

Area 31 Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Meeting opened with serenity prayer and reading of Statement of purpose,
Introductions with Home Groups were made.

Attendees: Guest: Area Delegate, Mike

John M Chair

Susan

John T

Christine, Do or Die Group

Kathy, Daily Reflections Group

Peg, Holyoke

Matt, Randall Group

Mark L, Friday Night Wilbraham

Rebecca, Holyoke Step Group

Marc

Christine read and reviewed Tradition 3 for us.

Matt volunteered to do Tradition 4 next month.

Old Business:

John M read the minutes from last month's meeting,

Had discussion with the committee on any possible progress getting information out to the public in various places and possible contacts for commitments previously discussed. AS in previous months Susan is still making her rounds at library and Senior Center, etc, to distribute pamphlets and P I information.

New Business:

Susan visited the Attwood facility to see if they have any interest in our committee to visit. She only was able to talk to the receptionist. There is no interest at this time but she did leave some AA pamphlets. The IOP that was there has moved to Greenfield and here they counsel repeat DUI offenders.

We discussed the need to continue to try and contact area high schools to provide information and possible commitments.

Peg had suggested previously we try to contact school Superintendents to inform them on how they can access our PSA's to be used by their High school Health Depts. She and others in the committee discussed it better to try to contact Health and Counselors at High Schools instead. Matt will be contacting Longmeadow High where he has a contact. Marc will contact Somers and Westfield High Schools. Peg will check in with other High Schools in her area.

John will check in with Adcare, W. Springfield.

Rebecca who works at Baystate will talk to her boss about the possibility of us helping out in the Psych unit that helps alcoholics.

Note: Steve mentioned that we need to be sure that we go in to inform and not perform an AA meeting.

Marc who has previous PI experience and has done the Radio Show in the past will stop by the station to see if the AA program could be restarted.

We discussed the new commitment that we need to plan for. It is at the Hampshire Regional High School in Westhampton with the SAAD group "Students Against Destructive Decisions". We had two dates given to me by Sarah, the teacher who runs the program. The committee decided on April 26th. We will conduct a practice dry run at our next meeting. I will contact Sarah this week to confirm our visit.

Area Alt. Delegate Steve: Discussed the monthly Concept and Service Manual Meetings. Info. on these can be found on our Area 31 website.

This year the Round Up is scheduled for May 20,21&22 (In Person) at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Enfield, CT. I Just found out at the Area meeting Wednesday that the location had to be changed. New info. Should be on our Area 31 website soon.

Our Spring Assembly will be March 26th and 27th. Saturday, the 26th will be the Mini-Conference to discuss 12 Agenda items that will be included in the General Service Conference in April. Sunday will be our Spring Business Meeting. For those who would like a list of the items or background info. You can contact Steve at

altdelegate@area31aa.org

Mass State Convention is scheduled for November 11-13 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Planning committee meets every other month. Next meeting is Tuesday March 29th at 7pm. Steve is doing a carpool leaving at 6:15 from the bowling alley at the end of 291. More info.is on our website.

MILL STREET COMMITMENT: It is virtual the last Wednesday of each month at 3pm. If you are chairing this commitment John M will set up on zoom prior to 3pm. Information to sign in will be sent to you and all who wish to attend via email the day before and text on the day of the meeting. We ask you, as trusted servants of AA, that this information not be shared with anyone outside of our Committee. This month's meeting is on 3/30/2022. Peg is our Chairperson.

We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.
Next meeting is on April 12, 2022