

Public Information Meeting Minutes for November 8,2022

Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

John M, Chair

Mark H, Co-Chair

Peg C, Holyoke Daily Reflections

Matt P, Randall Group

Kathy

Guest: Area Delegate, Mike

Peg read and reviewed Tradition 11 for us.

*Need a volunteer to do Tradition 12 next month.

In Old Business we reviewed items from last month.

Our Commitment Presentation to Springfield College went very well. Peg, Mark and Matt attended and provided the class on substance abuse counseling with great effort which was very much appreciated by the students and the Adjunct Professor who sent us a very nice email to thank the next day.

Peg shared with us that she still hasn't received any response from the high schools she has contacted and that she made contact with Northampton IOP which is now a program for first and second offenders. She obtained a contact name and phone number which we will continue to keep contact with.

Our co-chair Mark also made contact with Suffield High again. They said they have to get clearance with the Schools Superintendent to get the ok! They both felt that schools are still overwhelmed and it will be some time before they will get back to us. We can keep trying though with other schools.

New Business: We discussed our upcoming commitment to Hampshire Region High on next Wednesday 11/16. Mark, Matt and John will be

attending to do our presentation for the students in their SADD program. Students against destructive decisions. Looking forward to it!

We also have another commitment with Springfield College for an online class the same Professor is holding on Saturday 12/3/2022. Two of us, Kathy and John are already scheduled and a couple more may attend.

John reviewed some items of interest from the Area Assembly Service Fair and Sunday's business meeting. The Fall Assembly went pretty good. Not a huge turnout but I talked to a few people who expressed some interest in our committee and we were able to sign up five for the radio show. Matt at Audacy is still saying he is not able to get responses from volunteers who gave their emails. Matt P said he still hasn't heard from him even though we sent his information twice and he is more than willing to do the show. John will contact them again to find out what the issue is. At the Sunday business meeting. Here are a few things other committees reporting.

Webmaster Bob asked that our website be checked regularly to remove old emails not needed and be sure new Chairs rolling in have access info.

Accessibility is still using Intergroup phone number for people who need assistance. They are focusing on seniors homebound or in Nursing Homes that need rides.

Archive boards are available for meetings and anniversaries.

Grapevine has a message of the day on AA grapevine.org and they are looking for new Reps from Groups as it seems all Committees are.

The Adhoc committee to find a replacement for Webmaster Bob has someone interested but they are now defining the specific roll of the Webmaster.

Institutions had to move from 474 Pleasant St to 300 Appleton.

District 3 is still holding its Traditions meeting on the second Sunday of each month on zoom. Sign in is on area31 website.

Districts 4 and 5 will be holding a joint workshop. More info. to follow.

Discussed MA State convention this weekend and who might be attending.

We discussed that John will be rolling out as Chair at the end of the year and Mark, the Co-Chair the new Chair for 2023 and some important items that needed to be passed to him. *Also discussed with Group Reps that if they are at the end of their commitments to P I that they remind their Groups that a new P I Rep will be needed. Also a Secretary for the group

would be great. We did not have one this year. Please keep reminding anyone interested in service that P I is in need of help.

Our Mill st. commitment will be on Wednesday 11/30 this month and since no one is available to Chair John will take it. He will contact Ron at Mill St. to be sure they are good this month and give him the new sign in information for zoom since we were locked out last month due to inactivity the last couple months.

Peg wanted to share that she thought we should not use offensive language at our commitments since we were representing AA to non alcoholic groups. It's not like when we are in our meetings.

Mike gave his Delegate report to our committee, he mostly talked about the MA. State Convention this weekend and that we have a tradition and a concept meeting each month run by the area. Info. Is on the area website. Hard copy for final report from this year's General Service Conference that Mike attended as our Delegate.

He also explained how decisions were reached to spend excess money in the treasury in the last two years due to Covid inactivity. Money was allocated to pay for delegate's expenses to the convention and money put aside to reimburse Committee Members for a trip to 2023 Neraasa. These items were voted on and passed at the Committee Business meeting. Matt P asked some great questions which Mike responded to with the above info.

Meeting closed with Responsibility Pledge,

We closed at approximately 8:40 with the Responsibility Pledge!