

MEETING START 7:00 PM

1. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer (aSsumption as it did not record beginning of meeting)

SECRETARY REPORT

2. Maureen not present Chris read June Secretary Report

WELCOME

3. Ray Area 31 Alt Delegate and Jules, Berkshire Institutions.

GROUP REPORTS - 9 GSR's present

4. Karen M SOS Group meeting doing well with 30-40 attendees. Bus meeting good attendance. Good financial standing - 3 people went to Vancouver for International Convention. She did not attend July Bus meeting but passed on minutes to be read. Reminded people about commitment to LYP in August. May take on more Institution commitment at a Jail to be discussed. Not getting many newcomers and discussion on how and why to get more to meeting.
5. Janice SBG – in need of couple of roles to fill in august for group commitments. Newcomers do attend and try to get them involved in group service; coffee and set up. Filling other commitments. Average 20 on zoom and 40-50 in person. Disussion on passing clip board to get people to help with commitments like coffee and set up – more newcomers getting involved hopefully.
6. Fran Berk BB meeting Wed in Cheshire – discussing phone list for group. How to distribute – only group members? Will not hand out generally to anybody. More discussion and feedback welcome. Rotation of all positions coming up. Janice shared SBG has a phone list for Group members only.
7. Shawn Monterey 11th step. Outside meeting so attendance is weather dependent. Firming ways to meet commitments. Adding in back up list for all commitments. Voted to keep prudent reserve in account. Occasional newcomer but not many due to topic of meeting. Considering voting on doing a group inventory – to be discussed at next bus meeting.
8. Madison Tower Group Stockbridge strong meeting many people 50ish. Ice cream on anniversaries. Pretty robust bus meeting and many newcomers and chip getters. BB to all newcomers. We filled institutions rep role and now looking for intergroup rep. Looking to hold picnic or dance event in fall. She was contacted by registrar in district to confirm when group formed – seems there is an error.

9. Kyle Men's meeting in GB - solid attendance 100+ all service filled in meeting, commitments filled for institutions. Newcomers periodically. Last thurs of month anniversary meeting.
10. On awakening Group – Mike fill in – 6 days week in GB 7am. Solid attendance 8 to 20. Bringing in newcomers and oldcomers. Contributing to pie chart. All good.
11. In person Richard North Berk group Williamstown 2 nights week . The pie chart good. Not many newcomers – not sure how to attract more. Working on service commitment at new Williamstown facility.
12. Glenn Lenox BB meeting 7pm Thursday at Trinity Church – pretty much the same average 30 people positions are filled contribute to pie chart. Always have a couple newcomers around. Some stay some do not. One anniversary end of month – Glenn 14 years.

INVITED COMMITTEES

13. Jules institutions – have been working on guidelines for individuals to bring mtgs into institutions. guidelines finalized last week by ad hoc committee. Reps approved it and will bring back to groups to vote on overall concept. How will individuals be told if passes? AS far as they know there are no individuals bringing meetings to institutions. Good question – will think about and discuss at next committee meeting. Spreading by word of mouth via committee reps meeting announcements possible newsletter being discussed. Will ask GSR to spread the word as well If it passes. It is better to meet the needs to of the institutions and people in them. Ray Alt Delegate spoke to how western mass institutions communicate as well. Berk Institutions pulled guidelines from WM Institutions – they are well coordinated.
14. Chris Read report for Dwayne. The last meeting 6 reps attended. Workshop in Stockbridge Step 6 and 7 9-3. Ad hoc committee to go over 501c3 status. Anyone with experience please reach out to Dwayne.
15. Chris Report DCM – attended area meeting last week. Few things Delegate Report by Steve has been posted on the area website Area31.org / Delegates Corner and watch full report. International convention took place. Discussion about new image on website voted on by area to use. Discussion whether image was representative of Area 31 and will continue to accept submission of AA associated landmarks in area. Send images to Chris District 3 DCM or Tom (Area Web master). Events Sat 12 traditions play – MYSCYPAA Aug 15-17 Fall Assembly OCT 18-19 in Holyoke. Plain language BB workshop on the 18 and Bus meeting on the 19 with elections for 2026 Area Roles. Concept meeting monthly. Nov 14-16 Mass State Convention and NERF in December. See Area Website for all details on events.
16. Ray – Alt Delegate – Trustee position available (in delegates corner has submission details) Class A (non alcoholic). He spoke about international convention and how wonderful it was. Spoke about running for office and just going for it. Lots of activities coming up and on Website. District 6 possibly in September session on how to navigate the Area Website. So much information available there. Western Mass intergroup picnic same weekend as MYSCYPAA. Fall Assembly – GSR, ALT GSR, DCMs Institutions....are voting members. Please attend. NERF in R.I GSO Road Show. No charge to attend. Program Chair for Mass

State Convention. And he carools to Marlboro planning committee. Program is getting nailed down, plus more, like a comedian. More topics to come. Susan B program in Seminar Room and Michael C will be doing a presentation on Carl Jung and his AA history. Vera is doing a presentation on minorities in AA and the Bill W documentary with Q&A with creators will be shown again this year. Much more happening as well. Looking for people to help in several positions. Hospitality, greeters, etc. Always good to do a group inventory and Area passed delegate gets assigned to facilitate. Area officers will also come and speak at group. Reach out to Bob Area Chair to schedule. He Listed Group Anniversaries Lenox BB 1/1/87, North Berk 10/30/68, Upon Awakening 1/8/2024, SOS 8/18/03, SBG 10/25/65, Berk BB 7/25/80, Tower Tues 9/6/1977 (TB Corrected), Mens Group in GB 7/2/1988, Sheffield 12&12 is 50 years old so 1975 started. All is on Area Website. Send a photographs to Tom Webmaster@area31.org.

No old business

New Business? None

Motion to close the meeting. Passed

Meeting closed with responsibility pledge.