

Archives Committee 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA

Meeting Date/Time: 7/4/2023, 7:30pm

Archives email: archives@area31aa.org

In attendance:

Archives chair: Melissa G, After Work Group (via Zom)

Archives co-chair: Chris K, Hand in Hand Group

Archivist for Area 31: Carl

Delegate for Area 31: Mike

Technology: Leah

Archives Reps

Matt, Do or Die (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

- 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.
- Please announce 7/29 Listening Party at your meetings
- Melissa will send out an email so reps can volunteer to bring food to the event
- Archive boards are needed at The Women's Fireside Group of AA - Wednesday 8/2 6-8pm

To Be Discussed at Next Meeting

- Review event
- 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 is continuing to organize the archives collection and finding lots of cool items

Delegate Report

- 7/25 Mass State Convention planning committee
- Fall Assembly, Oct 14 & 15 - voting on elected positions on 10/15