

Area 31 Meeting Minutes, May 10th, 2023
Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Mar	S/ A	May	June	Aug	Sept	F/ A	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Mike B.	Y	Y		Y						
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Steve M.	Y	Y		Y						
AREA CHAIR *	John G.	Y	Y		Y						
AREA TREASURER	Steve B	Y	Y		Y						
AREA SECRETARY	Ray M.	Y	Y		Y						
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sally</i>	Y	Y		Y						
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Carl G.</i>	Y	Y		Y						
ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR	Bruce V	Y	Y		Y						
ACCESSIBILITIES CO-CHAIR	Renee	N	N		N						
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Melissa G	Y	Y		Y						
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Chris K	Y	Y		Y						
CPC CHAIR	Steve A	N	Y		N						
CPC CO-CHAIR	Cindy F.	Y	Y		Y						
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Jenny A	Y	Y		N						
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	.	N	N		N						
P.I. CHAIR	Mark H	N	Y		Y						
P.I. CO-CHAIR		Y	N		N						
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	Tom H	Y	Y		Y						
<i>Assist Webmaster</i>	Bob B	Y	Y		Y						
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Bob M	Y	Y		Y						
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Courtney	Y	Y		Y						
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Matt F.	N	Y		N						
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Jax M.</i>	N	N		N						
ROUND UP CHAIR	Steve A.	N	Y		Y						
ROUND UP CO-CHAIR	Tom H	Y	Y		Y						
WMYPAA	vacant	N	N		N						
			N		N						
District 1 DCM	John P	Y	Y		Y						
District 1 CO-DCM	Nancy R	N	Y		N						
District 2 DCM	Lynne S	Y	Y		Y						

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District 2 CO-DCM	Janet B	Y	Y		Y						
District 3 DCM	Chaula H	Y	Y		N						
District 3 CO-DCM	Brian W	N	Y		Y						
District 4 DCM	Adam B	Y	Y		Y						
District 4 CO-DCM	Dan B	Y	Y		N						
District 5 DCM	Kate V	N	Y		Y						
District 5 CO-DCM	Lara C.	Y	Y		Y						
District 6 DCM	Justin C	Y	Y		N						
District 6 CO-DCM	Ryan W	Y	Y		Y						
Quorum =18	*Only to make/brea k a tie	25	31		25						

Secretary's Report:

Old Business- Motion was made to cancel the April Area Business meeting due to the proximity to the Spring assembly, motion passed unanimously.

New Business – explanation from treasurer about current status of 501c3- in good standing.

Treasurer's Report:

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Beginning April Balance	\$ 19,735.89
Group Contributions	\$ 2,679.96
Total Area Expenses	\$ 2,986.86
Closing April Balance	\$ 19,428.97
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 27,979.97

Further Comments:

*Contributions in April 2023 decreased by **\$432.00** from contributions in April 2022

*There was a total of 34 donations made in April 2023 totaling **\$2,679.65**

*See Treasurer's spreadsheet for more detail

Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

Respectfully submitted

Registrar's Report: - Numbers:

Active regular groups: 298
Active virtual groups: 3
Total active groups: 301

There are also 2 new groups in the pipeline.

The overall number is down by a few, mostly because DCMs and GSRs have been reporting groups that have been inactive for many years, and groups that did not come back from the pandemic.

District Visits:

I've now visited all 6 districts this year. Thanks again to the DCMs, Co-DCMs, and GSRs for their invitation, and for all the work they are doing to help keep Fellowship Connection up to date.

Lists:

Every 6 months or so I update group lists for the DCMs, and I plan to distribute those in June. I'll also update the lists of Group ID numbers on the website.

More Numbers:

The latest quarterly report from GSO reports that, in the year 2022, approximately 16,000 updates were made to Group, District, and Area records in Fellowship Connection. The Member Services team at GSO made 44% of those updates. The rest were made by Area Registrars.

Area Archivist Report: Got through the file cabinet. 2 new group histories. 1 old timer recording. Group moved- copied and got into books. Post archives committee, Amherst. Did recording-interview into archives. DCM reached out someone from St. Louis looking for information- going to do a national workshop about institutions. At assembly-webmaster mentioned converting recordings from CD's 100 or more were on there. Looking to convert to a USB flash drive.

Webmaster: Thank you for the hybrid set up, appreciated it. Was my intent to come in person. 100 different recordings on tape side A side B. We have a new group history form on the website. Fillable PDF. Can be printed out. Thank you to the committee. Spent most of the time putting up the minutes. Look to see if was missed. The role has been excellent. We weren't putting the entire treasurer report before- we are now. Practicing new version of website, about 50% there as of now. Our website is front loaded good.

Accessibilities - Last meeting was 4/19 7:00 exciting to see 13 members. Commitments- Vantage 4/5, also an in-home visit. New commitment, Care One, 4th Wednesday, only 2 speakers allowed. Asked each member to go to nursing home to try and get commitments. Also asked them to come to the round up. The subject of overcoming obstacles, Saturday morning salon C. Ordered workbooks, buying literature to put in library. Subscription of grapevine to each, also asked each member to go to Mass State Convention.

