

Area 31 Meeting Minutes, Dec14th, 2022
Called to order at 7:30 PM

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

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District 2 CO-DCM	Kerri O.	Y	N		N	N	N	N		N	Y
District 3 DCM	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
District 3 CO-DCM	VACANT	N	N		N	N	N	N		N	N
District 4 DCM	Leah D.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N		N	Y
District 4 CO-DCM		Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y		Y	Y
District 5 DCM	Kate V.	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
District 5 CO-DCM	Lara C.	Y	Y		N	N	N	Y		N	Y
District 6 DCM		Y	N		Y	N	N	Y		Y	N
District 6 CO-DCM	vacant	N	N		Y	N	N	N		N	N
Quorum =18	* Only votes to make/brea k a tie	25	26		22	22	22	23		22	19

Secretary's Report:

Old Business- Vote on extra funds for D-6, passed unanimously.

New Business –

- 1) A motion was made to accept budget C as proposed by the treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Motion was made to sunset the monthly area sponsored service manual meeting that takes place 3rd Wednesday. Motion passed 15/2.
- 3) Motion was made to accept the Website Adhoc committee report and to accept the first 2 motions and to return with more information on motion 3 (three options for payment method), this motion passed unanimously. –

NOTE: the committee will submit it at a later date.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning November Balance \$ 32,290.29 Group Contributions \$ 1,454.47, Total Area Expenses \$ 1,788.15, Closing November Balance \$ 33,290.29 Plus – Prudent Reserve \$ 8,501.00 Total Funds Available \$ 41,791.29, Further Comments: * in November 2022 decreased by \$550.35 from contribute in November 2021, there was a total of 20 donations in November 2022 totaling \$1,454.47

Registrar's Report: - NUMBERS

The count of active and registered groups in Area 31 holds steady at 308 (306 regular and 2 virtual), plus 1 pending active.

Reminders:

♣ Registered means the group is in GSO's records, which are the records that area registrars keep up to date.

♣ Active means the group has a GSR or other group contact on record.

♣ Virtual means that the group meets only online. If a group meets in person and online, it's a regular group, in GSO's language—or a hybrid group in local language.

NEW GSRS, DCMS, CO-DCMS

I'll do a big push about this in January, but you can help by starting as soon as possible to fill out the GSR and DCM forms that are on the website and send them to me. The Registrar's email address is on the form. As always, if web forms and email are not your thing, I'm happy to work with anyone to make things as easy as possible.

GROUP NUMBER LOOKUP

Lists are now posted on the website, on the Registrar's page:

<https://www.area31aa.org/docs/registrar>

THANK YOU. . .

. . . to the DCMs and GSRs who sent information and who were patient while I learned the details of the Registrar's job this year.

AND speaking of learning things. . .

. . . GSO holds a zoom meeting for all area registrars in the US and Canada 4 times a year.

These are great opportunities to find out what's new and what's being considered. The last of those meetings for this year will start at 8:00 tonight, so I apologize for having to jump off this meeting.

Area Archivist Report: -

Resumed cataloging and sorting

We received a few additions to the collection this past month.

- 1) Mellissa from the Archives Committee did a recording of Bobby S.
- 2) Mike B donated a C.D. recording of Bob W.'s Trustee at Large talk on Jan. 2017 "A.A. Around the world.
- 3) Bobbie P. had a box mostly with some Big Books signed at past Mass State Conventions
- 4) requesting that the committee chairs and DCM's return the folders containing their minutes from this year past.

Webmaster:

Tom is taking over in January. New ideas. will stay on for 3 months to help the transition. Noticed very few committees are sending minutes to post. EMAILS: Noticed many are at the limit. Make sure to log in and delete old emails.

Accessibilities - Thank you for the great year! Good luck next year Bruce and the committee!

Commitments

Pauline D, Chicopee Group, in-home meeting, 2 nd Thursday. 8 Jan. 6pm.

Vantage, facility meeting, change date as conflicts with area meeting. Richard new activities dir. 1 st Wednesday? Or 2 nd Monday? Bruce will check.

