

Monthly Archives Committee Meeting

February 6, 2024, at 7:30 PM
30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA

Chairperson: Chris K, Hand in Hand Group
Area 31 Archivist: Carl G.
Invited Guest: Bob M, Area 31 Chairperson

Representatives: Anthony D, Do or Die
Rick W, Scrambled Eggs
Carla C, After Work Group
Michaela G, Amherst Monday Night
Liz G, Friday Night Wilbraham (via Zoom)
2-3 others present via Zoom – unable to get their contact info

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

- Bob M provided the committee with a list of valuable upcoming events, all of which can be found on www.area31aa.org
- We brainstormed ideas around potential events that we could organize, such as a "Listening Party" which was very successful in 2023
- We went over the process by which groups can request the 'Archives Boards' for their anniversaries and/or special AA events
- We discussed the process by which representatives can go about taking a group history for their homegroup, and/or interviewing AA members to submit to the Archives.