

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 5/9/2023

Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Yolanda R, 2023 Vice Chair

Lara A,

Elaine, After Work Group

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group

Kevin M, Here and Now

Dan Mc, Do or Die

Laura R, Joy of Living

Alex M, Friday Night Eye Opener

Area Guest – Steve Area Delegate

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

Mark H – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Mark H – Read Tradition 5 and reviewed for all

(Yolanda volunteered to read and review Tradition 6 next month)

Old 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.

New Business:

Mark H – Reached out to North Regional HS and hasn't heard back. Will try again.

Pat L – Gandara has several open dates for Wednesday or Thursday's each month at 6:30PM. Group agreed to pursue commitment during an open Wednesday (2nd, 3rd, or 4th). Pat to forward contact info to Mark to confirm date.

Yolanda and Dan – Opportunity House is very open to having PI come in and share. Dan talked with Daz who is open to any day. Group asked Dan to continue discussion and iron out a good day for a monthly commitment moving forward.

Mark/Jerry/Elaine – Continue to reach out to contacts at South Hadley, Holyoke, and Pathfinder HS to see about potential commitments.

Yolanda (Andrew Report) – Honest Beginnings in Belchertown is interested in having 2 meetings/month. Mark H. to reach out consider days that would work.

Pat L – Contact list will be updated and sent out with meeting minutes.

Yolanda/Mark H. – Mill Street is looking to become in person commitment. Mark H. will send blank CORI form to be distributed to committee members for in person at 155 Mill Street, Springfield.

Still going to have Zoom Meeting for May 31st meeting. Pat L. to chair.

Steve Area 31 Delegate:

Concept Meeting – First Thursday each month at 7:30PM

Roundup – May 19th to May 21st at the Clarion in West Springfield, MA. \$25 Entry Fee

General Service Roadshow – June 2nd to June 4th. Panels, Speakers, Grapevine, informational weekend

AA 88th Birthday – June 10th Alderman St, Springfield. Workshop “How to Write Your Story”

General Service Office Bus Trip – End of June by the Berkshire Intergroup Office. Looking to fill bus load by June 10th

Next meeting June 13th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Meeting was closed at 8:26PM with the Responsibility Pledge