

Area 31 Meeting Minutes June 12, 2024
Called to order at 7:30 PM

position	NAME	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
Area Delegate	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O						
Alt. Delegate	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	Y						
Area Chair ***	Bob M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y						
Area Treasurer	Justin C.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O						
Area Secretary	Kate V.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y						
Area Registrar	Sally	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O						
Area Archivist	Carl G.	Y	Y	Y	Y/3	Y	Y						
ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR	Judy H.	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y/Y	Y/O						
CO - CHAIR	Jarrold L.	N	Y	Y	NO	N	N						
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Chris K.	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	Y	Y/O						
CO - CHAIR	Joe L.	NONE	NON	Joe	N/y	N	N						
Coop Pro Comm CHAIR	Bruce V.	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y						
CO - CHAIR	Caren	Y	N		Y/Y	Y	Y						
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Joe T.	NONE	N		N	Y	Y						
CO-CHAIR	Anisa	NONE	N		N	Y	Y						
PUBLIC INFO CHAIR	Andrew	Y	Y		N	N	Y						
CO-CHAIR	Adam B.	Y	Y		N	Y	Y						
WEBMASTER	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y						

Assistant WebMaster	Jenn	N	Y		N	N	N							
W.Mass IGP CHAIR	Yolanda	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y							
BERK IGP CHAIR	Courtney	N	Y		Y/O	Y	Y/O							
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Matt F.	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y							
CO-CHAIR	Lena	N	N		N	N	N							
ROUND UP CHAIR	Tom H.	N	Y		N	Y	Y							
CO-CHAIR (Apr)	Sean D.	ASOF	APR		N	N	N							
WM YOUNG PEOPLE AA	Kaitlyn	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	Y							
CO-CHAIR	NONE	N	N	S/A	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec	
District 1 DCM	Nick/Tony	N	Y	Y	N/T	Tony	Y							
District 1 Co - DCM	Tony/Nick	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	N							
District 2 DCM	Janet	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y							
District 2 Co - DCM	Elaine	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y							
District 3 DCM	Brian W.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y							
District 3 Co - DCM		NONE												
District 4 DCM	Dan	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y							
District 4 Co - DCM	Nancy	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	N	N							
District 5 DCM	Lara	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y							
District 5 Co- DCM	Sharla	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	N							

District 6 DCM	Paula	N	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y						
District 6 Co- DCM	Greg	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	N	Y						
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	26		22	23	25						
**Chair only votes to break a tie													
Shaded folks do not vote.													

Secretary's Report

OLD BUSINESS: The Area Directory and the corrections list was handed out to all present. See Kate if you have yet to receive either.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Bob announced The findings of the ADHOC Committee in charge of finding the storage space for the various Area committees. It was determined that the most cost effective option was the purchase of a storage “shed” which can be stored within the Area Committee’s room here in the church. It has been purchased and arrangements made to pick it up and later put it together.

2.) Two motions were made by Lara District 5 DCM.

a. To change the start time for Grapevine and CPC to 6 or 615. Motion was discussed and tabled for each of the committee to discuss and determine.

B. To purchase a conference camera. Motion was also discussed and tabled for more research to be done. **Treasurer’s Report**

Beginning May Balance	\$ 11,545.85
Group Contributions	\$ 2,387.67
Total Area Expenses	\$ 1773.54
Closing April Balance	\$ 12,159.98
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 20,660.98

Further Comments:

- P.O. Box was also paid for the year and will reflect next month
- Financially healthy and new Comcast Bill is reflected as of this month
- Insurance payment for the year also paid and will reflect next month

Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C. Area31 Treasurer

Registrar's Report : 6/12/24

NUMBERS: Area 31 has 301 registered active groups: 287 regular and 14 virtual.

DISTRICT VISITS: I visited Districts 2 and 6 in May. Thank you to the GSRs and DCMs for helping me clean up some old (and wrong!) information in Fellowship Connection. As one example, two groups with similar names had somehow been mixed up with each other. It turned out that one of the two groups was inactive, while the other one was alive and well. The active group is now listed under its correct name.

PLEASE keep the GSR information sheets coming---or just send an email with the group's name and the GSR's full contact info (name, address, phone, email).

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.