Linda Manor, facility meeting-3 pm on 3rd Wednesdays. Mike sent flyers and introduced Bruce to Hailey.

Accessibility Survey live!

4 responses to date.

Emailed out to District Reps in November 2022

<https://forms.gle/437v9UvthhuYH9QT8>

Area 31 Rep Report-Mike Delegate's report

Other activities this month: Answered Email from social worker Dec 14 for assistance for client, from Rachel Dane Counselor | Opportunity House. 413-301-8312 ext.5 (o) | 413-787-2193 (f) Behavioral Health Network, Inc. 10-12 Ingraham Terrace, Springfield, MA 01105, re interpreters.

FYI: Area 31 Meetings with interpreters (from Joe K.)

AA Randall Group, St. Andrew Church

335 Longmeadow St. Longmeadow, MA Sundays at 1pm. Interpreter

The Daily Grind. 568 College Highway. Southwick, MA Wednesday nights at 7:30. Interpreter.

Daily Reflection. UCC of Holyoke. Have to contact MCDHH for request interpreter.

Archives-n/a

CPC

Grapevine – Met last Tuesday, Dec 6th. Usual 4 suspects on zoom. 12 & 12 will be 70 years old, next deadline will be January. "AAs in prison". Grapevine boards have been out for group anniversary's. Send email if interested in having the boards brought to your group. Grapevine is

increasing prices Jan 31st, 2023. If you order now, you will get free shipping.

PI - P I had our December meeting last night, 12/13/ 2022. Opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Attendance was light as it has been for a while Attending were the Chair, Co-Chair Mark and three present Reps, one in person and two on zoom. We also had one new that is taking over for Rebecca who is rolling out. Our guest from the area was Steve, our Alt. Delegate. Chair read our P I statement of purchase. We read and reviewed Tradition 12. A good discussion was had about keeping anonymity while trying to be of service outside AA. We discussed our three commitments we had since our last report. We did two presentations for the Springfield College Alcohol and Drug Counseling class. One the end of October in person and one virtual on December 3rd. Both went very well and were very well received. Also, we did a p P I presentation for Hampshire Regional High in Westhampton. This is for there after school SADD group, Students Against Destructive Thinking Both of these locations we did in the Spring and were asked to return and also in the future. We also continued our commitment to Mill St. on zoom. We discussed other contacts that have been made. Adcare in West Springfield, Northampton IOP, which is now just for Alcohol first and second offenders, Westfield State College, and various area high schools. Presently with zero response so far! Steve asked about our radio show and if there have been any changes since he did the show and talked to Matt at Audacy about possible changes that need to be made to make it more accessible. John contacted Matt in November with no results so far. I will contact him again to see if we can meet to make some changes. We discussed who may be rolling out of P I and home groups need to elect replacements to send. John will be rolling out as Chair and Mark will be the new chair as of January 1st. Also someone needs to step up to be the Committee Secretary to handle the meeting minutes. So far only one new Rep has come. We still have plenty of pamphlets and I ordered more pamphlet holder stands to share with commitment locations, libraries, senior centers, etc. Also I shared copies of Alanon and Alateen posters that were sent to me by Beth, an alateen coordinator we met at Hampshire Regional. Steve shared with us information about upcoming GSR presentations he will be doing in January, info. On Neraasa, next year's MA State convention and planning committee, and a few other items.

Round Up- update, still looking for a place to have the next round up. Will have at the Clarion if no other options, last resort. Can use more support. Had 6 total members.

Berk IG -In October, our film matinee was a success. Approximately 35 were in attendance and there was a lively Q & A afterwards with the producers/directors/writers of the documentary "Bill W." Intergroup continues to have an excess of funds but contributions did not meet expenses for the months of October and November. Plans are on track for a Christmas Eve alkathon which will be in-person from 5:00 pm to midnight and 7:00 am to noon Christmas Day. From midnight to 7:00 am there will be virtual meetings. We had elections. Not all positions were filled, and we still need a new office manager. There were 10 reps at the Intergroup meeting in November and 9 in December. Approximately 150 people are now on the mailing list for the newsletter.

