

Archives Committee 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA

Meeting Date/Time: 10/3/2023, 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
Delegate for Area 31: Mike B

Archives Reps

Matt, Do or Die (via zoom)
Mick, Wilbraham Thursday Night Men's Group (via Zoom)
Cody, Suffield Tuesday Night Men's Group
Chris H, Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group

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

- Can we put archived speaker tapes and other archived material online? Melissa reached out to GSO and is awaiting response as it relates to anonymity. Mike B says ok if no last name, Carl states it may be more nuanced than that and asks what was the intention when document or tape was originally recorded? Melissa will send out response when it is received from World Service. The committee will continue to consider this as we think about new webpage.
- Next event: tentative date Saturday 12/2. We will record two speakers for the archives. A motion was passed to have the event open to AA as a whole. More to follow once date is confirmed.

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

- Fall Assembly, Oct 14 & 15 - voting on elected positions on 10/15
- State Convention is from November 10 - 12

Archives Boards

- **Thursday 10/12, Melissa:** Belchertown Cold Spring Group Anniversary, 5:30 - 8:30pm
- **Saturday 10/14, Melissa:** bring to Fall Assembly, 8:30am
- **Sunday 10/15, Chris K:** pick up from Fall Assembly, 5:30pm(ish)
- **Sunday 10/29, Cody:** Suffield Grapevine Group Anniversary at Sunrise Park, 12 - 4pm
- **Friday 11/10:** Mass State Convention (need to confirm who will drop off)
- **Sunday 11/12:** Mass State Convention (need to confirm who will pick up)
- **Sunday 11/19, Chris H:** Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group Anniversary (not sure time)
- **Saturday 12/2:** tentative next Archives event, will discuss further