Sally Registrar Area31

Archivist's Report: Carl continues to sort through boxes of material. He hopes that Districts and committee chairs are saving a hard copy of their notes in the manilla folder so they can turn it in to him at the end of the year. This month Carl got through another box, which is very satisfying. Also, he wants people to know that there is a Group History form on our website. If a group wants to fill it in and send it to Archives. It is amazing how much it matters that we have these hard copies.

Webmaster: A Delegates Corner Page has been re-established on the area website and holds the advisory action document and our delegate's presentation from the Roundup. The page is currently accessible under the Resources tab at the bottom of the homepage A step by step guide has been created for posting events and minutes to the website. These were created to help split up the duties between myself and Jenn, the Asst Webmaster. This is the first in what I plan to be a series of creating documentation that ensures the continuity of the site. I'm also planning to create a general overview of the website hosting structure including the domain and the programs used to create the website. I'll also be coming up with a means to make all webmaster passwords to the Asst Webmaster and to the area chair.

I reported last month that the NAATW needed 130 online registrations by July 12th to enable the hybrid portion of the conference. With one month to the deadline, there are 65 registrations and 75 more needed.

Accessibilities:(May 22) 5 ongoing commitments at 3 skilled nursing facilities, 1 facility for brain injured individuals & 1 in home meeting per month.

Pioneer Valley Rehab in South Hadley has weekly open meeting Mondays from 7-8pm, Accessibility chair attends 1st & 3rd Mondays, cochair planning to attend 2nd or 4th. Format varies Cochair Jarrod looking to add this meeting to the meeting app and When & Where's.

- Care One in Holyoke has Deaf Communities coming in next Wednesday 6/19 at 7:30pm, thanks Carol!

- Chair waiting to receive electronic version of Accessibility flyer to send to Andy with

Institutions for printing

- Chair attending Concepts, Traditions and Institutions meetings monthly to align with AA principles (there's so many great things to know and understand!)
- Chair attended District 2 meeting Monday and will be at District 3 meeting 6/21 to share on Accessibility Committee
- Chair/cochair attending State Convention meetings to coordinate with Area 30 Accessibility Committee
- Area 31 Accessibility Committee still looking for people to get involved, monthly hybrid meeting is 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm 30 Carew St South Hadley, link on area31aa.org

Judy H. Chair

Archives: (June 4)Chairperson: Chris K, Hand in Hand Group,Co-chairperson: Joe L, Sober Sunday (via Zoom),Area 31 Archivist: Carl G.,Rick W, Scrambled Eggs, Committee Secretary, Carla C, After Work Group James G, Sunday Night Light,Cody G, Tuesday Suffield Men's,Liz G, Wilbraham Friday Night (via Zoom), Larry G, Ludlow Eye Opener (via Zoom)

Meeting Notes.Chris attended the Area Roundup with the Archives boards. Event was well-attended. Report available on area31aa.org

Carl G (Archivist) Continuing to sort through materials as time allows. Received a request from Brimfield Academy group for their archives. Forwarded a recording to James G in order for James to try and digitally remove background noise from the recording. More to follow on this as James continues to work diligently with recording software.

Ray M (Alternate Delegate) Reported on the Area Roundup, specifically the approval of the 'Plain Language Big Book'. Additionally, provided the committee with a list of upcoming events which is also available on www.area31aa.org

Old Business – James G was able to complete an audio group history with one of his group members.

New Business – Archives boards have been requested for group anniversaries at the Ludlow Eye Opener group on 6/21 and the Cold Spring group on 6/27. Carla to handle getting the boards to the Ludlow Eye Opener group. Joe will take the boards over to the Cold Spring group.

In Service,
Chris K

Cooperation with the Professional Community:(June11th) !2 members in attendance

Commitments for June Four members will be going to the Section 35 Staff meeting at Stonybrook facility at 627 Randall Road, Ludlow, MA.Mark, Mike, Caren and Bruce. Meeting on June 18th at 2PM.Member should arrive at 140 pm to set up.

Bruce V. Contacted Elms College Criminal Justice dept. For a commitment in the Fall, the head of the dept. Confirmed and will get back.

