

Archives Committee Minutes
March 2, 2021

Meeting started at 7:31PM

Present: Carol L(Wilbraham Group),Bobbi P(Holyoke Sober Sunday)Liz C (Not So Young People)
Immer C(Easthampton Monday Night), Frank M (Holyoke Group),Kate W(Sunderland Security Group
and Thomas D(Monday Night Beginners Grapevine)

We started the meeting with Carol L stating that we will continue to not use our last names to keep our anonymity as members of archives committee.

Discussion on Zoom Old Timers talk

Carol L, our chair person this year, also asked Bobbi P to do the interviewing for the old timers, because she has done it before. Bobbi P will decide the format. Examples of questions will be: why they joined AA? what it was like? how many meetings existed when you joined? traveling involved? what is a bookie?etc. etc. Basically, questions to show how our current AA has evolved to what it is in 2021. It was felt that new members will be able to see how the current format of AA came to be in general and area 31.

Immer asked about a release form, we are not going to use one. They were questions about video, there will be none.

Kate W sent a link about how to record a zoom meeting. It is easy to see on google and youTube.

It will be a one speaker meeting and the old timer will speak about 30 minutes. We will run it as a regular archives meeting.

Immer brought up the question of how to store the material. There was some discussion on digitizing tape recordings and paper material. The material will not last forever and this needs to be addressed. We should try to save, at least, some of our archive material while we still are able to do so. We also discussed a budget for Bobbi P, our archivist. It was decided that the archives committee budget should be used this year by Bobbi as she needs material to preserve area 31's historical material.

It was decided we will do the interview this April. Bobbi P suggested that Carol L pick someone who has over forty years with AA. We will log on early next April 1st about 7:00PM to address any recording bugs.

Meeting ended with the serenity prayer at 8:10PM
Submitted by Frank M