

Western Mass Intergroup Meeting Minutes 3/11/21

(Meeting ends promptly at 8:30 pm unless a motion from the floor is raised and passed by simple majority vote)

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Meeting opened promptly at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Intergroup Officers in attendance: Mike R, Chair; Kevin L, Acting Treasurer; Kate G, Secretary.

Articles of Purpose. -Charlie

Tradition of the Month read by – Carolyn

Steering Committee members in attendance: Nancy P, Mike R, Charlie R, Joy F, Kevin L, Dan B, Kate G, Carolyn K, Dave

new Intergroup reps:

Gary – Mixed Nuts Group of AA

Mike R., Chair, dropped his email in the chat, (*****@*****.***), for an electronic new rep packet

- 1) Secretary's report – Read and accepted
- 2) Treasurer's report: Read and accepted.

Elected Position Reports:

- a. Bookie Coordinator: Dan B- We had a great meeting tonight, getting 4-5 new Bookies! Please alert your bookies to contact Dan at (***)-***-**** or *****@*****.*** to get on the Bookie list and become active with other bookies.
- b. Events Coordinator: Charlie R: nothing to report. We are still hoping to be able to have the Intergroup Picnic this summer.
- 3) Staff Position Reports:
 - a. Office Manager: Joy- Intergroup is here to help any groups that need it. Office hours are still MWF Please reach out by calling 413-532-2111 or emailing: Intergro4@aol.com. Group flyers can be put up on the website too. Kevin recognizes Joy working hard for WMass Intergroup doing the job by herself where other Intergroups have several people. Please call ahead for any sales related calls.
 - b. Webmaster: Kevin- Intergroup is working closely with Bob at the area to keep an updated meeting lists on the website and app. Thank you for keeping us up to date on your group as we are unable to put a group on the list without the group's permission.
- 4) Phone Coverage: Is now done on an individual basis because of COVID-19. Please reach out to Joy to be on this list. Intergroup is now back with Crocker.

Old Business:

1. Peter D from the Amherst Saturday Night Group:

He is appealing December 2020's PPP vote and makes a motion to repay the PPP. Which was Seconded.

2. Also, John F, Holyoke Group, introduced a motion to table the motion on the floor (Pete's appeal) for one month giving Kevin time to determine if and how paying the PPP back would be possible.

Kevin relays he had a conference call with the VP of Peoples Bank; the Initiative Project Manager of PPP; and the PPP loan officer.

a. The loan provided to WMass Intergroup was in forgiveness so to discuss possible payback it had to be removed from forgiveness category to non-forgivable and henceforth accrue interest to be paid by the borrower. Should WMA Intergroup wish to pay it in full, it would be \$6,353.33

Should we vote to not pay it back, we complete the paperwork to place it back into the forgivable loan category. Henceforth not mentioned previously is that there were other Intergroups that had done the same.

Kevin asks further, that this topic be retired, permanently tabled and/or killed after tonight's vote so the Intergroup can move forward with business and not have this issue resurface to cause any potential harm to the staff and functional role of Intergroup as a whole.

Mike points out this satisfies John's motion above. Mike further determines the number of voting members in attendance is 20.

Mike asks a member who is in support of the appeal and one member who is not in support to share on their positions:

JohnG: My group thinks we should pay it back.

John F: I think we should be mindful that there are other traditions applicable here like 4, 5 and 2... There have been times when I have had to set aside my ego when I disagreed with group conscience and acquiesce.

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Mike asks for a vote:

7 members voted in favor of the appeal. 13 members voting against.

The appeal to payback the PPP does not carry and Kevin is asked to communicate our wishes with Peoples Bank.

John G: makes a motion to permanently table the PPP issue, never to be allowed back into discussion or to otherwise be brought up again. Jamila seconded. Vote is unanimous.

5) New Business: (1 item):

- a. Mike R has introduced an initiative to form an ad-hoc committee to rewrite the job descriptions and qualifications for Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Bookie Coordinator, Office Manager, Business Manager and Webmaster and to meet once monthly to bring new guidelines to the body by September 2021.

6) Area 31 Committee Reports:

- a. Delegate/Alternate Delegate: Mike B: next meeting on 4/27 will discuss if and how the Mass State convention will happen.
- b. General Service Conference will be Sunday April 18-Sat April 24
- c. Mini Conf Sat 3/27/21 from 9am-4pm
- d. Area Assembly Sun 3/28/21 from 1-4PM
- e. Chairperson: Steve M Report received.
- f. Accessibility: No report
- g. Archive: No Report
- h. Cooperation with the Professional Community: No Report
- i. Grapevine: No Report

- j. Public information: No Report
 - k. Round Up: Round- No Report
 - l. Area Website: No Report
 - m. Institutions: No Report
 - n. WMYPAA: No Report
- 7) Next Intergroup meeting is: 4/8/211, 7:00PM
 - 8) Next Steering Committee meeting is: 3/25, 7:00PM
 - 9) Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.
 - 10) Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.