

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 4/11/2023

Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Yolanda R, 2023 Vice Chair

Elaine, After Work Group

Andrew K, Southwick Sunday Big Book

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group

Steven B, Amherst Monday Night

Kevin M, Here and Now

Dan Mc, Do or Die

Area Guest – John G. Area Chair

Mark H – Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Mark H – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Pat – Read Tradition 4 and reviewed for all

(Elaine volunteered to read and review Tradition 5 next month)

Old 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. *Andrew had wrong number so John Spoke.*

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.

New Business:

Mark H – North Regional HS expressed interest in having an upcoming commitment. In general, anyone can reach out and set a commitment for PI. General discussion seems we could gather 3-4 members during day.

Andrew – Reached out to Andrew Teasley @ Mill St for possibility of in person meetings. Yolanda is “close” with Andrew and reached out during meeting. Mill Street is interested in having one man for men and one woman for women commitment, to be kept within PI. Mark H. will look to send out CORI’s.

Andrew – Belchertown Halfway House interested in having a commitment.

Pat – Gandara in Westfield had reached out for possible commitments. Pat will reach out to get more info and report next month.

Yolanda – Opportunity House interested in commitment. Dan Mc is resident and will try to get more information.

Elaine – Planning to reach out to Pathfinder HS to see about possible commitment.

Lara/Mark H – South Hadley HS has student led Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee. Just completed Awareness Week, but interest in PI in future.

Jerry – Holyoke HS has a lead. Going to follow up and report next month.

Mill Street Commitment:

Wednesday April 26th at 3PM on Zoom

Andrew will Chair, Yolanda will Shadow, Steven will be Speaker

John Area 31 Chair:

NEXT BIG THING!!!

Roundup – May 19th to May 21st at the Clarion in West Springfield, MA. Always seeking those interested in Service. Can reach out to Yolanda if interested.

Next meeting May 9th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

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