

Area 31 Accessibility Committee Meeting

5/27/2026

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Attendance: Mark D (Chair) – Springfield Young People, Justin C (Area 31 Chair) – Invited Guest & Southwick Big Book Group, Jean (Area 31 MA State Convention Rep) – Holyoke South Street Group, Lindsay C (Secretary) – Holyoke Sober Sunday, Robin (Co-chair), Kate G – Daily Reflections & Holyoke Sober Sunday, John – Here and Now Group, Debbie (Intergroup Rep), Garrett – Jericho Step Group

Reports:

Justin C –

Round up is this weekend (5/29-5/30) at 98 N Maple Street in Hadley. 5-9:30pm on Friday, 8am-9:30pm on Saturday. The area delegate will be giving report from the general service conference and there will be multiple workshops. The cost of registration is \$35, and you get two meals on Saturday. The Accessibility Committee will be on a panel on Saturday morning from 8:15-9am.

There are a number of workshops being held by various groups/committees in the next few months, please reach out to Justin via email if you would like information on them (areachair@area31aa.org)

- District 5 Committee meeting is June 1st, 2026 at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley at 7pm
- Grapevine is holding a workshop in Ludlow in July
- Group Inventories are available within the district if there are issues or conflict within groups or committees. Email Justin if you are interested and a past delegate can be sent to help facilitate the group inventory
- District 1 is holding a meeting to watch the Bill W documentary at Church in the Acres, 1383 Wilbraham Road, Springfield (unsure of the date and time).

Mark D –

Roundup is this weekend, Jill asked the committee if we would speak on the panel, Humility in Action from 8:15-9am on Saturday if anyone is available.

Jean read the 5th tradition for the group

Old Business:

Round up is this weekend, Accessibility Committee speaking on the panel, Mark had 2 leads for Accessibility meetings from Kathy

New Business:

Mark D – has been contacted but a number of people about in home meetings. Reached out to a number of them but has not heard back any further to start setting those up. Lindsay will reach back out to Tim at Holyoke Sober Sunday re: his lead for a home meeting.

No new commitments for the calendar

Mark sent the June calendar to Tom for the website yesterday (5/26)

Judy H – Cedar Brook Village on Fridays (in Ware) for Billie B, who is a past delegate, would like some more support. She wasn't there last time and the facility can't/doesn't let us know if there is something happening medically with her unless we call and ask if she is there or not.

Pioneer Valley Health & Rehab – sometimes lately the door has been locked, contact who we communicated with (?) is no longer working the night shift there. Last Monday had 9 people so attendance is good.

Jean – Eye Opener meeting has been taking the Wednesday meeting and he feels that it is very successful and has good attendance.

Jean – MA State Convention Accessibility Committee Rep – getting Spanish and ASL translators, Judy will get him the phone number for getting the stenographer service for the convention. It is \$35 for registration until 40 days from the event and then \$40 after that. Rooms are ~\$150 a night, and they are still working on other logistics. They meet every odd month, on Tuesday of the last week for planning.

Judy H – Still connecting with Pauline and bringing a meeting to her apartment. She is doing great, and is interested in a **June 3rd** and **June 17th** meeting from 5:30-6:30pm. Her apartment is small, and they usually have ~4 people there. Flyers for Sober in the Sun are out, but this is a separate entity from AA committees and groups. It is in Russell, MA this year.

Helping District 3, commitments? They did not hold their District 3 committee meeting this week because of Round Up this weekend. Debbie and Mark will connect so he can provide her with paperwork and accessibilities checklists to bring to meetings.

John – Steve and Desmond (from CT) are interested in being involved, trying to get more guys to attend this committee meeting.

Debbie – Also has CT people who are interested and would love to share information with them, Mark will get info to her.

Kate G volunteers to read the 6th tradition next month

Mark will share the minutes, agenda and calendar with the group once I get him the minutes from this month.

Calendar

Mondays: 7:00-8:00pm- Pioneer Valley Health & Rehab, 573 Granby Road, South Hadley

Update: Mark and John, Mark can't make 3rd Monday

Tuesdays: No commitments at this time.

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm CareOne Northampton, 548 Elm Street, Northampton.

Update: The Eye Opener Group in Northampton has taken this meeting on as a group commitment.

- 3rd Wednesday of the month 7:30-8:30pm CareOne Holyoke, 260 Easthampton Road, Holyoke

Update: Eye Opener Group and Jean

Thursdays: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month 6:15-7:15pm Linda Manor, 345 Haydenville Road, Leeds.

Update: Mike and Lindsay (if possible) committed to this meeting for May.

Fridays: 7:00-8:00pm, Cedar Brook Village, 73 South Street, Ware.

Update: Need help for this one, mark is away first and last Fridays

Saturdays: No commitments at this time.

Sundays: 1:30-2:30pm, Chestnut Hill 32 Chestnut St, East Longmeadow

Update: A Sunday night group in East Longmeadow has been going. Dennis

Robin Motion to close, Jean seconds

Closed with responsibility pledge at 7:41pm