

Archives Committee 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA

Meeting Date/Time: 6/6/2023, 7:30pm

Archives email: archives@area31aa.org

In attendance:

Archives chair: Melissa G, After Work Group

Archives co-chair: Chris K, Hand in Hand Group (via Zoom)

Archivist for Area 31: Carl

Alt-Delegate for Area 31: Steve

Technology: Leah

Archives Reps

Chris H, Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group

Matt, Do or Die

Cody, Thursday Suffield Men's Group

Mick, Thursday Wilbraham Men's Group & Monday Wilbraham Step Group (via zoom)

What is Archives? (from area31aa.org)

Archives collects and stores items of significance to the history of AA. The committee arranges to record the stories of 'old-timers' to preserve the oral history of AA. Additionally, the committee arranges displays of archive items at Area Assemblies, the Area Round-Up, and area group anniversaries.

The Archives boards are a visual presentation of A.A.'s early history, as well as the history of A.A. in Area 31, Western Massachusetts. The Archives display boards are available for A.A. functions such as, Group Anniversaries, Area Assemblies, or various conventions, etc. If you would like to schedule the Archives Boards for an A.A. event you can contact the Archives Committee at archives@area31aa.org.

Archives Workbook <https://www.aa.org/archives-workbook>

For AAs interested in service in AA archives, this workbook offers shared experience on committee activities, setting up a repository, preservation work, copyright, collecting oral histories and more. Also provides information about accessing materials in the GSO Archives.

Group History Form https://www.area31aa.org/files/archives/Group_History_Form.pdf

Meeting Notes

- Voted on next event date. Next event will be on 7/29/23. The event will have the same format as the last Archives Listening Party. 7-9pm, set-up at 6pm. Food & fellowship, followed by listening to archived speaker tapes and discussion.
- The group listened to various recorded speakers and decided on 2 speakers to play for the listening party. Melissa will listen to both speakers all the way through to ensure they are a good fit for the event. Melissa will also make a flier for the event. Email chain will go out for reps to sign up to bring food.
- Matt will bring the Archives boards to Do or Die anniversary.
- We questioned if we should change the date of next Archives meeting (July 4th). The meeting date will not change - Archives will meet on July 4th at 7:30pm as scheduled.

To Be Discussed at Next Meeting

- Finalize plans for Archives Listening Party
- Archives boards, Deed of Gifts, interviews

Archivist's Report

- Area history can be found at area31aa.org
- Carl works to catalog AA history at 30 Carew Street - you can reach out to Carl at archivist@area31aa.org if you would like to schedule a time outside of the Archives Meeting to view the archives
- Carl was able to provide an AA member with archived items they were interested in

Alt-Delegate Report

- Steve attended NERF
- 2023 hotel convention rooms are now available, use AA room block