

Archives Committee Minutes
January 5, 2021

Meeting started at 7:30PM

Present: Carol L(Wilbraham Group),Bobbi P(Holyoke Sober Sunday)Liz C (Not So Young People)
Kim C (Amherst Monday Night),Immer C(Easthampton Monday Night), Marina(Daily Reflections)
Frank M (Holyoke Group)

We started the meeting with Carol L rescinding her resignation submitted in December because of her health. She will be the chair for 2021. Immer C will be the co-chair. Frank M will be the secretary. There are three new members, Immer C, Marina and Kim C.

During the pandemic the archives boards will not be presented. It is too dangerous.

Carol L gave some thoughts about a zoom workshop down the road.

Kim C wanted to know what is the mission of the archives committee in area 31 This was answered. Paul, our area delegate explain the Archives workbook. The mission of the archives committees in Alcoholics Anonymous is fully explained in the Archives Workbook. Paul gave us an up-date of events for area 31 members. He gave information on NERAASA, Mass State Convention and info on a pamphlet which Berkshire county has suggested about issues when moving into a new area. He also told us about a new book, A visual history of Alcoholic Anonymous: an archival journey. It can be order from aa.org or intergroup. All local area 31 information is located on our website.

Bobbi P informed us that the additions made in 2020 to the area handbook have been posted on line and will be printed in the next area handbook There was also some discussion on “saving documents” in the digital age.

Carol brought up the point that the committee should consider reducing the number of archives boards become of lack of room when on display. Carol also brought up the subject of having “old timers”, share and recorded in zoom archive meetings. It was discussed that the “old timers” presentation should be done in a series of questions to keep the focus on how AA meetings and members have changed in the past 40 or more years.

Bobbi P addressed the amount of archival material, which might be looked at, we have a rich history in area31.

There was also some thought about doing a power point presentation of A visual history of Alcoholic Anonymous: an archival journey. This book could be used as a vehicle to teach why we do things in AA. New comers are not aware of “why” we have certain traditions. How the coffee pot started, why we give medallions These are some of the issues we could consider in this committee in 2021

Meeting ended at 8:25PM

Submitted by Frank M