- ACTION Items**
1. Members were asked to get a commitment for our next meeting, if possible.
 2. Follow Up on Elms College Nursing, UMass School of Nursing, AIC, Springfield College for commitments in the Fall semester.
 3. Discussed changing the meeting time from 630 -730 to 615 to 715 pm to leave time for PI to set up for their meeting. Also suggested was the CPC have a hard stop at 720 , which seemed acceptable to all committee members. Discussion tabled until the committee brings the motion to the floor at Area Committee.
 4. Discussed setting a date with other committees (Accessibilities, PI, Institutions, CPC to meet and discuss where committees overlap and how they can help each other. Bruce will talk and arrange this at the Area Meeting.
 5. Steve has a list of CPC's Past commitments. This list could help other committee members to explore and find more new commitments.
 6. Discussed creating a flyer to get the word out to groups to help suggest how CPC can get more commitments.
 7. Discussed having a workshop with PI and CPC to discuss what each committee do and don't do. This would be open to all AA members.

Submitted by Chair Bruce V.

Grapevine: Joe (Chair), Anissa (Co-chair), Steve (Sunday night Haydenville) - I need Steve's email address, Danielle (Southwick Sunday Night BB), Lianne (Wilbraham), Mark T. (SH. Falls) Ricky P. (Wildcats) I need his email address for the minutes, Ray (Area Visitor Alternate Delegate), Nathalie (Language of the Heart), Mary (Daily Reflections Holyoke), Lara (web/zoom support)

This meeting was a Writer's Workshop Planning Meeting.

Danielle A. - Meeting space under the Daily Grind in Southwick on College Highway is most likely available on a Saturday between 4-6pm. Danielle Left a message for Denise the manager of the Daily Grind.

Per Ray - no passing a basket at an Area Funded Event. The GV Committee has a \$600.00 Budget for the Year.

Joe and Anisa met a woman named Vera (previous Delegate) from the Berkshires at the Round Up. Vera has experience with Grapevine and La Vina (District 3) she may be able to provide consultation to our committee.

Mark wants a Writer's Workshop as a separate event from the GV focused meetings. Mark proposes that we hold a GV focused event Quarterly.

Steve suggested we alternate the Grapevine Writer's workshop every other quarter alternating with a Grapevine meeting (such as a Listening Party, or a GV reading/discussion).

Joe- read page 42 of the Grapevine Workbook that provides Submission Guidelines and Editorial Calendar. WE can read this workbook at the Writer's workshop.

Proposed Workshop Agenda:

Anisa - suggests intro in Grapevine Resources about what is expected from a GV Article. Share Submission Ideas. Can write a Letter to the Editor or Contribute to the What's on your mind section. Also can submit to Jokes & Cartoons.

Joe: Provide handouts from the GVR resources at the workshop. Create fertile ground for ideas. Use the workshop to allow them to get started.

As GVRs we should be available as a committee after the workshop to mentor/support those who want help with a GV submission. The Writer's workshop can be a good motivator to publish. The GV Magazine does not send out rejection letters. They keep the stories for possible later publications.

Ray urged group to ensure there is not an Area 31 event happening when we plan the writer's workshop. Check the Area 31 district Calendar.

Possible Date for the First Workshop as close to the 15th of the month so there will be a month's time for participants to finish their submission before the next deadline.

Nathalie suggested August 17th or 24th. Nathalie also suggested calling this a Writer's Retreat.

WE can share the Editorial Calendar at each workshop.

Items needed for the workshop:

30 Copies of the 1 page summary of GV submission and 30 copies of the Guidelines to Contributing, 30 copies of the Editorial Calendar (Danielle) Food & Drink, Maybe note pads and pens

Proposed Agenda from committee members:

*Ice Breaker - What brought you here?

*10 Minutes Free Write (mind dump) from the Artists' Way

*Read Submission Guidelines

*Bring Vera from District 3 to present (Anisa will ask). Have Vera discuss her experience from the past with writing for GV. *Write for 25-30 minutes

*Break

*Write 25-30 minutes

*Share and Close

Finish in 2 hours.

Final Name of Workshop Voted on By the Committee and approved.

Grapevine/La Vina Summer Writing Retreat and Grapevine/La Vina Winter Writing Retreat

Lara the Webhost offered to help with the Writer's Workshop so we can offer it as a Hybrid Event using the Area's Zoom account.

