

Alyssa- Wild Cats
Steve – Mulberry St. Group
Michael – Scrambled Eggs
Mark-Step Group
Tim- Holyoke Sober Sunday
Feeding Hills BB Step Study
Tamara – New Freedom Group
Rich- Holyoke Daily Reflections
Mike- Holyoke group
Sean - Hand in Hand
W. Spfld Step
Not so Young People’s Group
Lynn-Steps to Serenity
Bryan- 164 Big Book
Bob - Area Chair
Justin - Area Treasurer
Janet-DCM
Elaine-coDCM

Mike read concept 8. Sean will read concept 9 next meeting.

GROUP UPDATES – Mulberry St. group could use more members and participation; Step Group had to attend a carpet cleaning tutorial from their location, also announced a Concept meeting August 29th @ 6:30 p.m. @ Edwards Church in Northampton on Concepts 7, 8, and 9. There will be pizza and Costco cake; Holyoke group – started handing out monthly coins at meeting, has seen a positive rebound in attendance; Hand in Hand – beginners meeting is well attended, speaker meeting is not. Considering dropping the speaker meeting and changing format of beginners meeting; W.Spfld Step – meeting moved upstairs and it echoes. There are comfier chairs; Not So Young Peoples – low group members and attendance, considering changing the group name.

OLD BUSINESS- Budget for event on Sept. 7th, Mark and Tim will help run Zoom for the district meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – (Discussion) Newer GSR asked for suggestions on what to report about district meeting to his group at their business meeting. Some suggestions included: events coming up, important news, experience/questions other groups are having that are brought up, bring flyers that are handed out at the district meeting, any information from emails sent to GSR’s from GSO, encourage people to check out the area website, remind people they can attend area or district meetings – they are open.

Janet(Area report)-

- There are 301 active groups in the area, 13 are virtual meetings.

- When your group sends donations to the area, please put group # on it
- Group History forms are available on the area website. Encourage group to fill one out.
- Accessibilities is looking for a secretary for the committee.
- CPC is very active and just added a new Sec 35 commitment
- Berkshire Intergroup needs a secretary and co-chair.
- Western Mass Intergroup is holding a Thanksgiving Alcahthon 11 am – 12 midnight @ Morning Star Baptist Church in South Hadley. Group slots will be drawn at the October WMIG meeting. WMIG picnic is 8/18/24
- WMYPAA putting in a bid to host convention. Currently looking at 3 venues to submit info for their bid.
- MA State Convention is Nov 8th-10th
- Fall Assembly is Oct 19th and 20th at St. Rose de Lima in Chicopee
- Hitchcock Academy Anniversary meeting Sept. 6th, potluck dinner 6:30pm and 7:30-8:30 2 speaker meeting
- Sunrise Group is currently meeting at Pulaski Park Pavilion in Three Rivers for time being
- Green Street Group 43rd Anniversary meeting Aug 22nd 5:00pm food and 6:15 2 speaker meeting
- District 6 Workshop Sept 14th 1-3 pm in Enfield

AREA CHAIR- Standing committees are lacking participation – encourage group to send reps for each committee; Concepts meeting 1st Thursday of every month at 30 Carew Street in S. Hadley; Archives committee is looking for old grapevines from 2021-2023; Area Committee is putting on commitments at Haydenville – Sept 28th, Southwick Sept 29th and Green Street Oct. 7th – will go to groups for commitments to share about their service work and how it enhances their sobriety. Email area chair if interested in a commitment or group inventory; NERF Dec 5th-7th in Providence. Sept 10th @ 12 p.m; reservations for rooms for the Intl convention go on sale. They will likely go very fast.

AREA TREASURER - \$9200 to send delegate to GSC; yearly rent for all area committees is ~\$11,000; donations are going well; area worked to negotiate lower Comcast and Zoom bills; also bought storage space as one time payment versus a monthly ongoing bill for storage.