

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc. Delegates Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00pm: Nicole L. opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

Introductions of Attendees: 15 attendees - Brandy H. (Office Manager / Worc. As Bill Sees It), Steve O. (Trustee), Robert M. (Treatment Chair / There Is Hope), Lisa R. (Treasurer / Seven Hills Group), Nicole L. (Chairperson), Fred F. (Trustee / Liaison to Dist. 26 / Bookie Exchange / Bolton BBSS), Sean K. (Trustee/ DMC Dist. 23), Ellen McQ. (Liaison to Area 30, Colleen A. (Shrewsbury Gratitude), Wendy T. (Millbury Center Step), Linda D. (Worc. Way of Sobriety), Paula T. (Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), Joe C. (Worc. 7AM Group), John Mc. (Beacon Editor), Sean S. (It All Starts Here / Four Corners)

Attendees Sign in Sheet: (Brandy H.)

Welcome new Delegates: none

Individual A.A. Anniversaries: Lisa - 4 years

Secretary's Report: (OPEN) Written report presented. Accepted as amended (under Liaison to Area 30, Sean's last initial is K, not M.). Brandy to send amended minutes to webmaster for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report: (Lisa R./Jim B.) Total income for May 2018 \$9194.36, Cost of Goods Sold \$3097.15 for a Gross Profit of \$6097.21. Office expenses were \$6317.91, Committee expenses were \$127.95 for total monthly expenses of \$6445.86. Checking balance \$11594.82, Debit account balance \$717.79, Petty Cash \$150.00. Committee remaining budget balance \$10641.89. Available funds \$12462.61 minus prudent reserve \$8000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$4462.61. Accepted as presented.

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) 2018-C Meeting Lists came in yesterday and are green in color. Reminder that if your group calls Boston or New York with meeting changes we do not get the information. You must contact us directly. Still looking for people for 12-Step Volunteer list. Group Contributions for May 2018 were \$3711.53 - UP \$646.97 from 2017 but still down year-to-date. The Ripple Effect sold well, and additional copies have been ordered. COMMUNICATIONS: 22 Meeting info Calls, 34 General Info Calls, 3 Help Calls, 2 other 12-step program calls, 21 other calls for a total of 82 calls during business hours. Because of the low contributions the beginning of this year the Office Manager is not requesting funds to attend the Central Office/Intergroup Seminar in Montreal but will look forward to attending next year. Clarification that the Group Contribution Spreadsheet is now correct. Due to some mapping errors, some of the groups had incorrect amounts for 2017 listed previously.

Website Report: (Brandy H. for John H.) May 2018 had 17397 hits - increase of 1936 from 2017. Busiest day was May 26th with 624 visits. A change in hosting servers to accommodate new changes coming up has been completed. Unfortunately, it caused an email outage for a couple days and loss of emails. There IS a Solution (Brandy has hard copies). If you have not yet been able to migrate the emails from the old server and have problems with it notify John and he will help you. Website info is updated as of June 11th. Quarterly hosting payment was paid April 25th with the next one tentatively slated for July 24th. New payment schedule yet to be determined. Committee balance will be updated when the setup procedure is complete.

Alcathon Report: (Jim B.) Not present.

Treatment Facilities Report: (Robert M.) Commitments needed - The Willows (female CSS at Spectrum), MYR program (12-17-year old), Ad care has several openings, St. Mary Health Center has contacted the committee. They will report back. Committee is considering restructuring for all the facilities to receive focus from a Committee member responsible for just that facility.

Corrections Report: (Sean S.) Sean stepping down from the position.

HALTline Report: (Brandy H.) Thing progressing well and lots of time slots being filled. Currently have 97 hours being covered by HALTline Volunteers, 37 hours by Office Personnel and 34 open hours. Volunteers also needed to cover for the holidays that the Office is closed for regular business hours. Current openings are Sundays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays Midnight to 8am and 2pm to 6pm, Thursdays midnight to 8am, Fridays 7pm to 8pm, and Saturdays midnight to 9am.