Archives- Meet 1st Tuesday at 7:30, met last week. Had 6 representatives. Group Histories are available online. Fill out and email or print. Welcome any new group history. Planning event in July. Will be similar to last one. Bringing boards to Round-Up.

CPC- Met last night, had 10 people. Some events: had presentation at Elms College, made more contacts, finals going on. MOST IMPORTANT thing, we need referrals, probation, police, nursing homes. Send information to CPC. Starting spreadsheets to hand off to future CPC committees, to help. Most doing phone calls, bringing boards to Round UP.

Grapevine – NO REPORT

PI – 11 people in attendance. Old Business, no meeting. Reached out to regional high school. 6 decided to branch out. Dan at opportunity house, 1 time per month. Mill street, possible to get in. Honest Beginnings in Belchertown. Hoping for 4 total every month, Radio show has people recording.

Round Up- 54th annual Round Up, 19th, 20th, & 21st at the Clarion. Entertainment Saturday night. Program not out yet. Tee Shirts. Still looking for donations. 12 steps and 12 traditions & 12 concepts. Close to being all set. Bring Boards after 4:00 on Friday.

Berk IG – Event- Bus trip to NYC GSO, June 30th 20\$ per person. 40 spots available. Leaving from LEE Mass. Finally have office manager also have web “servant” filled. Currently not meeting monthly expenses, in red every month.

Institutions NO REPORT

WMIG – Meet 2nd Thursday, 24 in attendance. A couple of things, a 20% price increase is coming to cover expenses. We have been buying in surplus to prolong. Looking into doing Where and When's. Most people have technology. We are having a golf tournament., more information to follow, 40 slots available. \$45 each includes everything, golf, food, and cart. August 25th Moose Lodge Picnic is August 20th, bands raffles, looking for donations.

WYPAA- NO REPORT

District 1 – Met 4/20, had area visitors. All groups are doing well. This month was lightly attended. Not much is going on.

District 2 – 15 in attendance, Mulberry moving. Looking for support, Alano group is looking for support. Workshop topics_ service sponsorship subcommittee- will be 9/8/2023 5-9:30 motion was made to support GSR's with low attendance- experienced GSR's to help new GSR's DCM made motion about letter to treasurer. Other platforms, all secure, encouraged all to go to Round Up. Amendment to report.

District 3- Meeting was brief- we met outside due to being locked out, 4/17 14 total, 2 new GSR's. Usually start with traditions or concepts discussion. Encouraged GSR's to go to concept meeting on first Thursday Had presentation from BIG. Groups doing well. All reporting positive things. Shaping up good. Having a safety moment at end of meeting How to handle disruptions IE cell phone, drunk member, cross talk. We have participation from BIG, Institutions, lots going on. Putting on commitments NO MAY 19th meeting due to round up.

District 4 – Met on zoom, had 12 in attendance, 9 groups, 1 new GSR from the Conway group. Talked about round up. Workshop in the planning- was held off, early this year- Topic will be balanced triangle, Date will be 8/12/23 Saturday. Speakers involved in service, participation from members, will have Pizza.

District 5- 10 People/ Groups 5/1/23, all groups doing well. Everyone is happy- doing well, contributing to pie chart. Talked about visiting groups that do not have a GSR. Workshop in Chicopee Round UP discussed- looking for donations. New Business Panel at Round UP, give away to keep. Spoke about how important it is to go to Round Up.

District 6 – Meet every 3rd Monday. 4/17/23 7:00 normal attendance. 8 or 9 in attendance. Talked about round up, talked about money from events. Going Hybrid this month. Discussed workshop in September.

Delegate's Remarks – NERF. June 2nd-4th. Designed to enhance relations. Called the GSO road show. Address change for GSO contributions, 2407 James A Farley Station is the new address. Grapevine App in September. Delegate report back will be Hybrid. Zoom info will be on the website.

Alternate Delegate Remarks: Mass State convention. Meeting this month, is every other month odd months until convention. At Sturbridge Host Hotel. Plenty positions open. Carpool end of 291 bright orange

truck, hard to miss, leaving at 6:15pm sharp.

Area Chair Remarks: . No new commitments. TRY TO KEEP REPORTS to what happened at your meeting, don't need to hear what happened here in area. Anything besides that should be NEW BUSINESS.

Old Business Motion was made to cancel the April Area Business meeting due to the proximity to the Spring assembly, motion passed unanimously.

New Business RE; old business to answer question about 503C from DCM district 4. Reassure explained that all appropriate tax forms have been filed & our nonprofit status is current and good. The question about having 2 similar names listed doesn't matter, because the number is the same, and we are recognized by the state of Massachusetts and Federal. Explained that the federal number is the most important. We have had our 2 finance committee meetings each year and 1 extra during the time we were considering PayPal, which does give area31 the not-for-profit rate.

Form 990-EZ E-filing Receipt - IRS Status: Accepted

1 message

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Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 2:57 PM

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Motion to close 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting 6/14/2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M
Area 31 Secretary
Western Mass General Service