

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

1/14/21

INTERGROUP OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike (*Chair*)
Kate (*Secretary*)
Kevin (*Acting Treasurer*)

ARTICLES OF PURPOSE READ: Charlie

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Ray, Tradition One

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9

NEW REPS RECOGNIZED AND INTRODUCED: (6)

Irena, Northampton Eye- Opener
Lin, Holyoke Daily Reflections
John M, Wilbraham Group
Lena (Alt), Monday night Amherst Group
Jamila, Conway Monday Night Group
Ed, Cold Springs Group in Belchertown

Please send your name, group, phone number and email address to Chairperson Mike R. at; *****@*****.*** for electronic New Rep Packet.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Read by Mike R. and Accepted

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike R.

- The SG decided to support Kevin by limiting his availability from a 24-7 model to being only available during normal business hours of Monday- Friday, 9:00AM to 5:00PM.
- WMIG will be emailing electronic new Rep kits to reps who provide an email address.
- The SC will be visiting district meetings to give a short report on IG and ask for support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read and Accepted

BOOKIE COORDINATOR REPORT: Monthly attendance increasing at Bookie meeting. All Bookies should please contact Dan B at (***)**_****, *****@*****.***

EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Charlie- The Alkathon was great. An Intergroup Picnic is not confirmed at this time, but we are hopeful we will be able to have one in the summer.

OFFICE MANAGER REPORT: Joy is allowed to return to work Monday January 18, 2021 because of illness.

- Please consider putting your name on the back up list to assist Intergroup. put group name and service number (if available) on all donations

WEBMASTER:

[http://www.area31aa.org/;](http://www.area31aa.org/)

- Includes new Area 31 meeting Guide
- specially formatted for mobile phones and tablets.

PHONE COVERAGE: Due to corona virus restrictions, phone coverage is done on an individual basis. Please get on this back up list by contacting Joy if you are interested.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ___ Area 31 has a monetary surplus and has tabled a motion from last month to donate money to the Berkshire Intergroup. This motion is to be expected to be voted on next month. Mike R was in attendance and was asked to return to IG for our thoughts on the matter. Wass IG has had a good month for donations so Mike R suggested we forgo any monies offered us to the Berkshire IG as they are operating in a deficit monthly. Discussion ensued. The General Consensus is that WM IG is happy to forgo the donation to B IG as it seems they need the money more at this time.
- ___ Question posed to Mike R on Answering Service and why the automated message runs for a minute before letting people know to press 1 if they are having a problem with alcohol. Kevin explains that the answering service is in 15 second increments and the task is to speak clearly and somewhat slowly and relay location, office hours, COVID restrictions, and website information so callers looking for general information get screened out before utilizing the answering service which can be costly.

AREA 31 INVITED OFFERS AND COMMITTEES:

DELEGATE/ALTERNATE: *Paul*

- **General Service Conference will be 4/18- 4/24 virtually.** The agenda will be finalized over the next few weeks, but it is looking large. There may be a mini-conference before to assist people prepare.
- **NERAASA 2/26-2/28, www.neraasa.org , cost will be \$21.00**
- **Good news from GSO:** Contributions increased during the pandemic to offset income loss. Contributions by mail: \$7,795,936 + contributions online: \$1,865,722. For a total of: \$9,661,058. This year, 9.6 million topped the high of last year's 8.6 million.

AREA CHAIR: Steve M:

Up-coming calendar:

1/20/21- 7:30PM Ara Service Manual Meeting login at www.area31aa.org

2/4/21 7:30 PM: Concept Meeting, login info on website
2/10 7:30 PM Area Meeting, login info also on the website.

The PI Committee was successful in getting a conference approved AAPSA on the radio stations in Springfield, MA that directs people to IG. IG working on an automatic link to phone answering service.

ACCESSIBILITY: No Report

ARCHIVES: No Report

CPC: No Report

GRAPEVINE: No Report

PUBLIC INFORMATION: No Report

ROUND-UP: *John G*:

((The Round-Up is basically a party for the Delegate's report.))

Anyone looking to help can email John at roundup@area31aa.org next meeting is on 2/10/21 Area31 Round-up will be held virtually in mid- May more information will be coming.

AREA WEBSITE: No Report

INSTITUTIONS: No Report

WMYPAA: No Report

NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2020, 7:00pm._

Adjourned at 8:00pm with the responsibility pledge. Thank you for your service.