

Area 31 Public Information Meeting April 12, 2022

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by serenity prayer. John M read P I Statement of Purpose.

Attendees:

JohnM Chair

Mark H Co-Chair

John T Cold Spring Group

Susan

Peg C Holyoke Group

On zoom

Rebecca Holyoke Step Group

Matt P Randall Group

Guest: Area Chair John

Matt read and reviewed Tradition 4.

Susan volunteered to read and review Tradition 5.

Old Business: John M reviewed last month's business meeting minutes and asked for updates on any new leads from Reps who volunteered to make contacts.

Matt visited Longmeadow High to meet with the Health Class. Students were very responsive. It went very well.

He also made contact with a Substance Abuse Counselor and someone from an organization named C.L.O.S.E Community. More information to follow.

Peg contacted two High Schools, Holyoke and Northampton. She sent an email letter that she read for us. Great letter!

Rebecca emailed the manager of the adult Psych Dept. at Baystate where she works about us coming in to do an Informational Presentation. No response yet. They already have incoming AA meetings though.

John T visited Alcare and met Annie Parks the Director. She is very interested but said most people are still on zoom. He informed her that we could possibly do a zoom presentation for them.

New Business: John M reviewed some of happenings at Spring Assembly and Business Meeting information.

The Assembly was very well attended. Saturday was a Mini-Conference where attendees were broken into different groups to discuss different Agenda Items that will be reviewed and voted on at this year's General Service Conference by Area Delegates. The Afternoon session was for each group to present to our Delegate, Mike, how each Group voted on each item.

Sunday's meeting was our Spring Business Meeting. Here are a few important items.

Accessibilities, Bob talked about their need for additional help to get out to Nursing Homes, Shut-ins, etc. to bring meetings to them and rides to meetings Also to provide books,

pamphlets.etc. to those in need. They obtained a new phone for "Hotline". To be manned by volunteers. Bring information back to Groups that their Committee needs help.

Archives: Their boards are available to bring to Group Anniversaries

Grapevine: To carry the message they are asking Groups to purchase subscriptions to donate. They have a Podcast that is played on Mondays at 9am. Access by going to aagrapevine.org/podcast.

Roundup: The 2022 Roundup will be in person on May 20-22 at the Clarion Hotel on Riverdale Rd. in West Springfield. Flier with all details on our Area 31 website. The main reason for the Roundup is for our Delegate to give his report on the 2022 General Service Conference. They are asking for donations of gift baskets for their Raffle. Twenty dollar approximate limit for contents of baskets.

Western Mass. Intergroup: Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month on zoom. Sign info. Is on their website. Picnic is on for August 2022. More details to follow.

Alternate Delegate Steve: Mass. State Convention is in person on November 11-13, 2022 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. The Planning Committee meets every other month on last Tuesday at 7pm at the hotel in person and on zoom. Steve provides carpooling if needed. All details are also on our website.

Area Chair, John: In new business a motion was given to create an Adhoc Committee to look into and search for a new Webmaster, possibly a paid position. Area Chair will create this Committee.

Radio Show: Thanks to Marc's efforts we will be able to get the Radio Show back up and running. Marc sent me the contact information . I contacted Matt from Audacy Radio and I'm waiting to hear back on when we can meet to do the first show

WE may have a new commitment soon. We were contacted by an Adjunct Professor at Springfield College who has a Substance Abuse Counseling Class that would like us to give an AA Information Presentation. I sent him an email to offer our service and am waiting for a response.

John M showed a picture of our P I Boards. They look very bare and we are looking for suggestions from all to improve these.

Information on our upcoming Commitment to Hampshire Regional High School on April 26th is on a separate page. Information included is location, presentation, Speakers, Etc.

Mill Street Commitment: Last Wednesday of each month on Zoom. John will send out sign in information two days before. Peg C will chair this month and secure a speaker. Thank you!!

Area Chair, John: Area has available for Groups and incoming visits by Committee Members to discuss benefits of service to their sobriety. Also contact John if your group needs an Inventory. He will set up a past Delegate to attend and coordinate the meeting.

We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge

Public Information Presentation for Hampshire Regional High School

Address: 19 Stage Rd.
Westhampton, MA 01027

Presented to: S.A.D.D. program (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
Sarah Jablonski, Coordinator
Group meets in the Counseling Office, Check in at the front door.

Attendees: John M will open the presentation by thanking Sarah and the Group for the invitation and making introductions of our group. We can pass out cards for students to write questions to be asked at the end of our talk. Encourage questions!!

Susan has volunteered to read the presentation format which can be modified and personalized as you see fit.

Mark H and Matt have volunteered to speak for 15 minutes each to share their experiences in AA.

JohnT also has said he will attend and be a backup speaker.

Thank you very much to all of you in advance for attending and your service to AA.