

Archives Meeting Minutes – May 5th, 2026

Attendees:

Rick W. Archive Chair - Scrambled Eggs

Carl G. Archivist

Justin Aea Chair

Eric Web Host

Archie Secretary – Cold Spring Group

James Haydenville - Sunday Night Life Group

Cheryl W. East Mountain Group

Alan B. Sober Sunday, Holyoke

Opening of Meeting:

The Chair opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and article of purpose.

Chair Comments (Rick):

Rick explained the purpose of the Archive committee to new members and the importance of collecting group histories for the Archives. He encouraged members to attend the Round Up commitments as well as learning how to set-up the boards for future events. Rick displayed the boards at the Spring Assembly last month, during the event he received some history to be added from the Chicopee Lost and Found group. Brian O. and Chyrel gave him some recordings from Bill W. and others. These were submitted to Carl for review.

Archivist Comments (Carl):

He also continues to catalog existing material and hopes to have it categorized on the area website in the future. He also circulated a letter from Bill's last secretary, who later became the first AA Archivist and other pictures from the Archives such as the Mayflower Hotel, Dr. Silkworth, and Father Sam Shoemaker.

Justin - Area Chair Updates:

Upcoming events: Round-up, Mass State Convention, weekly Concept Meeting planning committee meetings and additional information at <https://westernmassaa.org/>

Area 31 Roundup is on May 29th and 30th at 38 North Maple Street, Hadley, MA. “Humility in Action” is the theme. There will be a potluck dinner on Friday night, including a Home Group Cook off, bring one menu item and receive a free weekend registration. They are also in need of raffle donations, see <https://area31aa.org/round-up/> for additional information.

Old Business:

Bobbie C. will create a draft of an Archive flyer which will be used to promote the collection of new group histories.

New Business:

Jill is the new co-chair chair for the group. Archives will host (2) commitments / workshops at the Round Up on Saturday, May 30th.

9:15 – 10:00 AM: The topic is “Learning from Our Past”; the group members will share their experiences as well as having attendees share their past AA learning experiences.

5:15 – 6 PM: The group will record two speakers during the “Listening Party”. Two previous delegates with RoundUp history will be selected to share the past experiences with past Round Up.

Group members are encouraged to attend the commitments and learn how to set up the boards for future events.

Committee Discussion:

Preparation for Round Up commitments.

Request for Archive Boards:

Round Up – Weekend of May 29th. Cold Spring Group June 4th

Closing: The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.