

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 2/14/2023

Attendees:

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Andrew W, Southwick Sunday Big Book

Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group

Woody T, Morning Light Group

Elaine P, Afterwork Group

John G, Sunday Night Life

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Area Guest – Mike

MH – Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer

AW – Read Tradition 2 and reviewed for all

(WT volunteered to read and review Tradition 3 next month)

MH – Passed around email/phone contact notification list

Old 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 (Area 31 Chair) 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!

New Business:

AW – Reached out to Wacona Regional High School. They are interested in having a table and pamphlets. Best time is any Monday 11-12:30 during lunch period followed by sitting with Guidance Counselor. Group agreed to have Andrew try for Monday 3/13/2023.

MH – Variety of pamphlets, Public Information Kits, and discussion of additional resources distributed to group. Discussion of places for consideration to bring literature to (ie. Libraries, Schools, Churches).

MH – Radio show communication by sending thru email has not been working. They are closed on Friday and by 4PM each day. Moving forward, MH will coordinate potential speakers with Matt at Audacy, who will have a list of questions. Currently working to set up 6-8 people. Any suggestions for future speakers, reach out to MH to coordinate. Radio Show airs on the Springfield Audacy Program on Sunday Mornings:

WMAS 94.7 at 5AM

WHCC 98.1 at 6AM

Recordings of previous speakers can be found on westernmaa.org

Mike Area 31 Delegate:

Reminded group that Area Committee Meeting is the first Thursday of each month.

NERAASA coming up next weekend in Albany, NY. Online registration is closed, however onsite registration is available.

March 28th MA State Planning Committee will meet to begin planning for this years State Convention. Meeting at Sturbridge House and more information is available on the western MA AA website.

Roundup scheduled for May 19th – 21st at the Clarion Hotel in West Springfield. Registration is not set up quite yet.

MH – Coordinating a commitment to Springfield College, also with another Matt. Share stories to Students learning to be Teachers. Group voted to have MH arrange Thursday 3/2/2023 for commitment date.

MH – Mill Street Commitment for PreRelease Program. Zoom 3PM last Wednesday of each month. Next meeting February 22, 2023 and Andrew will chair.

Next meeting March 14th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Meeting was closed at 8:15PM with the Responsibility Pledge