Area 31 Public Information Meeting 5/10/2022

Meeting opened at 7:30 with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Chair read P I Statement of Purpose.

Introductions were done.

Attendees:

John M. - Chair (on zoom)

Mark H. - Co-Chair, Suffield Grapevine Group

Marc C. - Friday Night Wilbraham Group

Susan - S.Hadley Friday Night Beginners

Jesse - Holyoke Noontime Group

Matt P. - Randall Group

Guest: Mike B. Area Delegate (zoom)

Susan read and reviewed Tradition 5 for us.

Marc volunteered to do Tradition 6 next month.

Old Business:

We have not had an Area Meeting since the Spring Assembly so not much new in area to report.

Reminder that the Roundup is scheduled for May 20-22 at the Clarion Hotel in West Springfield. Information is on our Area 31 website.

Accessibilities had mentioned the need for help and the problem with the cell phone that they can't get open. They are working on it or getting a new phone with same number. But the access to the help that might be needed is still unavailable. Marc brought up the question of why it is not accessible and wants to know what number will be used? John M will try to find out this information at Area Meeting tomorrow.

New Business:

Reviewed our commitments this past month.

We visited Hampshire Regional High to present to their S.A.D.D. program on April 26th. John M., Mark H. and Matt P. attended. Mark and Matt each spoke to share their stories. We shared more information about our Committee and AA in general and left them some various pamphlets.

It was well received and the Program Coordinator, Sarah talked to me after and said she was touched by their shares and would love to have us back in the fall. On April 28th Marc C. and Matt P. visited Springfield College to present to their Substance Abuse Counseling Class. We received a very nice email back from the Adjunct Professor, Matthew Brownlie. He thanked us for coming and said his Class commented after Matt and Marc left that it was their favorite class of the semester. John M told him we would be happy to return in the fall for the new semester.

The new AA Radio Show is up and running. John M. met with Matt Peterson on Thursday, April 28th for the first recording to be broadcast Sunday, May 1st. Going forward it will be pre-recorded and then broadcast on Sundays at 5:30am on WHLL, 98.1FM. John created a information sheet that was emailed to all in P I.

This explains how to get involved.

Marc C. Reported he has contacted Chicopee, Westfield and Somers High Schools which were all previous contacts. Visits to these probably will not happen till fall.

Mike, Delegate report:

Attended Conference and it was great. Report will be given on Saturday at the Roundup.

He also said he would be happy to attend Districts to give a report District 3 puts on a Tradition meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 7pm on zoom.

Mass. State Convention Planning Committee meets next on May 31st at Sturbridge Hotel, in person and virtual. More info on Area 31 websi The Fifth addition of the Big Book is inthe process. They are looking for story submissions to be submitted by October 31st. Info. is on our website. Area 31 has monthly Concepts and Service Manual meetings. Info. also on the website.

Mill St zoom meeting scheduled monthly on last Wednesday of each month at 3pm. John M will send out login information the day before to the scheduled Chairperson and John will open up the meeting at 2:50. Marc C. has volunteered to Chair this month.

Next meeting will be June 14, 2022

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.