

**Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2018**

**7:09 PM:** Nicole L. (Chair) opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

**Introductions of Attendees:** 24 attendees – Wendy S. (Secretary/The Way Out), Linda D. (Way of Sobriety), Jim B. (Alt. Treasurer, Alcathon Chair), Paula T. (Eternal Vigilance), Keith S. (Daily Choice), Bonnie J. (Webster Triton), Justine P. (Four Corners), Sean S. (It All Starts Here), Matt H. (Treatment Facilities), Robert M. (Treatment Facilities), Tim H. (People Helping People), John Mcl. (Editor, Beacon), Ed O. (Millbury Tradition), Emily D. (Alt. Chair/Social Committee), Brandy H. (Office Manager/Thursday BB/12 Step Meeting), Steve O. (Trustee/Corrections Chair), Teresa P. (BBSS Pleasant Church), Nicole L. (Chair), Fred F. (Trustee/District 26 Liaison/Bolton BB/Website-Bookie Exchange), Sean K. (Trustee/District 23 DCM), Ellen McQ (Area 30 Liaison), Lisa R. (Treasurer), Bill S. (Trustee/Professional Information/Northboro Saturday AM/Bookie Exchange), James K. (Dudley Day at a Time)

**Attendees Sign In Sheet:** (Wendy S.)

**Welcome New Delegates:** One, but no packets available. More will be available next month.

**Individual Anniversaries:** Theresa P., 8 years; Linda D., 3 years.

**Secretary's Report:** (Wendy S.) Written report presented by Wendy S. Accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jim B.) Total Income for September \$7306.49, Cost of Goods Sold \$3360.81, for a Gross Profit of \$3945.68. Office Expenses were \$3212.03 and Committee Expenses were \$121.99 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$3334.02. Checking Balance \$12645.10, Debit Account Balance \$659.55, Petty Cash \$150.00. Committee Remaining Budget Balance \$9721.83. Available Funds \$13454.65 minus Prudent Reserve \$8000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$5454.65. Report accepted.

**Office Manager's Report:** (Brandy H.) New meeting lists, 2018-D, are purple. Remind groups to tell Intergroup as well as Boston and New York of any meeting changes. Looking for 12-step volunteers for our confidential list for calls and rides. In lieu of volunteers, have been alerting Facebook Group who have been stepping up. Group Contributions for September 2018 were down nearly \$2000 from 2018, with a total year-to-date down \$3824.42 compared to last year. Please spread the word donations are needed. Discussion included reminding group treasurers of how AA suggests supporting the structure, where money and spirituality meet, with 50% of group donation amounts typically going to Intergroup.

**Website Report:** (Brandy H. for John H.) Site had 10,687 hits in September, down from September of last year, perhaps due to transition to ASP.net and different hit counter. BookieXchange database and web pages have been deployed. AAworchester.org home page displays a banner showing new office hours. Please inform webmaster of meeting changes and events. Some discussion of getting our data to the Boston Central Services to accurately display meetings in Worcester area.

**Alcathon Report:** (Jim B.) Will be held at St. John's. Working with Father Madden to get Homeless to be sheltered elsewhere. Looking for individuals to call the office to sign up as Hosts/Hostesses at the Alcathon to manage coffee/food and to keep an eye on groups. Alcathon planning meeting at Intergroup office Wednesday, October 17, 6 PM. Rent will be paid. Two Clear Channel billboards will be provided at the same cost as one last year, hopefully at the opposite ends of Worcester.

**Treatment Facilities Report:** (Sean S.) Team Leaders are announcing open dates for facilities at each meeting they attend. CHL Detox still has needs on Mondays and Wednesdays. Wednesday meetings have been commenced at Worcester Rehab & Health Care Center. Calendars continue to be updated on the website. Printed calendars are left at meetings. Coordination with team leaders is necessary to avoid double booking.

**Corrections:** (Steve O.) Committee Chair received orientation at Worcester House of Correction on October 3. Anyone else wishing to participate needs to fill out paperwork held at Intergroup office, send it in, submit to a CORI check plus the orientation, follow a dress and behavior code. This includes men and women.

**HALT Line:** (Brandy H.) All hours outside of when the Office is open are now being covered – including holidays through New Year’s Day.

**Area 30 Liaison Report:** (Ellen McQ.) Upcoming events include: Area 30 Election Assembly, Sunday, November 4, 9 AM-4 PM, Irish American Club, 177 West Street, Malden, MA, coffee, refreshments and lunch provided; 55<sup>th</sup> Mass State Convention, Sheraton Framingham, 1657 Worcester, Road, Framingham, 7:30 PM Friday, November 9 – Sunday November 11; AA Gratitude Meeting, all welcome, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, starting 10 AM, Quincy Congregational Church, 444 Washington Street & Southern Artery, Next to Bus Stop T, Bus #220, followed by Thanksgiving Dinner, all the fixings (Info: Anthony C. 857-258-6258). Also, submissions of personal stories for two new pamphlets, one for Spanish-speaking women and one on personal experience with the Three Legacies, are due at GSO in New York by November 19.

**District 25 Liaison Report:** (OPEN) Steve O. is elected as Liaison.

**District 26 Liaison Report:** (Fred F.) Among reported activities, District 26 is having a Halloween Dance at the K. of C. in Gardner on October 27; Alcathons are being planned; and they are solvent.

**Public Information Report:** (Bill S.) Regional Recovery Addiction Project meeting on Thursday, October 18, 12-2. Worcester Health Department, 25 Mead Street, Worcester. Listed suggested websites and reading for the upcoming holidays such as <https://www.aacleve.org/stay-sober-holidays>, <http://www.aagrapevine.org/node/30879>, etc.

**Social Committee Report:** (Emily D.) Listed upcoming events including monthly game nights (next, November 2 at 6 PM, Trinity Church, Northborough); Saturday Night Live, service night of fun put on by District 25, October 13, 4 PM, Holy Cross; 8-week Bowling League starting October 21 at 2 PM. Volunteer help requested as well as activity ideas.

**Beacon Report:** (John Mcl.) Deadline for November issue is October 16. Please provide holiday event or activity information before deadline, as well as group anniversaries. Sobriety holiday reading suggestions by the Public Information Chair will be published.

**BookieXchange Report:** (Fred F.) 42 requests since last month’s report. Website currently lists 128 posts, up from 95 posts last month, most scheduled for 2019. BookieXChange website flyer has been electronically sent to bookie list. Thanks to Beacon Editor for posting information on the site.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A suggestion to put the Group Donation spreadsheet on the website was voted on and passed. A correction was made to a number on the Website Report document. Nominations were conducted, with volunteers being obtained for all positions except Trustee (1), Secretary, Public Information, and Alternate Treasurer (a 2-year commitment).

**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 8:27 PM      Serenity Prayer

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Next Meeting: November 8, 2018