Next Meeting:

- 1) Is Vera able/willing to come to our first writer's retreat?
- 2) Finalize Agenda
- 3) Finalize Date/Time and location
- 4) Can we use GV funds to pay for Color Copies and Collate (30 of each) to make the packets at Staples for example?
- 5) Purchase Notebooks and Pens? Maybe journals with inspiring quotes on them.
- 6) Food and Drink Submitted by Chair Joe I.

Public Information: 10 in person attendees/ 2 zoom attendees

Tradition 4 was read by Pat; Jack will read Tradition 5 next month

Old business was read (see last month's notes).

New business:

- Ongoing concern: the past month was difficult to make all of our commitments (combination of not having people sign up for commitments, and people taking commitments and not being able to follow through).
- Should we be doing these monthly commitments? Or focus more on the general public? Which commitments are Institution vs. PI, Mill St: Institution, Gandara: Institution, Aster House: Institution, Opp House: Institution
- Liberty Prep: PI, but timing is challenging (during the day)
Other PI/one-offs: STCC 2x/year, drunk driving schools, wellness fairs * PI co-chairs will connect with CPC and Institutions to discuss: all are invited. To be scheduled, Adam will share information.
- Where current PI commitments are not to places where people can't get out (not Institutions), could be turned over to a Group to take a meeting there.
- Plans to purchase 24-hour coins and When & Wheres: MOTION PASSED.
- Other ideas:
 - Printing flyers to hand out
 - Find new radio station
 - Buy ads on Spotify to inform about AA on other podcasts etc. (like CT did) Area Report:
- Area offerings, Concept meeting: First Thursday of the month
- Group inventory, - Speaking commitments on service, - Mass State committee commitment (hybrid)
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Carpool leaves from the end of 291 Burnett Rd Chicopee at 5:30 to head to Marlborough Best Western. Lots of ways to get involved there! Convention is Nov 8-10 in Marlborough

- Traditions Play - July 20th at Morningstar Baptist Church. 10-1, will serve lunch. host District 5. **PI con't** Last month's commitments - Mill St Mark took.
- Gandara Adam and Jesse went, but there was already someone there. They put on the meeting, but our contact there is no longer there. Need a new contact.
- Opportunity House Canceled.
- Aster House Called and canceled (said maybe) but Pat went. It was a good meeting.
- Liberty Prep No one went, no one called to cancel. Haven't heard back.
- Other Dan went to Opp House in May.

Submitted by Chairman Andrew

Round-Up: (June 10) Tom H. 162 people attended. Alanon was represented. Delegate Steve made his report. Next year's date June 7th, 2025 Next Round Up committee meeting is August 14 @ 630 pm.

West. MA Intergroup : (JUNE) Yolanda Chair 6/13/24

Introduce Intergroup Officers: Yolanda - Chair / Lindsey - Secretary / Mike - Treasurer / Dan - Bookie / Bob - Webmaster / Coordinator / Joy - Office Supervisor / Kerry - Events Coordinator /

Paul--Committee member

Read Articles of Purpose. – Yolanda, Read Tradition of the Month. – Dan

Recognize Steering Committee members in attendance: Yolanda, Mike, Dan, Kerry, Paul

Ask if there are any new Intergroup reps, invite them to email the Chair at: intergro4@aol.com for an electronic **new rep packet**.

Secretary's report (plus Steering Committee report): Lindsey gave report. Read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: Mike gave report. Read and accepted Elected Position Reports:

Bookie Coordinator: Please update bookie contact for groups, text or call 5188520982 (Dan)

Events Coordinator: Aug 18th, Moose club, 11-5, horseshoe tournament, food, band, need help with volunteers, need raffle prizes!

Staff Position Reports: Office Supervisor: Joy – nothing new to report that is not in secretary/SC reg hours

Webmaster: Bob B. – let Bob know about events/ anniversaries so he can post online, area 31 groups listed on our website that are in CT; let area 11 know about it (we cover Somers, Somersville)

Phone CoverageCHANGED back to old system: Individuals to call or email Intergroup to get on the list. Alphabetical order by group--please check to see if your group is added, if not email intergro4@aol.com group is called and then get assigned a week. Group will cover for one week

Sign up will happen one month before. Shoot to begin in August

Are there any groups in need of help or Group Announcements?

