

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Date: April 2022

Attendees: Susan (B.I.G. Chair), Maureen (Co-Chair), Mike M. (Treasurer), Tom H (District 3 DCM), Larry (Office Manager), Mike B. (Area 31 Delegate), Bob (Young at Heart), Brent, (Men's 12 Step Group), Paula (Central Berkshire Group) Sam (Great Barrington Men's), Mike M. (Secretary)

- Open with Serenity Prayer
- Preamble
- Roll call
- Secretary Report, accepted

OFFICE MANAGER

- Open 33 days in April, no business for 5 days. Other 13 days we had 11 transactions, 5 were books the others were for coins and medallions, Andy Jim P. (Mondays), Paula on Tuesdays, Gail on Fridays. Doing well. We are carrying most Grape Vine Books

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TREASURER

- Report was sent out via email. Good month over \$1000. In group donations, paid all bills. Intergroup in good shape.
- Report accepted

WEBSITE REPORT

- Looking for help maintain the website, if anyone knows anyone that would like to help, let Mike M know. Looking into down loadable /printable meeting list. We have to send changes to meeting list to Western Mass, thinking about eliminating us as middleman, Would simplify the process. Some meetings drop information. There is a way that the information gets entered in to Google calendar. There are still weekly changes to the meeting as some meetings change from virtual to in person
- Discussion on printability of meeting list off website

AREA 31 (area31aa.org)

- Went to Conference last week. May 21st at 1300 there will be a report at western mass roundup explaining all that went on at the General Service Conference. That is an in person meeting only, report will be posted to website also.
- District 6 having an AA for Dummies June 11th in Enfield Connecticut, information on website
- 5th edition of the big book is having a call for stories, go the Area Website there is a link where you can submit a story for the back half of the 5th edition of the big book, entries accepted until October 31st.
- Mass State convention has meetings for planning committee, next meeting May 31 in at 366 Mian Street in Sturbridge MA. More information on the web site, may go virtual only, was spread of Covid at conference, no decision yet on meeting format
- Area 31 hosts a Concept meeting 1st Thursday every month, 7:30 P.M., and a Service manual meeting 3rd Wednesday every month at 7:30 P.M., and both meetings are hybrid (Zoom and in person), location 30 Carew Street, South Hadley MA.
- Area 31 also hosts a Service meeting first half of service manual, third Wednesday (same as meeting parameters concept meeting)
- AREA 31 is willing to go to groups and talk about service work and rewards associated with that. People will come in person. If you are interested email me at areachair@area31aa.org
- If your group would like to do an inventory, you can email areachair@area31aa.org, and you will get hooked up with a past delegate to help with that process including in person visit.
- Round up May 20-22nd. This year being held at the Clarion in West Springfield. Round up committee needs help. It will be live in the first time in years. Planning meeting information can be found on the web site.
- Need help with leading Hybrid meetings, if people can help email me areachair@area31aa.org
- The Spring Assembly was held in March, there were almost 50 people there, almost like normal.
- No Area meeting this month. Next meeting will be in May
- Specific help needed for roundup (greeters, registration, setting up).

DISTRICT 3 (area31aa.org)

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- Monthly Traditions meeting, at 7:00P.M. second Sunday every month more information on intergroup website.
 - Last Hybrid District meeting at Lee courthouse, third Friday of the month. Meeting virtual and in person 7:00-8:00 PM in person and Zoom. represented, good attendance.
 - Round Up coming up,
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 - At the round-up, District3 will put on a *Home Group Celebration* meeting Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. Looking for volunteers for ideas and willing to help at the meeting. District 3 Rep can be reached at 413-841-9361 or email to distrcit3@area31aa.org
 - Still looking for a CO-DCM and C)-LCM.\ I am rolling into WEBMASTER for AREA 31 commitment, need someone to start learning the ropes now. Current webmaster been doing it for 10 years, If anyone knows of anyone who could step into CO-DCM position call me at [Redacted] or email to distrcit3@area31aa.org.

CO-CHAIR (and CHAIR combined)

- No news on retreat. Looking at venues, Nothing to report, meeting later this week

OLD /NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting list discussion. The Western Mass intergroup has a great site for meetings, sortable, can pick parameters for search. We have to send it there anyway, maybe we should just send it there and not maintain 2 different data bases. Maybe still have printable list still available, or QR code for virtual meetings.
- There is still a lot of meetings that have incorrect information online. There are a number of different data bases. Should link one intergroup to the other.

- The Area31aa.org has a great searchable list. Need to have more discussions between the website managers of the data bases.
- There needs to be a more robust way to keep all the list updated and maybe locate information more central.
- Area doesn't do a meeting list the western mass intergroup does the meeting list, the Area just hosts it
- LCM visits groups and tries to get them involved in service
- Volunteers agreed to look into looking into getting updated info from groups
- Big discussion on the amount of money the intergroup has in prudent reserve. There is a lot of money in reserve. We have not spent money over the last 2 years that we used to (retreats, alcathons). We accepted money from the area for our reserve.
- Agreed to discuss and come up with plane to get the money out to the groups and outreach groups to help get the message out MORE TO BE REVEALED

HOMEWORK

- **How to spend money,**
- **Printable meeting lists**

Motion to close.... meeting closed

Responsibility pledge followed by Serenity Prayer