

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 8/8/2023

Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Kevin M, Here and Now

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Dan Mc, Do or Die

Area Guest – Mike Area 31 Delegate

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

Mark H – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Pat L – Read Tradition 8 and reviewed for all

(Dan Mc volunteered to read and review Tradition 9 next month)

Old 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 commitment.

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.

New Business:

Dan Mc – Opportunity House Commitment went well 8/3. Feedback to change to a 6:30PM start for commitment to accommodate residents. 1st Thursday of month, next commitment to be taken by Dan 9/7. Address is 12 Ingraham Terrace, Springfield, MA

Pat L – Andrew had commitment with Gandara on 7/19 and it was successful. Pat L. will take 8/16 commitment. Third Wednesday at 6:30 PM at 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA

Mark H – Jerry's lead for Astor House was successful. Going to have on 4th Thursday each month @ 7PM. First commitment for 8/24 still pending who will take. 51 Old Lyman Road, South Hadley, MA

Mark H – Unfortunately Mark was unable to make Mill St commitment due to injury. Hopefully will be back up for next commitment 8/30 Last Wednesday of month. Dan and Kevin are going to try and get CORI with Sara Costa at Mill St (413-886-0110 x3323) to be available to take commitment. Speaker does not need CORI.

Mike Area 31 Delegate:

District 4 – Aug 12, workshop from 10:30AM-1:30PM on Balanced Triangle. Holy Family 29 Sugarloaf, Deerfield, MA

District 2 – Aug 25, Workshop Celebration of Fellowship. Agawam Congregational Church 750 Main St, Agawam, MA

Intergroup Picnic – Aug 20th, Moose Lodge, Chicopee, MA

Intergroup Golf Tournament – Aug 25, Agawam Country Club

Concept Meeting – 1st Thursday of each month, 30 Carew St, South Hadley, MA

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 September 12th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Meeting was closed at 8:02PM with the Responsibility Pledge