

MEETING START 7:00 PM

1. Meeting opened with serenity prayer
2. 6 present online zoom, 4 present in person in Lee

SECRETARY REPORT

3. Transition to new secretary effective April to Maureen B. We thank Kathy for her service. Minutes will be available by end of month, Chris will send out, as well as sent to webmaster to be loaded onto District Folder in the Area 31 website.

WELCOME

4. Ray, Area 31 Alternate Delegate, Dwayne, Berkshire Intergroup (BIG) Chair, Jules, Berkshire Institutions

GROUP REPORTS

5. Sober at Sunrise in person: Katrina GSR. Meeting is daily 7-8am and attendance consistently 50-60 people. All service positions are filled, contributing regularly to all three. Decision process at McGee in process, not finalized although group is ready for another commitment.
6. Tower Tuesday hybrid: Mike K fill in. Has fair amount of newcomers and day counters. Has two sponsor coordinators and get newcomers involved quickly. All service positions filled. 2 institutions commitments and actively considering a third.
7. On Awakening: Mike K fill in. definitely getting newcomers and meeting prioritizes newcomers to share first. Formative outreach to newcomers. Service positions are filled but working on being consistent in meeting attendance.
8. Lee Young people group: Tom. Well attended not all service commitments filled. Institutions are always filled. Contributions are being done. Lots of newcomers from halfway house. Trying to get more people involved
9. Northern Berk Group in Williamstown: Richard. Contributions being done. Sunday and Tuesday meetings. All service positions are filled
10. Berkshire BB Group Cheshire: Fran. Institutions commitments being filled. Becoming more active in bookie meetings outgoing. Difficult to have incoming group due to meeting format is BB study. About 20 ppl in attendance regularly.
11. Watch Your Step Group: Maureen. Meets Sunday 9am both on Zoom and in person. All meet for business meeting on zoom. Strong meeting well attended in both fomats. Two institutions commitments monthly. All service positions filled. Meeting format is based on literature

INVITED COMMITTEES

12. Berkshire Intergroup Dwayne: all is going well. Finances ok. Email went to all BIG Reps to be involved in events. Event Rave being put on by MYSCIPAA. Spring Assembly went well. Berk Intergroup and Western Mass intergroup event was a great success. Can find events on website <https://www.berkshireaintergroup.org>
13. Institutions Jules: Still plugging away on guidelines for individual sponsors for commitments. Taking their time to get it right. The Ad hoc committee put guidelines together and presented to committee. Now going back to groups for input.
14. Plain Language BB Ad Hoc Committee: Mike K. have a structure drafted to address concerns and details on how and why it was created. Section on how to use it in meetings. Some groups already using it. Sponsors and Sponsees to use and third break out sessions to discuss. District 2 looking at doing the same thing – will collaborate as they are too far apart to do one event. Looking at a fall time frame. Looking at location to have it.
15. Co DCM Mike K Assembly synopsis. Several proposals made for Gen service conference. Mike attended the founders writing proposal potentially requiring super majority requirements in voting on any changes as well as definition of founders writing. Proposal for a new edition of Living Sober.
16. Area 31 Alt Delegate: Ray. No meeting in March due to spring assembly. But had April meeting already. Spring assembly most agenda items 50/50 split. Proposal to change Concept 4 to remove the word Woman. Steve will go to General Service Conference. Proposal to vote to Stop using the Sheriff's Department for printing – very inexpensive. Thought was “slave labor” notion. Discussion informed they charge all the same price not just AA. Did not pass. Looking for more support on committees. District 4 workshop coming up in Greenfield at Grapevine clubhouse May 17. Round up in Pittsfield Delegate will give report. Lots of other activities and meetings - June 6-8. International Convention July 3-6 in Vancouver. MYSCIPAA Aug 15-17. Mass State Convention planning meeting last Tuesday odd months. Can ride with Ray. Hybrid meeting. Convention is November 14-16 in Marlboro MA. Regional Forum GSO Roadshow in December no charge for the event. Area offers Concept meeting first Thursday every month 7pm concept of the month hybrid. Outgoing Speaking commitments – Area officers speak at group. A good way to get more participation in service. They also facilitate Group inventories. Contact Bob at Area. Round up will include some proposed changes to Plain Language BB. Events and other details can be found on Area Website: <https://area31aa.org/>
17. Chris D DCM: Webmaster is changing the Area 31 Home Page. Currently plays a video upon entering site. Removing it and adding a still photo. Looking for submissions specifically landscape images for the Area 31 background picture. Can send photos to Tom directly or to Chris. District 3 will host a meeting on Saturday at Round up and Chris or Mike will Chair Topic “Newcomers in Service”. Also an alkathon meeting 10pm Saturday “Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes”. Area provides general format.

NEW BUSINESS

18. NONE

Meeting closed with responsibility pledge at 7:55 pm