

C.P.C. Monthly Meeting
February 9th, 2016

Grace United Church
747 Pleasant Street – Second Floor
Holyoke, MA

Chair: Steve M
Co-Chair: Phylene A
Contact List Manager: Alex S
Secretary: Donna S.

##New Member Welcomed and added to list;
Gina De Rock (Alternate) from Holyoke Step Group

##Previous Minutes read by chair Steve M. a motion to accept by Frank, Second by Carol.

##Commitments for upcoming month were filled as follows:

- >Radio commitment March 15th @ 5pm Alex S = Frank will shadow
- >Intergroup = Carol L
- >Institutions = Steve M
- >Elms College Commitment Tuesday February 23, 2016 @ 4:15 pm = Steve, Alex, Gina, Jonathan, Frank & Donna
- >Bay State substance abuse fair, March 23rd, 2016 8:30am – 12:30pm 361 Whitney Ave, Holyoke = Frank & Steve will man the information table. Carol to speak.

##Contact Manager, Alex S has received contact list for review and updating.

##Mock presentation by Alex S. Alex followed Pamphlet #40 outline= He did an excellent job. Suggestions on the following were discussed in regards to presenting.

- >What area or contact information should we provide or introduce to the audience
- > If we are not sure of information, we do not need to bring it into the presentation
- >When referring to The C.P.C. explain what that means, most people are unaware
- >Index cards may be helpful when presenting to keep focus and flow of information

Thank you, Alex, for the mock presentation. It was very helpful to the newer, more inexperienced members.

OLD Business:

##Baystate Substance Abuse Fair to be held Wednesday March 23rd from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
We have been asked to man a table and pass out literature and be available for questions.
We have also been asked to provide a speaker as a regular AA speaker not a CPC presentation.
When information flier is sent to secretary she will mail it out to committee e-mail list.

SEE: Commitments for further details

##Father Mark has scheduled Tuesday February 23rd, 2016 @ 4:15pm for a speaking commitment at Elms College.

We will be addressing Nursing and Criminal Justice Students

We will meet in parking lot. Parking passes will be e-mailed prior to that date.

SEE: Commitments for further details

##Round-Up is May 20th – 22nd 2016 this year. The CPC Committee will be opening with a CPC presentation. We will be inviting the contacts from our Contact list. Each CPC member will be taking a portion of the list and calling the contacts.

NEW Business:

##Carol reported her commitment at BMC 300 North Main Street, Springfield, went well. Frank attended with her.

6 - 3rd year residents from Bay State Psychiatric attended the presentation. They were an interactive group, with a variety of good questions.

Jonathan has volunteered to do a mock presentation at our March Meeting

Mark, Area Delegate visited meeting.

>He has been assigned to the literature committee – they are reviewing the modernization of the Big Book for print.

>The future of AA membership has been flat – Expenses are continuing to be greater than its income. Feasibility committee assigned to look at options. Do we need to continue to grow? What direction are we going in? How do we best continue to carry the message to the alcoholic in need? We have 300 groups in Area so we have grown in numbers just not in the funds department.

>NERAASA 2016 – Will be held at the Sheraton and Marriott in Springfield MA this year. It is the 25th Anniversary Service Assembly. February 26th, 27th, & 28th. You can register online at Area31AA.Org Volunteers are always needed. To volunteer contact Carol L at hospitality@neraasa2016.org.

>Spring Assembly is coming up – This is open to all AA members sign up sheets will be available