

Monthly Western Mass Intergroup Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 5/13/21

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

Zoom ID #: 575 606 2145 Password: Intergro4

- 1) Open meeting promptly at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
- 2) Introduce Intergroup Officers: Kate – Secretary / Kevin – Treasurer; Mike R-Chair
- 3) Read Articles of Purpose. – Dan B
- 4) Read Tradition of the Month. – Charlie R
- 5) Recognize Steering Committee members in attendance: Nancy P, Carolyn K, Charlie R, Dan B, Kevin L, Joy F, Mike R, Kate G.
- 6) Welcome new Intergroup reps (Lina from the Amherst Monday Night Group), All new reps email the Chair at: *****@***.*** for an electronic new rep packet.
- 7) Secretary's report (plus Steering Committee report): Questions/comments? Motion to accept.
- 8) Treasurer's report: Questions/comments? Motion to accept.
- 9) Elected Position Reports:
 - a. Bookie Coordinator: Dan- Things are steady, Dan's information was posted in the chat for any new or interested Bookies.
 - b. Events Coordinator: Charlie- Moose Lodge is closed. Looking into alternatives but it doesn't look good.
- 10) Staff Position Reports:
 - a. Office Manager: Joy- Store hours remain the same. People are calling asking about the move. The group change form is available in an electronic format, easily filled out and emailed back.
 - b. Webmaster: Kevin- The website is going great, more groups are keeping up with communicating group changes while opening up and returning to in-person formats or remaining on Zoom. WMIG has a new app, it's internal- not sold in stores, you download it through the website. You can do everything through the app.

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11) Phone Coverage: Is now done on an individual basis because of COVID-19.

- a. Once signed up for phone coverage, there is no need to sign up again. Names are rotated in blocks to give everyone a chance to be of service.

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

- a. None responded during meeting- please be aware WMIG is here to serve you and assist as we can.

13) Old Business:

- a. Motion made to spend up to \$3,000.00 from Prudent Reserve to accommodate our upcoming move, to be paid back monthly from the literature account. Motion passes with 21 in favor and 1 abstained.

14) New Business:

- a. At last month's Area Committee Meeting a motion was made to give Western Mass Intergroup \$3,000.00 to assist with our move so that we didn't have to use our prudent reserve. I said that that we would need to consult the body regarding this motion before I would accept it. After much discussion at the Steering Committee meeting on 4.29.21, our advisement to the body would be to deny that contribution as we didn't accept money from the Area 2 months ago when offered, we already have a plan and we feel it would be irresponsible for us to take money from the Area right now as they need all of their resources to find a place to move to.
 - a.i. Johanna: Why would we not take it? Kevin L: a, we don't need it, we are in a good place and b, the Area Com. has to move too and to date, do not have a place. They could use it. Johanna: I support that decision.
 - a.i.1. Joy makes motion not to accept money from Area Com; Nancy seconded. Votes: 20 agreed, 0 no, 0 abstained; Vote and so ordered.
 - a.ii.
- b. We have a tentative move in date of June 12th and 13th. We will have a definitive answer at the next Intergroup Meeting.
- c. We also just found out that we will be moving into the room that Daily Reflections used to meet. They have given up the room citing financial reasons. This will offer us more space and everything will be in one area as opposed to three different rooms. It will be a much better situation for us.
 - c.i. Store hours will resume to 9A-1P; IG meeting will be able to resume there on Thursday nights, the agreed rent will be \$750.00monthly.
 - c.ii. WMIG will be switching to cell phones – this will save a little money.
- d. WMIG has a new app for your phone, (IT'S NOT THE CHAIR APP). If you go to www.westernmassaa.org you can scan the barcode with your phone and add it to your home screen. You can get to the zoom meeting list, the reopened meeting list and direct links to the website.

15) Area 31 Committee Reports:

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- a. Delegate/Alternate Delegate: Paul H- The General Service Conference went well for a total of 87.5 hours
- b. Chairperson: Steve M-The area is still available to help groups with a group inventory. Area meeting on Concept 6 is June 3. Please checkout the area website www.area31aa.org
- c. Accessibility: NR
- d. Archive: NR
- e. Cooperation with the Professional Community: Mike R- Presentations to educate the professional community are starting up again both in-person and virtually. You can find Mike at cpc@area31aa.org
- f. Grapevine: NR
- g. Public information: Tamara L- PI reaches out to potential alcoholics through schools, out-patient programs, libraries by means of literature packets, radio PSA's (again soon). Please tell your groups PI reps are needed. The meeting is second Tuesday 7:30 on Zoom. All are welcome. Tamara's contact info: pi@area31aa.org
- h. Round Up: NR
- i. Area Website: NR
- j. Institutions: NR
- k. WMYPAA:NR

16) Next Intergroup meeting is: (2nd Thursday of the month) 6/10/21

17) Next Steering Committee meeting is: (Last Thursday of the month) 5/27/21

18) Is there any other business?

19) I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

20) Closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 8:00PM.