

## Public Information Committee Meeting Minutes 12/12/2023

### Attendees:

Mark H, 2023 Chairperson	Jerry E, Monday Night Step Group
Elaine P, After Work Group	Emma S, Monday Night Step Group
Pat L, E. Mountain Group	Erica J, Joy of Living
Andrew K, Southwick Sunday Big Book	Chris P, Holyoke Sober Sunday
Lara A, Friday Night Wilbraham	Jack D, Haydenville Sunday Night
Launa K, Friday Night Wilbraham	Area Guest – Steve Area 31 Alt. Delegate

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

Mark H – Read PI Statement of Purpose

Andrew K – Read Tradition 11 and reviewed for all

(Pat L volunteered to read and review Tradition 1 next month)

### Old 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.

New Business:

Lara A and Launa K – Took two commitments and alternated between sharing PI Presentation and speaking. Gandara was first and had about 10 women. Aster House was full and engaged room and also very good.

Mark H – Liberty Prep Academy. Troubled teens 14-17 year olds housing next to Academy. One kid was really excited and into presentation, some others not so much, but worth it to get thru to someone!

Mark H – Mill St 10 guys came in. Shared for 20 minutes and then had discussion around room. Able to connect with one guy and provide phone number when he gets out.

Lara A – South Hadley HS has a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition which is meeting tomorrow on Zoom to discuss having people come in to speak about drugs and alcohol. Pat L to try and sit in on call to get information to report back next month. Contact is Susan Cook and meeting is 12/13/23 @ 6:30 PM and link at southhadleyprevents.org.

Elaine P – Opportunity House went really well!!! Full room and everyone very receptive to really good speaker.

Elaine P – Unable to reach out to Pathfinder HS yet. Would like to go with someone to discuss ways we could bring PI to the school.

Mark H – Passing on Radio Show to Andrew. Will revisit in new year.

Andrew K – Smith Voc Tech HS in Northampton. Met with Principal and couple students. Healthy Choice Week March 11-15. Working out kinks, but we can pick a day that week to take commitment. Had called Principal directly to inquire about interest

Steve Area 31 Alt. Delegate:

Area Meeting – 12/13/23 at 7:30PM, 30 Carew Street, South Hadley and Zoom. Area31.org

Western Mass AA Alcathon – St. Pauls Episcopal Church Appleton St, Holyoke. 12/24 – 12/25/2023 24 hours of meetings.

Concept Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Concept 1 on 1/4/23 @ 7:30PM, 30 Carew St, South Hadley, MA

NERAASA – Registration Available for February, go to [NERASSA.org](http://NERASSA.org). Hershey, PA Area 59 to host. All rooms sold out at primary hotel, but overflow hotels available. Area normally rents a van to go as a group for first come, first serve.

Upcoming Commitments:

Mill Street – Anyone interested in Chairing needs CORI Check. Coordinate with Mark or Andrew. Mark H. to take last Wednesday 12/27/23 @ 3PM.

Gandara – Erica J to take Third Tuesday 11/21/23 @ 6:30PM. 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield.

Opportunity House - Elaine to take 1/4/23 @ 6:30PM. 12 Ingraham Terrace, Springfield.

Aster House - Launa K to take last Thursday 12/28/23 @ 7PM. 51 Old Lyman St, S. Hadley.

Liberty Prep Academy – Andrew to take third Friday 12/15/23 @ 1PM. 30 Alderman Street, Springfield.

Springfield College - 2 commitments scheduled. 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 – 11AM. Multiple Reps for both commitments.

Next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30PM.

Meeting was closed at 8:16 PM with the Responsibility Pledge