Noho nooner could use some support

Holyoke nooner as well **Old**

Business:

Alcathon Thanksgiving:

11AM-12AM; 11/28/24

Morningstar Community Church,

Draw in Oct 10, 2024, 11 groups with 3 alternate groups

Flyer posted on website

Phone list (see above; item 10)

Application for new office position, Tuesday or vacation fill-in

New Business:

Spanish hotline 413-214-2855;

Area 31 Committee Reports

Delegate/Alte Delegate:

facilitate 4th step on group

outgoing speaking commitments

storage bin to keep committee files/materials

MA state convention committee, 11/8/25-11/10, Best Western in Marlborough

\$129 single \$139 double (can book now) 291 Burnett rd 5:30 leaves to carpool, mtg at 7 and is hybrid
altdelegate@area31.org

Chairperson: Bob

10/19-20 for fall assembly (possible date) district 5 will host

Ray covered everything else

Golf tournament 13 foursomes, all showed, went great, broke even

Accessibility: Not present.

Archives: Not present

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Not present.

Grapevine: Not present.

Public information: Not present.

Round Up: Not present.

Institutions: Lina (co-chair) first wed of month, just in person looking for more people, commitment list is being updated, could use help

Please go through institution committee for commitments, we can help define what is an institution.

\$\$ spent on literature and chairs attending AA convention WMEYPAA: Not present.

Next Intergroup meeting is: (2nd Thursday of the month): 7/11/24

Next Steering Committee meeting is: (Last Thursday of the month): 6/27/24

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP June 10, 2024

Highlights

There were 10 reps at the meeting.

Public Information co-chair Adam D came to talk about what PI does, what the committee is doing and to encourage participation.

Because the office needed to restock a considerable amount of inventory, we operated at a loss for the month of May.

Based on interest expressed, we purchased printed meeting booklets from Western Mass Intergroup.

The planning for a Berkshire Intergroup picnic for July 13 is on track. It will take place at Pittsfield State Forest. There will be lawn games and a meeting at 4:00.

We have returned to having a "bookie" meeting for speaker exchanges.

Some discussion took place about the idea of staggering officer positions to allow for more continuity.

Submitted by Co-Chair Dwayne

Institutions: (June 10) Treasurer's Report-Steve Ending Balance from Prev. Month \$ 445.40

Total donations \$ Expenses \$377.00 End Balance w/ Reserves and expenses \$1546.09

Ending balance for book purchases \$1000.69 To Next Month \$

Bridging the Gap (BTG)- (John) ~ No report. No movement. He explained what bridging the gap is. (They help people get to their first meeting.)

Librarian- (J.D) ~ 1041.00 on books

Liaison- (Carla) ~ There are two forms to fill out for BTG. Not a ton to report on. Feel free to reach out if they have any problems with the commitment. Please bring her a letter of intent if you are holding a commitment. See Carla for what a letter of intent is. * (Betsy)~co liaison

Matt F. Roll Ins ~ Glenn(Thursday night step group) ~Aster House second Tuesday of the month.

Chris(personal commitment) -Prison(Somers CT)

Old Business ~ None

New Business ~ Archives wants to bring speaker tapes to commitments and play them.(Carla) (Matt) Hybrid questions were brought to him (Joe) Commitment in the Ludlow jail or women's jail, not section 35? We haven't added more commitments because there are older commitments that need to be taken first. As the list is updated.(Carla's response) Motion to give \$1000.69 for books (passed) Chair Matt F. phone: (860) 543-3467

Western Mass Young People In AA (WMYPAA) (June 2nd at the Serenity Club) Kaitlyn the liaison says they are organizing a cookout and field day in Agawam in June? And a Flag Football Tournament in July.

Also, we are putting in a bid to host the Annual MYPAA Convention.

DISTRICT 1 (MAY 16TH) Tony chair was disappointed about the attendance only 5 people JEAN (an Alt GSR) volunteered to do a presentation with district 5 at the Round Up. And that was very well received..District 1 met at Sacred Heart Church on Everett Street in Springfield, by Mercy Medical Center. 5 groups from District 1 were represented at the meeting. We had two invited guests; Ray (Alternate Delegate) and Bruce (CPC Chair). Bruce spoke about what CPC is and how they interact with the professional community in Area 31. Ray discussed various topics upcoming for the Area; such as the golf tournament, Round-up, State Convention.

