## Public Information Committee Meeting minutes 1/10/2023

## Attendees:

Pat L, E. Mountain Group Andrew W, Southwick Sunday Bigbook Will B, Do or Die Group Laura R, Joy of Living Group Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group Gigi, GSR from Don't Have a Clue Group

John M, 2022 Chairperson (2023 PI Chair and Co-Chair were not able to attend.)

Area Guest: Area Chair, John

Opened meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. John M read PI Statement of Purpose

John read Tradition 1 and reviewed for all.

Note: Andrew volunteered to read and review Tradition 2 next meeting.

## Old Business:

John reviewed minutes from last month's meeting discussing our most recent commitments that we had. Also various High Schools and Northampton for first and second offenders of DUI's, etc. have been contacted. Discussed the need to continue reporting the need for more support for P I. Also the availability of AA pamphlets for distribution to libraries, senior centers, commitments, etc.

Discussed our Radio Show and the problems we've had getting it rolling. John contacted Matt Peterson at Audacy Radio. He said he's had trouble connecting with the volunteers that John has sent to him. I mentioned we need to get together to try and make it simpler going forward. John and Mark H will schedule a meeting for this.

## **New Business:**

We continued our discussion on the Radio Show.

New PI Rep, Laura shared with us that she used to work at the station that broadcast our previous show. She still has some contacts there and will reach out. Also knows someone at Audacy she can contact. New Reps were informed that they can reach out to schools in their areas for more possible commitments. A copy of our P I Presentation Sheet will be sent to all. Also John will send a copy of the Radio Show Information sheet.

John reviewed some information from the December Area Committee business meeting. A motion was made to sunset the area sponsored service manual meeting due to lack of attendance. Motion passed. Adhoc Committee report on changes to Webmaster position for new Webmaster Tom was voted on and passed except for last motion on possible partial

compensation for services. More information will be presented at the next meeting for discussion and a vote.

Grapevine Committee reported that subscription costs will increase on January 31st so order now.

Roundup date has not been set yet. Still trying to confirm a location for May.

Alternate Delegate reported that Planning Committee for the 2023 Mass. State Convention will begin meeting at end of January and every other month going forward. Find details on our area31aa.org website.

Area Chair report, the area sponsors a concept meeting on the first Thursday of each month. Details on the website.

Neraasa is in Albany, NY on February 24 through 26. Area is planning transportation for those going and staying for the weekend. All details also will be on the website but if you wish to join the vanpool contact John at areachairarea31aa.org and leave your name and phone number. If you are especially new to service, check it out. It is all about service!!!!

We discussed our monthly commitment to Mill St. It is a virtual meeting on zoom at 3pm on the last Wednesday of each month. P I Chair will set up the meeting at about 2:45 and will send login information to the person who volunteered to chair and the speaker. Andrew volunteered to Chair this month!

Thank you!

Meeting was closed at approximately 8:30 with the Responsibility Pledge.