

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 3/14/2023

Attendees:

Pat L, E. Moutain Group

Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group

Steven B, Amherst Monday Night

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Yolanda R, 2023 Vice Chair

Area Guest – Steve Alt. Delegate

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

PL – Secretary Report and review of 2/14/23 Minutes

SB – Read Tradition 3 and reviewed for all

(PL volunteered to read and review Tradition 4 next month)

MH – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Old 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.

New Business:

PL – Springfield College commitment was successful. Pat, Elaine, and Mark attended and shared story to approximately 12-15 students live and on Zoom. Good relationship with Matt, and looking forward to coordinating once each semester.

YR – Dalton (Wacona Regional High School) went well. Andrew, Yolanda, John, and Mark set up table during lunch period and several students did come up and ask questions. Were able to speak with Guidance Counselor afterwards and they would like us to come back. Alcohol and Drugs are a problem at the school and hopefully as students become more familiar and aware of us, they will open up.

MH – Mill Street Commitment for PreRelease Program. Zoom 3PM last Wednesday of each month. February 22, 2023 meeting had some bumps and hopeful those will be resolved. Next meeting March 22, 2023 and Mark to confirm with Andrew if he is taking. If not, Yolanda will chair and Steven offered to speak.

Steve Area 31 Alternate Delegate:

First Thursday of each month is Concept Meeting @ 7:30PM. Information is available on the Area 31.org website.

MA State Convention Planning Committee meets last Tuesday of every other month. Next meeting March 28th at Sturbridge House which is also location of MA State Convention. Carpool is available meeting at Burnett Road, Chicopee car dealership at end of I-291 at 6:15PM.

NERF – June 2nd to June 4th, in Burlington, MA. More info on website.

Roundup – May 19th to May 21st at the Clarion in West Springfield, MA.

General Service Mini Conference – March 25th and 26th at 29 Sugarloaf St, Deerfield, MA

Area Business Meeting April 25th

Area is willing to come to home groups to perform commitments. Groups can inquire by reaching out to AreaChair@Area31.org.

District 2 is moving from the Alano Club to Agawam Congregational Church beginning next months meeting.

If interested, Group Inventory is available for groups to meet with a past delegate to help facilitate.

MH – Variety of pamphlets, Public Information Kits, and additional resources available. Discussion of places for consideration to bring literature to (ie. Libraries, Schools, Churches). Suffield HS has reached out, and PI used to meet with Westfield and Somers. Perhaps programs to expand to? Jerry offered to reach out to contact @ Holyoke High School. Also going to bring Boards to the General Service Mini Conference, Roundup, and other commitments.

MH – 4 Speakers are lined up for the radio show. Matt at Audacy is looking to have Mark find 6 more to set up times between 9AM and 4PM Monday thru Friday. Yolanda offered to meet and record her story.

Next meeting April 11th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Meeting was closed at 8:05PM with the Responsibility Pledge