

Notes: Jim B.

Call to order: Brandy H at 7:11

Roll Call: Attendees 24 Nancy is the new delegate from The Way Out, Rob is the new delegate from There is Hope, XXX is the new District 2? Delegate. Shrewsbury meeting moved to Westborough and Brandy asked for new information. 1 New Delegate-Rich from Pepperell

Anniversaries Brandy 22 yrs, Craig 28 (2 others)

Report Approvals

Secretary's Report: Given and approved as read

Treasures Report: Given and approved as read

Office Manager: Read and discussed. Member volunteering and going to Houston and reported AA groups lost everything and would appreciate donations. We are accepting books/materials/donations and will store in vault until member leaves on **Sept 23rd**. Going to Florida after but no plans to collect donations yet.

Website Report: 15713 hits in August compared to 8095 last year.

Alcathon Report: Picking dates for commitment slots will be next month. GSR 23rd, Oct 12 at intergroup

Jim confirming inventory, parking issues and getting invoice. Jim to email PDF of Alcathon manual. Openings still needed especially late night, host hostess, setup and some slots are filled only by 1 person would prefer 2. Next meeting September 21st in Intergroup Office. Listed on front page of Beacon thanks to Brandy. Email to contact the group is alcathon@aaworcester.org or call office when Brandy is working and her hours are in the Beacon.

Treatment Facilities: Vacant

Corrections Report: No report, Wes still active but behind on reports and did not want help with reports but we need to have reports generated. Ken L nominated as co-chair and will submit reports

Halt Line: Rich is trying to reorganize group and there are issues with getting volunteers. Only halt line volunteers have access to member lists. People can call office during office hours to confirm hours. Current volunteers have one chance to confirm they are active or will be removed from list. Rich considering alternate chair due to workload. Will discuss next meeting.

Liason 30 Report: No report due to scheduling conflict with delegate

Liason 25 Report: No report due to delegate computer issues but will forward to Brandy as soon as possible.

Liason 26 Report: Minutes from both Aug and Sept reviewed. Corrections chair is trying to get into MCI Shirley. Several events posted on website and in Beacon. Donating \$250 aa materials. Requesting volunteers for commitments at Tara Vista. Brandy requested activity chair or member email activities to Beacon.

Public Information Report: Discussed the Bridging the Gap meeting and thanked Intergroup for allowing to attend. Extensive report. Explained how Bridging the Gap works to provide a path for people being released from correction facilities to maintain recovery when back in society. Has disks with presentations and materials from meeting that he can share and several books.

Next will be to network Areas 30&31 to see what exists there and make plans.

Resigned from Reentry committee as it would be a duplicate of efforts.

Will submit expense report and receipts

Nicole discussed volunteer form on back of Beacon and ways to get involved (pen pal, offering to talk ect...)

Social Committee Report: End of Summer Bash all set. 120 people signed up. Passed out budget and requested additional funds based on predicted 125 attendees which was more than anticipated.. District 25 paid \$800 for parking. Person will be in lot to pay for parking until 1pm then must bring receipt to pavilion to get reimbursed. Presented full schedule of events. All left over materials will be donated to Alcathon. Discussed funds remaining in unused budgets, mostly 1 time events that have passed and asked to transfer \$130. Motion made to allow receipts for expenses over budget to be reimbursed from the aforementioned funds. Concerns aired that many people who did not sign up will attend and overwhelm resources so motion was revised to allow for all receipts to be expensed. Motion passed unanimously. Ellen will be stepping down in December after 3 years of service.

Beacon Report: Discussed and requested reports and articles to be submitted by deadline as previous issues have been late due to delays in submissions. Urgently searching for an assistant editor trainee to become Editor as she will be stepping down after 2 years in December. Please ask your groups.

Bookie Exchange: Verbal report given. Additional listings of more bookies to be added. Emails monitored almost daily to make sure bookies requesting help are answered. Meeting every 3 months and next one is October 10th 6-7pm at Intergroup Office.

Old Business: Asked for volunteers for open positions. No volunteers

New Business: Asked for volunteer secretary for next month at both steering and intergroup meeting (Oct 12th). Chris volunteered to do notes at main meeting and Nicole will have her computer and take steering committee notes if necessary.

Requested people that will be resigning committee membership to provide Nicole with proposed replacements. Ellen has a volunteer to take over Social Committee. Halt line may need alternate and will discuss next meeting. Beacon needs new editor.

Brandy has had several requests to carry Drop the Rock (not conference approved but is from Hazleton) delegates need to approve carrying it. Hazleton changing marketing to general recovery not AA focused. Lisa described the book and how it can be used to work on steps 6&7. Would be priced using method for other books from Hazleton (Hazleton's charge but shipping and receiving would not be charged). Will order minimum amount to receive bulk discount if approved. Motion made and seconded to allow the book and order the minimum amount to receive the price break. Unanimously approved. Brandy will order.

12 Step List is on cards in small box and in printed form. Both are out of date. Requested volunteer(s) to confirm list or proposed to start from scratch but bring requests to groups. Question raised about some members being on the list and not knowing a new list is being made. Brandy will call several she knows that want to stay on, Nicole will make some calls (35 people on list). It was asked to bring this back to groups to spread the word and it also will be on the website and in the Beacon. Point was made that calling numbers may cause discomfort to families of people who have passed or relapsed. Motion made to create a new list from scratch. Motion approved with one abstaining. Proposed that volunteers have good sobriety before going out but no specific amount was required.

Rich-Mentioned that his facility has up to 70% commitments not showing up. Proposed ways to address without having a treatment chair. Asked to mention to our groups and make sure that if a group can't make a commitment that they notify the facility as soon as possible.

Reminder to fully close elevator door every time or it will not move.

Discussion on commitments and importance of speaker meetings and ways to get people involved in commitments. Discussed having an Intergroup commitment and how NA does it. Tabled for now and requested people bring it back to groups.

Adjourned at 8:46

Minutes submitted by James B., Way of Sobriety Delegate, Alcathon Co-Chair.