

Archives Committee 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA

Meeting Date/Time: 9/5/2023, 7:30pm

Archives email: archives@area31aa.org

In attendance:

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

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

Archivist for Area 31: Carl

Alt-Delegate for Area 31: Steve

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

- Jenn T, assistant webmaster, joined the Archives meeting to discuss the new website. She requested that the Archives Committee provide her w/ any suggestions, comments, and hopes for the new archives webpage. We discussed having recordings of archived speakers and other archived material on the new webpage. Mick, Archives rep, is looking into this w/ general service as it relates to anonymity.
- Next event: tentative plan to host an event in which the Archives Committee records long-timers' stories to add to Area 31's archives. Please consider who you might like us to record.
- Boards are needed at the Cold Spring Meeting in Belchertown for their anniversary on 10/12, from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Melissa will bring them/
- Boards are needed at the Fall Assembly 10/14 to 10/15. Melissa will bring them on Saturday 10/14 and Chris K will pick them up on Sunday 10/15.

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
- He received a donation to add to the archives recently
- He has gotten a lot of questions about what the first group in the area is - and it is a complicated question to answer!

Alt-Delegate Report

- Area31aa.org has the area's upcoming events on their calendar (concept meeting, area meeting) - open to all
- Fall Assembly, Oct 14 & 15 - voting on elected positions on 10/15
- State Convention is from November 10 - 12