We spoke about the Roundup, where we helped host a meeting on Acceptance with District 5. We had an alternate GSR, Jean, as our speaker for the meeting. The meeting went very well. We also divided up meetings in the District to attend in order to hopefully improve attendance at the monthly District meetings. Our goal is to increase representation over time. This will not be an overnight process, but an ongoing effort. Our next District meeting will be on June 20, 2024

District 2: (May 13th). District 2 continues to meet at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. and is also available, most times, via Zoom.

14 GSRs/alt. GSRs in attendance on May 13th. We had two invited guests to help inform and answer questions for our GSRs. Sally, the Area Registrar, and Yolanda, the Chair for Intergroup, both came and gave wonderful presentations and gave insight into the functions they perform for the Area which benefits all AAs. This meeting was short, there were no large issues, most groups are reporting that they are continuing to grow, see new faces and contributing to the pie chart. The items of particular mention are:

The Holyoke Group just celebrated 78 years. They are seeing some old faces returning as well as new members. Sober Sunday in Holyoke reports that one must come early to get a seat for the meeting and that they are getting active in other areas of service.

Pioneer Valley, West Springfield, reports that they are looking for members. They held a Memorial Day Pizza party. They are back to doing a commitment at Carlson Recovery, on the last Friday of each month.

Wild Cats held an anniversary party on May 27th, 4p-7p, it was a potluck dinner.

The 164 Big Book group in Agawam reports that they are gaining steam, with 12-15 members. They were large when they started and things seemed to diminish for a while. They now are currently attracting 40-50 in attendance each meeting.

Daily Reflections, a Zoom meeting, is still accounting for a large attendance each day and that the attendance demographics are diverse, it is viewed/utilized in several states, as far as Arizona and even in South America's Argentina!

The Not So Young group in Agawam meets Wednesday nights at The Alano club could use some support.

I gave my report from Area, I emphasized the GSRs' responsibilities- esp. concerning their attendance at the Round Up and Assemblies. Unfortunately, we did have another issue with getting the Zoom feature to operate. I had pre-arranged with one GSR, who had been locked out in another previous technological snafu, to call me and we tele-transmitted the meeting. Our Co-DCM was also counting on Zoom and she was able to contact a friend, who is one of the GSRs, and was able to tele-transmit to her also. I don't have any further information as to whether any others were locked out, nor have I received any complaints.

Sally and Yolanda gave their presentations. Bob was our invited guest and gave a report on anything new, since the last Area Committee meeting, that I was not yet aware of. There was no New Business brought to the table. The only lingering Old Business was the Ad Hoc committee getting our Concepts function coordinated, which met separately.

District 3:(June 12)

District 3 met for its monthly meeting on Friday, May 17th, 2024 at 7pm: 19 present, 6 in person at the Lee Courthouse, 13 on Zoom.

1 New Group was registered officially Upon Awakening, and GSR officially registered Ad hoc group working on bringing ideas for the next District 3 event that will be in the Fall.

Bruce V CPC Chair was in person and presented on the role of CPC at the Area; D3 has invited Area Accessibilities to the June Meeting

The monthly District 3 Tradition meeting will be held virtually on July 14th, 2024 at 7pm; sharing will be on Tradition Seven; information to access is on the Area 31 and BIG websites.

The District still has a vacancy for Co-DCM.

The Sheffield Twelve and Twelve is holding a picnic to celebrate 49 years on Saturday, June 15th from noon to 3pm at the Sheffield Town Park on Miller Ave.

Yours in Service, Brian W., Dist. 3 DCM

District 4:.(May 18) Dan B.is new DCM, Nancy is Co DCM. They had 18 groups in attendance totally online .Groups are happy and had no issues to report.We are going to be getting out to meetings to drum up more GSRs Next meeting June 18th

District 5:..(June 3rd)

Before I give my report, I would like to ask that you continue to keep Sharla, our Co-DCM in your prayers. She is still in the hospital and she is still very sick. Our Alternate Co-DCM Sonny has been serving in her place.

There were 14 GSRs and 2 Alternate GSRs in attendance in person, and 1 GSR online. We continue to go out to groups who aren't represented at the district meeting and encourage them to send a GSR to the meeting, and we've been getting new GSRs every month.