Institutions -

OLD BUSINESS: Bobby made a motion to continue sending books to Mira Vista. Motion discussion to review foundational rules of book lending and future accommodations on a case-by-case basis. Motion was made to make a progression of positions for 2023. Past practice moves the Treasurer and Secretary 2022 into the positions of Co-Chair, and Chair. Andy made proposals to make a motion to elect the Secretary and Treasurer position. The votes were unanimous. New Business: The Treasurer's position is filled by Cabe from Berkshire institution who is from men's CSS . The Secretary's position is filled by Urygen for 6 months, Northampton Group. This night, Dec. 22, Andy opens election for TREASURER, ANOTHER FOR SECRETARY PRO TEMP. We took it up. We take motions to elect a one-year position of secretary. Previous Secretary Created a Google Doc and Database for use. Done right after the meeting it can be kept up easily. Bobby made motion; Carla seconded. Treasurer is a two-year position that can co-chair. Basically, learn the concepts, traditions, and require either 2 years of service with willingness, past institutions work, IGR, can chair or co-chair. The Secretary position is for one year. Nygen was asked to be Secretary. Matt's treasurer job as financial officer pays a few bills, reports, balances book sales and donations. Authority to sign checks. Steve was elected. Steve made a motion, Bobby seconded. Elected.

WMIG – Christmas Alcañon will take place 6pm to 6pm Christmas eve 24 hours. 487 Appleton St. St. Paul's church. Police will keep an eye out for any danger. Groups bringing snacks, looking for more donations. IE: coffee, Big Books. Also looking for more help to run the event. Looking into going back to live/hybrid for committee meetings. Funds doing OK, looking for more support.

WYPAA- NO REPORT

AD-HOC Committee -

District 1 – GSR presentation is scheduled. We had 8 in attendance. Groups doing well.

District 2 - Had elections, Lynn will be returning again as DCM. Now have all positions filled. 17 people in attendance.

District 3

Held our event on 12.3.22. It was attended by a little more than 50 people. The event took us right to budget for the year. A donation was made to the church and expenses have been submitted to the area.

We concluded our final traditions meeting of the year on Sunday. We will be continuing next year, starting with Tradition 1 on January 9th. Recordings are complete (including tradition 1 now) and available upon request. At our meeting last month, we elected a new Co-DCM (Chaula) and a new secretary (Debbie).

District 4 – Last met on November 15th. 10 GSR's, 2 groups had alternates. Going well- many groups had elections early to get started before the new year, to allow a smooth transition. New GSR's are rolling in. DCM position is filled, Secretary position is filled. Workshop in the works, topic will be "keeping your triangle balanced.

District 5 - Had 9 in attendance, last met on December 5th. 3 new GSR's nominated. New DCM and Co-DCM will be rolling in. meet next on January 2nd 2023.

District 6 – not here, no report.

Delegate's Remarks – Waiting on agenda items to come out. Not yet, had hoped they would be. NERAASA Feb. 24, 25 & 26. Noted, District 2 had 12 groups in attendance, district 4 also had a lot. Things are starting to come back; AA is coming back! Looking good. Its working! Committees are bigger.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

Had a good time at the Mass State convention. Get ready to start carpooling again. Meet end of rt.291. 6:15 sharp. Mass State convention planning committee meets every odd month, last Tuesday, Starting again in January. Looking forward to start doing the new and improved GSP presentation- Please plan on having it early in the year. Attempt to have done before Feb 15th. Need to have it prior to the release of the background info to have real effect and be fully informed.

Area Chair Remarks:

SVC manual meeting the 3rd Wednesday, Concept meeting is 1st Thursday every month. We are going to start planning the transportation for NERAASA. Suggest if you are new to service, check it out. Area will be fully reimbursed, will have van to transport member. Upcoming speaking commitment., JOY OF LIVING on 1/29/2023.

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Motion to close

Next meeting 1/11/2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M.
Area 31 Secretary
Western Mass General Service