.
- But there are 29 groups listed as meeting online, according to the Meeting Guide.
- The other 27 groups are scattered across the districts (except District 1), with the largest number in District 3.
- Those 27 groups include 8 that are not registered in Fellowship Connection. Or at least not registered under the name in the Meeting Guide. A couple of names are close to the names of registered groups, so I have some more digging to do.
- DCMs have this list. Also, the Delegate and Webmaster.

REMINDERS

- New DCMS and co-DCMS: please let me have your contact info so GSO can send you your DCM kit and arrange your (read-only) access to Fellowship Connection.
- Please encourage groups to send me their GSR contact info. GSR and DCM change forms are on the area website. Thanks to the Webmaster for keeping links to these forms on the home page.

Area Archivist Report:

CATALOG OF BACK LOG, BOOKCASES BACK IN ROOM. Doing inventory and spreadsheet. Going thru grapevine books-some are missing. BIG asked for info- was sent. Archives committee looking for past. May not be here for next month's meeting. members to record.

Webmaster:

_ Not much going on. Has been posting what is coming in. Website was in maintenance mode. PLEASE check email. Please send minutes to Web post.

Accessibilities

Co-Chair, State Convention, Accessibilities Session TBD
Commitments Completed.
Pauline D., S. Hadley, Bi-monthly in-home
Nora May, Hadley, rides to meetings, from Ruth (chair's wife)
Fred B., Linda Manor, rides to meetings

Future Commitments
Vantage Health., S. Hadley; August 10
Pauline D., S. Hadley, August 13
TBD: Linda Manor, NoHo; Day Brook, Holyoke

Visitor: Rick, possible NoHo commitment in group home setting.

Accessibility Survey, 23 questions, in-development, with Leah, D4 rep.
Visits to Districts-members will promote survey in district meetings

Archives

We met August 2nd. 3 reps were in attendance. A cell phone recording of an interview was of poor quality. That rep will try again using the MP3 recording device.
No reps were available to get the archives display boards to the "Do or Die" group anniversary. Arrangements

were made with Jack, the grapevine chair, to bring our boards along with theirs and set them up. Thank you, Jack.

One rep agreed to attend the intergroup meeting as representative of archives committee.

CPC

Recognized the recent meeting with the Brein Center (virtual) North Adams
Coordinated the attendees for the meeting with the Pioneer Valley ENA (Emergency Nurses Association) on September 27th. This will be a hybrid live/zoom meeting, but all presenters will be live.

We coordinated a new request for American International College (AIC) for September 1st. Working on confirming if it is live.

Continuing reach out to nursing/ medical groups, those are our deepest bench of contacts. Hoping the enlivened Institutions may yield a couple opportunities

Grapevine

Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 6:30, online and zoom. Had 3 new reps. Boards sent to East Mountain Group + Do or Die group. AA.Grapvine.org for podcast, log in any time since 10/21. Not a lot of attendance, asked DCMs to pass along that grapevine committee could use more reps. 1st Tuesday in Sept is next meeting.

PI

Met last night, light attendance. 2 reps dropped out and 2 on vacation. Reviewed last month info and how to gain more support and spoke about hurdles for radio shoe. Idea to visit daytime meetings. Tues, Wed, Thurs 1-4 only for show. Ad care, co=chair tried to reach out again. 8/31 is next meeting. Did Mill Street commitment, folks did not show up- following up to find out how to make it happen.

Round Up_NO REPORT

Berk IG

• Berkshire Intergroup met on Monday, August 8. 9 reps were in attendance. The planning for the spiritual retreat scheduled for September 24 is on track. 25 people have signed up. There is a desire to change the movie matinee scheduled for November 6 to October 23.

We will be losing our office manager and treasurer at the end of the year.

The office remains open 3 afternoons a week.

Expenses for July exceeded contributions by approximately \$200.

The Great Barrington Men's meeting will have a picnic on Sunday, August 21.

There was interest expressed in inviting members of the Area Committee, such as CPC or PI to Intergroup.

Berkshire Intergroup will be sponsoring upcoming event:

A one-day spiritual retreat will be held on September 24 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Christ Trinity Church

Institutions- No Report

WMIG – No Report

WYPAA- NO REPORT

AD-HOC Committee [Ad Hoc to Define the Webmaster Role](#)

Did not meet since last report. Last report stands, hoping to have full report for September meeting.

District 1

- Large attendance. 8 GSR's. Groups all reported as doing well. Group anniversary's, BYOB group back to original format (large square)

District 2

Met 2 nights ago, well attended, 12 showed up. Co-DCM spot is now filled, will start attending. There was group discussion about safety + safety card. Looking for guidance.

District 3

Our next meeting is Friday 8/19. We will be virtual only as I'll be out of town. Thomas, our secretary will be chairing.

DCM and LCM remain vacant

The district purchased a Chromebook for \$400. The first experience with Zoom did not go well but may have been internet related. Chrome very recently discontinued support for their Zoom app. This week we will be deciding if it will be returned and exchanged for a pc.

The Traditions meetings are still being held the second Sunday of the month on Zoom. Attendance is around 8. Recordings of the speaker presentation are available to anyone interested in receiving them.

We are having an ad-hoc meeting tomorrow night (8/11/22) to plan our last event of the year. We're looking at doing something in the way of an "Area Service Roadshow" the first weekend of December. Right now we're considering a format where each committee gets a station and the attendees spend about 10 minutes at each station to hear what the committee does and to ask questions. If the ad hoc committee is agreeable, we may ask to expand our budget for the year to have a catered buffet style meal. We might also ask Steve to give the new GSR presentation and any other information that outlines the service structure. We'd love to have the boards for any committees that have them. We may also give away some literature with participants visiting each station to get a raffle entry.

District 4

Last met on July 19th. * GSR's in attendance. Couple new GSR's & a new Alt-GSR. Things going well. Saturday Night Northampton Group leaving chapel-back to fellowship hall. Eye opener doing well 25/30 people attending. Safe than sorry doing well. Discussed workshop ideas.

District 5

We opened in the usual manner, there were no corrections to our previous minutes, we had 5 GSR's present and a new alternate, Chris K. from the Saturday Night Belchertown Group. 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 received reports on Tradition 8 and Concept 3.

Readers were assigned for next month's meeting.

There is still a good energy at our meeting.

District 6 - No Report

Delegate's Remarks

73 conferences, Timeline for final report is delayed. Digital version delay- Late September. Mid to late December or January for paper version. Topographical error on long form of tradition 9. Duplicated French, Spanish language was not affected. Possible action for making online meetings part of the service structure, possible electronic area in the works. Floor motion was made.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

Mass State convention planning committee meets every odd month, last Tuesday. Still plenty to do. Carpool from end of rt.291 leaves at 6:15. Meet at Sturbridge hotel 7:00. Convention will be November 11-13 Rooms are available \$127.00 per room. Call directly and let the hotel know you are with the convention to get room credits. On-Line registration coming out in September. Attended institutions committee, they voted to rescind our ability to have a vote. August 15th- District 6 has an open house. Rt 190 Hazardville United Methodist Church 7:00. GSR presentation will be shown (new and improved), as well as at District 5.

Area Chair Remarks:

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Motion to close 8:25p.m.

Next meeting 9/14/2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray Meunier
Area 31 Secretary
Western Mass General Service