Chris K., the Archives Committee Chairperson visited us and explained what Archives does and what the committee is working on currently. The Archives boards will be going out to 2 group anniversaries in District 5 this month and 2 more in August.

Ray M., our Alternate Delegate, updated us on what's going on in the Area. He filled us in on the Mass State Convention planning, and a couple of GSRs are interested in getting involved.

District 5 will be performing the Twelve Traditions play on Saturday, July 20th at Morningstar Baptist Church on North Main St. in South Hadley from 10am - 1pm. Lunch will be served following the play. There are flyers available.

Clear Cut Directions women's group in East Longmeadow celebrated their anniversary last night.

Eye Opener in Ludlow will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Friday, June 21st.

Cold Spring in Belchertown will celebrate their 49th anniversary on Thursday, June 27th.

Sunrise in Palmer will celebrate their anniversary on Friday, August 16th.

Do or Die has a new meeting place at the Christian Assembly of God (the former Saint Paul's Lutheran Church), 181 Elm St., East Longmeadow.

Justin C., the Area 31 Treasurer will visit our district next month.

Lara DCM District 5

District 6: (May 20th)

Paula started the meeting at 7. Caroline read what a GSR does

Caroline-Southwick Sunday Big Book Meeting. Averaging 41 people per meeting. Good attendance and growing.

Jared-Enfield Young People's Group in Enfield, CT. (ZOOM) Meetings are going good 20-25 ppl per week. Good speakers. A woman brought a van load of people to the meeting which was great. Group contributed a considerable amount to the pie chart.

Dianne-Whip City Nooner. Meets Mon-Sat in Westfield at St John's Lutheran Church.

Drawing about 50 people per day to meeting. Leanest day on Thursday (Living Sober).

Planning another dance in May or June TBD. It would be a pot luck/2 speaker meeting/dance.

Jeanette-Tuesday Night Woman's Group in Enfield. Attendance is about 30ish per meeting. Good sobriety in group. She brought information back to the group from the Spring Assembly. Would have like to have brought the agenda items for the assembly to the group sooner because there was no time to review it.

Annette-East Mt Group – Friday night getting a crowd of 80+ people the last few weeks.

Two former members have rejoined the group. Everything is going very well.

Annette-Path to Recovery – Wednesday night Big Book meeting. Going well, getting 20-30 attendees per week. I will not be reporting on this group for the next several months due to a personal commitment.

Judy (ZOOM) -Enfield Hand of Hope Group Saturday mornings at United Methodist Church in Hazardville. Lynn was present on zoom as well, she is co-GSR. Close to 40 ppl per week. Doing well with expansion of group, a lot of new members and new comers. Still handing out packets. Next month the group is voting for new positions.

Group has an anniversary in June.

Greg-co-DCM jumped on ZOOM the last half hour.

Paula it was strongly recommended to get a common storage space.

Andrew from Public Info will be here next month to speak. In June Bruce from CPC will come to share.

Group inventories are available if any group would like one. Just contact the Area Chair who will find a past Delegate to administrate the Group Conscience. The Area Committee will also come into groups as a speaking commitment regarding service.

Western Mass Young People's is having their committee meetings at the Serenity Club in Springfield. All information is on the area website. All committees are in need of support but especially the accessibility committee.

Justin-area treasurer was present. He explained where how the money is used for the area. Money is spent on sending our delegate to the conference. To encourage committee members to go to NERASSA the Area voted to pay for NERASSA for the committee. Money is used to pay for workshops and monthly meetings. Please make sure the group number is on the checks when sending in money.

Old business Fall Celebration of Service. It will be at the United Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Voted to have it September 14th. Time will be ironed out but 1 to 4 was suggested. Some topics are service sponsorship and maybe somebody from a committee could share on how it has changed their lives. Sponsorship/Service Sponsorship/energizing service message.

Delegate's Remarks: Big thanks and kudos to the round up committee great attendance Great time AA World Services position for a non Trustee Director. Email me about that. Initially, I was planning on putting on an online presentation. I hear there is a video of my presentation from the Round Up. More to be revealed. Thank you to the old web master for working on the presentation. Tom is going to be putting it up on the website, once Bob has synced the audio to the video.