Area 30 Liaison Report: (Ellen McQ.) Meeting was held May 23rd at 8:00pm. April Secretary's report accepted. Treasurer reported and available balance of \$546.85. Alt. Chair announced the Area 30 Meeting will be moving as of July to the Belmont-Watertown U. M. Church, 421 Common St. in Belmont, MA. Delegate presented the list of Conference Advisory Actions (copy given to WAI in case anyone wants to read it). Elections for a new Delegate will be held in November. District 14 will be Hosting an Assembly, District 3 Fairhaven will be having a July 4th Alcahthon, Districts 1&2 will be having a Summer Cookout at Flack Pond in Yarmouth on July 21st. Joint Corrections Committee needs contact volunteers for the pre-release program, Joint Public Information will be posting new billboards in Mattapan and printing pens with the phone # for BCS. Mass State Convention Committee needs volunteers. Next meeting is the last Tuesday of each quarter. Registrar is tracking groups and is in the process of deleting inactive groups from G.S.O. Service Seminar is looking to do more outreaches (Group Inventories or other outreach). Spanish version of the Area 30 website should be up and running in about a month. aaemass.org/espanol. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm Expenses were \$22.60.

District 25 Liaison Report: (OPEN) no report.

District 26 Liaison Report: (Fred F.) 28 attended. 1 new GSR. Anniversaries noted. Basket was passed to help fund NERAASA 2018 budget. New meeting in Fitchburg noted. Karen M. passed around the Master Meeting List - goes to print in June. DCMs will be visiting groups in the District. A new PI Chair was voted in (Russell G.) Activities report given (information available at aadistrict26.org). Treatment Committee report. Request was made to keep the \$450 recouped from the Alcahthons to help fund the Area Archives Dinner that the District is hosting in the fall - approved. Secretary and Treasurer's reports accepted. Registrar had nothing to report. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Public Information Report: (Bill S.) - EXCUSED - written report presented. Met with Nic Barbara on May 5th regarding continuing to work with After Incarceration Support System. Attended Uxbridge Drug Court Graduation May 22nd. Discussed replenishment of A.A. literature in Probation Dept. with Probation Officers and Sheriff's Dept. personnel. Mailed A.A. Literature package to Uxbridge District Court Probation Department.

Social Committee Report: (Emily D.) Upcoming events: Bowling League - 8 weeks for \$8/week begins June 24th (see flyer), Worcester Art Museum - July 7th FREE, Game Night - July 13th, TreeTop Adventure July 21st - \$44/pp. Past events: Game night May 13th 18 attendees - spent \$78.83 and took in \$14. Game Night June 11th 20 attendees - spent \$81.37 and took in \$23. Other business: would like to come up with a group name for the Social Committee for anonymity reasons when booking events. Other items might include t-shirts, name tags, pins, signs to identify people who are in our group at these events. Ideas for these and for future possible events can be emailed to social@aaworcester.org.

Beacon Report: (John Mc.) Deadline for the July issue is June 17th. June issue is available in the Office. May expenses were \$105 for printing. Mailed subscriptions average \$4/month with correction noted from previous reports which claimed \$50/month. Budget balance is \$2200.

Bookie Exchange Report: (Fred F.) (no written report available) Committee is working with the Webmaster to integrate a Bookie Exchange function into the WAI website. It would be anonymous exchange of messages between Bookies to help fill open Commitments. It is anticipated that this will also be able to include open Treatment Facilities Commitments as well. AAworcester.org has been switched to a Windows platform to accommodate the changes.

Old Business - Need Liaison to Dist.25 (Sean K. interested - will let us know next meeting, HALTline Chair

needed (Brandy appointed).

New Business - Need new Secretary or Alternate (tabled), Corrections Chair. Tax-Exempt form for committees is available and Brandy reminded Committee Chairs that printing costs are built into their budgets. Toner cartridges for the Office copier run about \$300 each (also does not include the cost of paper). If the expense for the committee report printing is not listed as a Committee expense, but under Office Expenses it does not accurately represent where the money is going. Possible H&I Committee (discussion ensued - consensus is that it is not necessary at this time).

What's On Your Mind?

IF YOU USE THE ELEVATOR PLEASE BE SURE TO CLOSE BOTH DOORS UPON EXITING!!

Please help with cleaning up.

Adjournment _8:10 pm

Serenity Prayer

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Next Meeting: July 12, 2018