

Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 11/14/2023

Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson

Elaine P, After Work Group

Steven B, Amherst Monday Night

Pat L, E. Mountain Group

Andrew K, Southwick Sunday Big Book

Dan Mc, Do or Die

Lara A, Friday Night Wilbraham

Launa K, Friday Night Wilbraham

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 11 and reviewed for all

(Andrew K volunteered to read and review Tradition 12 next month)

Old Business:

Lara A – Reached out to Mrs. Lee at S. Hadley HS and found she works at Middle School Now. Emailed Ms. Wood and waiting to hear back.

Mark H – Reached out to Hampshire Regional HS and has not heard back.

Mark H – Springfield College has 2 commitments scheduled in December. First is in person on Thursday 12/14 and second is online only on Saturday 12/16. More info to come next month.

Elaine P – Going to reach out to Pathfinder HS.

Mark H – Unable to get to Mill St. Kevin still trying to get CORI squared away, has speaker for next commitment 10/25/23 at 3PM. Mark will go with Kevin.

Pat L – Astor House commitment went very well. Nice facility, and good receptive group. Lara A to take 4th Thursday of October, 10/26/23 at 7PM. 51 Old Lyman St, S. Hadley.

Mark H – Dan Mac had Opportunity House and Andrew K had Gandara. Elaine to take Opportunity House 11/2/23 at 6:30PM. 12 Ingraham Terrace, Springfield. Pat to take Gandara 10/18/23 (note-confirmed change with Wayne at Gandara to 10/17/23 – Third Tuesday moving forward) @ 6:30PM. 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

Mark H – 5 names have been given to Matt for radio show. Yolanda and Mark's story has aired so far. Not sure why others have not been scheduled yet. Interested individuals are reaching out directly to Mark H.

Steve – Asked about AdCare, West Springfield which has not gone back live yet. Mark H. will reach out again. Will also reach out to 2nd Offender Program and IOP in Northampton.

New Business:

Lara A – Aster House was great commitment!!! Lots of questions, asked for pamphlets, Launa was speaker. Launa K to take last Thursday of November, 11/30/23 at 7PM due to Thanksgiving. 51 Old Lyman St, S. Hadley.

Elaine P – Opportunity House also a very good group and had a great speaker. Did receive interesting feedback from home group and Mark H. offered that if needed we could go to Business Meeting to explain PI's role and commitments. Elaine to take Opportunity House 12/7/23 at 6:30PM. 12 Ingraham Terrace, Springfield.

Pat L – Gandara was successful. Did move to third Tuesday of each month to accommodate new Wednesday weekly meeting. Lara A to take Third Tuesday 11/21/23 @ 6:30PM. 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

Mark H – Mill Street with Kevin went well. Reached out to Outpatient Program but no go at this time. Discussed that chairperson still needs CORI form to chair. Mark H to take last Wednesday 11/29/23 @ 3PM.

Mark H – New Commitment with Liberty Academy Friday at 6PM. 14-17 year old boys still ironing out frequency. 30 Alderman Street, Springfield.

Lara A – Still trying to connect with South Hadley High School. Making connections thru current Peer Ambassador.

Mark H – Springfield College has 2 commitments scheduled in December. First is in person on Thursday 12/14 from 7-9:30PM at Lochin Building Parking Lot 4. Second is Zoom online only on Saturday 12/16 from 9AM – 12PM. Table who is available and at what times to next meeting.

Pat L – Raised question of should we promote for more members. Mike shared there is no requirement to be on a committee as rep from certain home group. Anyone is welcome to attend and join.

Andrew K – New Commitment possibly with 117 Park Ave, West Springfield possibly once every two months. Going to coordinate and will provide additional info next meeting.

Mark H – Hampshire Regional HS still reaching out without any return.

Andrew K – Still reaching out for Wacona Regional HS.

Mike Area 31 Delegate:

Concept Meeting – 1st Thursday of each month. Concept 12 on 12/7/23 @ 7:30PM, 30 Carew St, South Hadley, MA

MA State Convention –Had 630 Registrations. Went well and was fun.

Grapevine Workshop – 11/17 from 6PM – 8PM at Holy Name Church, 53 Alderman St, Springfield

NERASSA – Registration Available for February. Hershey, PA Area 59 to host

Next meeting December 12th, 2023 at 7:30PM.

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