

Archives Committee Minutes

February 4, 2020

Meeting started at 7:30PM

Present: Frank M(Holyoke Group), John G (Suffield Monday Night), Carol L(Wilbraham Group), Ben E(Haydenville Sunday Night Live), Thomas D(Monday Night Beginners Grapevine, David B(Florence I-Opener), Jarel W(Belchertown Saturday Night)

We had a working meeting at 6:00PM. We started the regular archives meeting at 7:30pm with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. All members introduced themselves and the second tradition was read.

Steve M, the area chair gave information about the next meeting on NERAASA, Steve will be a presenter. He also gave information on the Mass State Convention planning committee as well as the location of the next spring assembly. It will be at the Hitchcock Academy. All the particulars are available on the area 31 web site.

Archives boards were presented at the I-Opener in Florence and are scheduled for the Randell Group anniversary in Longmeadow on February 23rd at 1:00PM.

The chair and co-chair attended a district 5 meeting about the importance of group histories. They spoke to a group of GSR's. They plan on making a presentation to all districts.

There was some discussions on attendance at intergroup meetings by the different area 31 committees, as well as the "original steps and traditions," how we want to save them and "things" get lost.

There was a follow-up discussion on up-dating the area 31 handbook. Our last entry for western Massachusetts area history was 2014. More to follow.

There was some discussion on histories and making a new board. Thomas D will work on it. There was discussion on the amount of histories that the archives committee has, it is about 80. We will work on compiling a list and uploading it to the area 31 web site. That way, the local groups will know if their group history exist and this may motivate them to write one. There was also discussion on making a flyer about area 31 group histories. The focus of the discussion was to enlarge the amount of group histories for area 31.

The next working meeting will be at 6:00PM followed by the usual monthly archive meeting at 7:30PM. All members will be notified.

There was some discussion on transcribing and changing media format for the cassette tapes. More to follow.

There was a question on archiving the radio show. Bob, area 31 webmaster is taking care of that.

A text will be sent out about dividing the work load for updating our area 31 handbook. We will check area meetings minutes from 2015 to 2019. All of the area 31 minutes are on the area 31 web site.

There was some discussion on a bus trip to GSO in New York. Also the possibility of a trip for the archives committee was discussed.

Meeting closed at 8:16PM with the responsibility pledge. Submitted by Frank M.