

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 7/11/2023

Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Lara A, Wilbraham Friday Night

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Jerry E, Holyoke Step Group

Dan Mc, Do or Die

Andrew K, Southwick Sunday Big Book

Area Guest – John Area 31 Chair

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

Mark H – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Dan Mc – Read Tradition 7 and reviewed for all

(Pat L volunteered to read and review Tradition 8 next month)

Old Business:

Mark H – Reached out to North Regional HS but end of school year approaching. Going to give contact info to Yolanda for Fall.

Mark H – Radio Show did not make contact with us. Seems like miscommunication is occurring so Lara is going to reach out. General Overview, trying to coordinate meeting at the studio at the Basketball HOF for recording for Sunday Morning Shows. If more info comes available, will be reported next month.

Mark H – Mill Street is moving to live meeting. Mark filled out CORI, takes about 2 days to complete and if interested, have to schedule with Sarah to fill out. Currently our commitment is for a Men's meeting, and we discussed possibility of adopting a Women Only Commitment. The Zoom meeting for May did not pan out as computer on our end did not work.

Dan Mc – Opportunity House Commitment scheduled for first Thursday of each month beginning 7/6 at 6PM. Pat will take first commitment and Dan will take August.

Mark H – Contact for Gandara provided to Mark. Going to reach out for possible date.

Mark H – Honest Beginnings Belchertown had some confusion. Reached out to Nick S and Dwight. Going to reach out again.

Mark H – South Hadley HS wrapping up. Contact Sue Cook for Alcohol and Drug Program will try to coordinate with us for next year.

Jerry E – Holyoke HS contact has left position. No longer any contacts here.

Pathfinder – Elaine not in, however, anticipated that HS probably on hold until fall.

Alex M – Asked about colleges. Mark H said we do go to Springfield College twice a year. Also invited all group members to go out and pursue additional commitments.

New Business:

Lara A – Talked with Radio Show-Friends helping Friends. Shared copy of questions for interviews and shows to consider. Jerry asked when show aired. Saturday at 5AM and Sunday at 6AM, however, trial Lara did not hear it play. Mark H to provide additional contacts.

Mark H – Mill Street next commitment Wednesday 7/26 at 3PM. Mark to chair.

Mark H –Gandara scheduled for every 3rd Wednesday of month. First commitment 7/19 at 6:30PM at 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA. Andrew to take first commitment.

Mark H – Opportunity House Commitment scheduled for first Thursday of each month beginning 7/6 at 6PM. Pat had first commitment with Andrew and it went well. Dan will take August 3rd commitment.

Mark H –Reached out to Dwight. Did not have significant interest. Going to hold off for now.

Andrew K – Going to reach out to Wacona Regional HS about possible fall comittment.

Jerry E – Two potential leads. Northampton Recovery Center Director John Sullivan and Astor House, South Hadley Director Dan Regan. Contact info provided to committee via email.

Andrew K – Northampton DUI program. Discussion that used to have multiple commitments here and other locations.

Lara A – Suggested we distribute more literature among committee so can distribute into community.

Pat L – Asked about ways to expand PI Committee. Possibly go to individual group Business Meetings, however, most effective suggestion is to bring friends to PI meeting and events.

John Area 31 Chair:

Archives Committee – July 29th, pull archives of 2 speakers and listen. Food and Fellowship beginning 7PM at 30 Carew St, South Hadley

Fall Assembly – St. Katherines Church 1023 Springfield St, Springfield, MA

Oct 14 9AM – 4PM Area Inventory

Oct 15 1PM – 5PM Business Meeting. Brainstorm and bring up issues for Area 31 to discuss. Also hold elections every other year and PI can present on work we have done previous 6 months.

Next meeting August 8th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

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