

Minutes from Public Information Meeting 10/11/2022

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.
Chair read Public Information Statement of a Purpose.

Attendance:

John M, Chairperson
Mark H, Co-Chair, Suffield Beginners Grapevine
Peg C, Holyoke Daily Reflections
Matt P, Randall
Rebecca, Holyoke Step
Kathy, Daily Reflections

Area Guest: John, Area Chair

Tradition 10 read and reviewed by Peg. Thank you Peg!

**We need a volunteer to read and review Tradition 11 next month.

Old Business:

John reviewed some items from last month's minutes. Upcoming commitment with Springfield College and any other contacts made since last meeting which will continue to be discussed in New Business.

New Business:

We continued our discussion of our commitment to Springfield College scheduled for 9/20. Mark, Matt and Peg will attend to bring PI to Matthew Brownlie's class. Since our meeting I have contacted Mathew and received info. on this and sent out to our team. Discussion was had on any progress we have made in contacting possible commitments. Peg has contacted Westfield State and other schools but no response yet. She also will contact Northampton IOP. Mark went to Suffield High and talked to the Principal to offer our possible commitments. I have sent an email out to Sarah Jablonski at Hampshire Regional High to see if they would like us to come out this fall as we were very well received in the spring there. Since then I have received word back on some possible dates in November. I sent out an email to all with this info. John also reviewed items from our last Area meeting especially concerning our Area assembly the weekend coming. Only attendees planned at this point was Mark and John. Also a new attendee named Chad also attended with his sponsor and he shared with me on Saturday that he won't be joining our committee as a Rep. but I welcomed him to come and observe. He feels it is too new in our program for this commitment. Also discussed the upcoming MA State Convention on November 11-13. Discussion was had on our monthly zoom meeting for Mill St. There has not been a meeting for 3 weeks due to various scheduling issues. I will contact Ron Robinson at Mill St to be sure we are all set for this month. It is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/26 at 3pm. I have recently

contacted him and we are a go for now.

*Mark has volunteered to chair the meeting and get a speaker. I will send zoom info. to Mark on Monday for him to join and share with his speaker.

Area Chair John report:

Main item John shared was about our Area Assembly. Saturday will be a Service Fair where all Committees and Districts will present their boards and information on their services to AA and to interest possible AA's to join. Sunday will be the Business meeting to share last six months progress and information of each Committees , Districts, and from our Area Officers.

He also shared with us the information from the finance committee and the vote taken on how to disperse excess funds that area has had in the treasury since Covid. Two items were voted on and passed. One was to fully fund our delegates trip to NY for GSO Convention, \$8000. The second was to allocate up to \$8000 to cover costs for all Area Committee members to Neraasa in 2023.

*Just one last point that was made. All of us need to continue to promote our Committee and try to enlist more help and participation!! Thanks to all for your continued service.

Our meeting closed with Responsibility Pledge,