Alternate Delegate's Remarks:

Hello fellow service junkies, my name is Ray, gratefully serving as your Area 31 alternate delegate. We are 6 months into 2024, and I have learned so many new things and have a great appreciation for all that you do in your various committees. You are keeping this spiritual enterprise moving forward into the future for your kids and your kids, kids, kids. Since my last report, I have been to every district, some twice as well as every committee. I also enjoyed a well planned and executed Round up, where Steve gave a very thorough delegate report. (the reason we have a Round Up).

Our area is in great shape as we move forward. I would like to give a plug to the accessibilities and P.I. committees, they could use some more support. If you know anyone on the fence about getting involved in service, please have them visit these, or any of our important committees.

The Mass State convention is shaping up to be an outstanding event this year (November 8, 9 & 10). We last met on May 28th and had a walkthrough of the facility. The program committee is building up steam, it will be an EPIC event with all your support. Hotel registration is open, and soon will have the event registration available. Please make sure to book your room through the Mass State website to keep us self-supporting. I will be available to carpool the next trip up leaving 291 Burnett Road (Bowling alley parking lot at the end of Rt. 291 at 5:30pm, heading to the Best Western conference center in Marlboro

Mass. The planning committee meeting starts at 7:00 live and IS on zoom. See ya there! A couple things our area offers:

The 'what a concept' meeting, first Thursday every month, next one slated for July 4th, concept 7.

We offer an outgoing speaking commitment as a committee, if your group would like the area committee to come speak, reach out to Bob M (area chair)

We also offer group inventories, a past delegate will facilitate a 4th step on your home group, see Bob M for more information.

Service Gladly Rendered

Ray Meunier Area 31 Panel 74 Alternate Delegate

Area Chair's Remarks: 1. Building the Shed June 24th @ 1100 am

2. Fall Assembly Oct 19 & 20 District 5 is hosting

3. The shed is built and the combo is 14 - 0 - 30. I'm going to finish it up this afternoon and organize it for now. Please if you're going to store something in there please store it neatly so we can have all our "STUFF" located all in one place

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Bob announced the findings of the ADHOC committee regarding the issue of storage space for the various Area committees. It was determined that the most cost effective option is the purchase of a storage "shed" which can be stored within the Area Committee's room here in the church. It has been purchased and arrangements made to pick it up and later to put it together.

2. Two motions were made by Lara Dist 5 DCM last month which needed to be discussed.

a. To change the start time for Grapevine and CPC will do a hard stop at 720 . Motion was

discussed and Tabled for each of the Grapevine committee can discuss the change .
passed 25 -0

b. Lara came back with a more clear presentation on what a conference camera can do. The most expensive 1000. Next 750 , 529 has an 18 ft microphone, it can be mounted on a tripod. She discussed all the cameras and made the recommendation to purchase the cheapest at \$529. Ray pointed out that we may also be having to replace our Area Laptop as well. Motion tabled to next month

Here is the info that Lara came with to the meeting regarding the Conference Cameras

3 features that all of the models I reviewed have:

Optional 360° panoramic fisheye view of the room and face-to-face view that auto-focuses using AI on whoever is speaking.

8 omnidirectional microphones.

Mostly comparable speaker quality. I have the specs if you want them.

OPTIONS FOR CAMERAS

1. Meeting Owl 3 (\$1,024 w/\$25 coupon)

18' microphone range

1 360° camera lens w/10' radius

3 speakers 80 db

2..Kandao Meeting Pro (\$739 w/\$30 coupon)

Can stand alone without being connected to another computer with a USB cable.

1 5-watt speaker

3.Kandao Meeting 360° (\$559 w/\$30 coupon)

13' microphone range

2 180° camera lenses (total of 360°)

2 10-watt speakers

4..Emeet Meeting Capsule (\$529 w/\$30 coupon)

18' microphone range

Video and Audio AI

Tripod mountable

10 watt hifi speaker, 90 db

NEW BUSINESS Area laptop is in need of a professional to diagnose and determine why there is a recurring blue screen, Does it need to be replaced? Or can it be refurbished for a reasonable fee? Kate has offered to take the computer to her man in Palmer.

Meeting closed at 910 pm.with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted,'

Kate [Redacted]

Area 31 Secretary, Western Mass General Service

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