

Area 31 PI Committee

Meeting Notes - November 11, 2025

PI Chair: Brian W

PI Secretary: John F

Opening

Serenity Prayer

Tradition 11 was read by John

Concept 11 was read by Brian

Attendees: 13 total including 4 members in person, 4 online, and 5 visitors

New member: Doug A

Secretary report was read (see last month's notes). Motion was made to accept. Motion was seconded, report unanimously accepted.

Old Business

Areas of focus and goals for the committee in 2025 (p.6 in PI workbook)

HRHS Commitment:

- Brian reported that a commitment is booked at Hampshire Regional High School for Monday, November 24 from 9:45am to 10:50am. Casey is the school contact.

Melissa and Caren will chair the commitment. Brian is reaching out to WMYPAA for a possible speaker to provide the perspective of a younger sober person.

A strategy Zoom meeting will be held prior to the commitment to ensure a consistent message and format.

Radio Ad Hoc Committee

- John provided an update on the work of the radio ad hoc committee.
- The initial sample pilot recording was played at the Fall Assembly and was well-received.

Next steps include connecting with the staff of 97.7FM to schedule technical training before recording or broadcasting at the station.

- Brian proposed that there should be a standing regular meeting of the Radio Ad Hoc Committee to maintain momentum on progress in developing and maintaining production of the program (including scheduling, planning, staffing, and content development). The meeting could be biweekly or monthly. The meeting could be open to other AA members from Area 31 interested in contributing to the project.

John shared that he will schedule another Zoom meeting of the ad hoc committee, and solicit input on setting a regularly scheduled meeting time.

- Adam expressed interest in participating in the radio project and will be included in group emails.
- John reviewed that he has an initial script format for the introduction and announcements segments of the program that can be edited and made available for ongoing use.
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- Doug stated that choosing a time slot will be a priority.

Budget Review and 2026 Planning

- Brian reviewed that our total 2025 budget is \$600. To date we have spent \$338 on printed materials and books. \$120 has been earmarked for radio subscription dues.
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- Brian polled the group for ideas of potential items and projects that would affect the budget in 2026. It was suggested we might ask for more money to cover ongoing radio station membership and possibly technical equipment such as USB microphones.
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- Brian proposed that at the Area planning meeting he would ask for a 2026 PI committee budget of \$600-800.

Other Old Business

- John reported that as Secretary he compiled the minutes for our last meeting. He chaired a Zoom meeting of the radio ad hoc committee.

New Business

- John reported that he has had no update from the Area chair on the search for a new PI co-chair.
- Adam reported that he has been in contact with a recovery specialist at the Greenfield Shelter (a 43 bed facility run by CSO), and believes there could be an opportunity for a commitment there.

Area Information

- 1) The Mass State Convention will be November 14-16 in Marlboro
- 2) Registration for NERAASA has opened. The event will be held February 20-22 in Portland, ME.
- 3) The GSO office is physically closing for about three months for renovations starting August 11. All services will remain available during renovations.
- 4) Concepts meeting every 1st Thursday at 7pm at Carew St., South Hadley
- 5) Northeast Regional Forum "AA Comes to You", Dec 5-7 in Providence, RI at the Omni hotel. No Fee, but registration required..
- 6) Roundup committee is seeking volunteers
- 7) A bus trip to the GSO has been organized for Friday, April 10, 2026. Cost is \$75 and the bus will leave from Miravista in Holyoke at 6:15am. A tour of the GSO including a meeting, and free time to explore the city will be included.

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Links:

Area 31 Events: <https://area31aa.org/>

PI Workbook: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/M-27i_PubInfWorkbk.pdf

*Link to Area 31 PI Google Drive not posted as these minutes are available to the public on the Area 31 Website.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025