

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022
(Prepared for February 9, 2023 meeting)

7:00 PM: Jane P. introduced herself to the group and stated she is looking forward to working with everyone then opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

Introductions of Attendees (20): – **Jane P.** (Chair & delegate Grafton Reflections Group), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager / Zoom Chair / delegate Come As You Are), **Ted K** (Worcester It Starts Here), **Bill G.** (Trustee/PI Committee), **Katie M.** (Treasurer/Main South Sobriety), **Ray M** (Trustee/MSCPAA/State Convention), **Jeff W.** (Alcathon), **Richard M.** (Liaison D26), **Dante Q.** (Social Committee), **Naomi D.** (Trustee/Worcester Mid-Day), **Bethany C.** (Shrewsbury BB Workshop), **Jeff L.** (Liaison Area 30/Alt. Del./rafton Reflections), **Cathy H.** (Secretary), **Gina C.** (Dudley Day At A Time), **Jim** (Worcester Wednesday BB), **Brenda** (Grafton Reflections0, **Cathy V** (Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), **Sue Ann W** (Worcester BB164), **Fred F.** (Website/Nashoba BBSS), **Eduardo M** (Grafton Happy, Joyous and Free) **Rich D.** (Beacon Co-Editor), **Jean O.** (Treatment/Northboro Saturday Morning), **Lynne S** (Interested AA), **Stef D** (Beacon Co-Editor/Greenhill Park Noon)

Individual Anniversaries: Eduardo celebrated 38 years on January 4 // Jim celebrated 18 years on December 17 // Ted K celebrated 6 years on January 7 // Dante celebrated 1 year on December 28

Secretary's Report: Recorded notes were presented, and the minutes were accepted. A special thank you to Brandy for her assistance with the attendance taking and guidance in minutes preparation.

Treasurer's Report: **Total Income November 2022** \$10,491.14 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$2,028.950, for a **Gross Profit** of \$8,462.19 // **Office Expenses** were \$6,057.07 and **Committee Expenses** were \$3,877.88 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$9,934.95 // **Checking Balance** \$20,901.32 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$21,051.32 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$6,051.32**

Motion to accept the report was passed.

Office Managers Concerns: (Brandy H.)

- The 90-Day review was missed.
- The change of Committee Officers has been filed with the Commonwealth.
- Volunteers will be helping to reorganize the vault.
- Getting ready to print new meeting list, please ask groups to confirm information is correct and to let the office know if meetings no longer exist.

WAI Holidays 2023: **Monday 1/2/23 New Year's observed // Monday 5/29/23 Memorial Day // Tuesday 7/4/23 Independence Day // Monday 9/4/23 Labor Day // Thursday 11/23/23 Thanksgiving Day // Monday 12/25/23 Christmas Day**

Website Report: (Fred F): Hosting Fees \$17.78 as of Jan 9. Site Visits (December): 10,976 = -18.2% vs. November. Average Page Views (December) = 9.26 = +11.3% vs. November.

- **WAI Calendar:** Current events posted to WAI Calendar

- **WAI Announcements:** Current news and announcements posted
- **WAI Meetings:** Updated and loaded to Meeting Guide app
- **WAI Officers and Chairs:** Updates recorded for 2023, per November election
- **“Jack Alexander II” Story:** BBC2 Documentary about A.A. posted under Announcements

Naomi said she experienced trouble getting to meeting online and had to enter meeting ID and Pas Code. In the past the link went directly to the meeting. Fred will check it out.

Rich D. wanted to know if we can look up each individual Grapevine to see who they are linked to.

Brandy warned the group that if you receive something from IONOS it could be spam. Fred changed the account password and notified the user.

Beacon Report Stef D. wanted to know often Beacon has page hits. Fred will check. Fred will print 100 issues per month but isn't sure how many people receive or read them.

Alcathon Report (Jeff W.)

- The first meeting of the 2023 Alcathon will take place next Thursday at 7:00PM and will include a recap of previous Alcathon. Information about the event can be found on the WAI website Calendar page.

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M)

Jean O. and Ray met with UMASS Memorial and Liver Transplant Facility and provided them with meetings lists and information about AA. Haven Detox needs commitments.

Corrections Committee: (Position for Chair / Co-Chair still open. Would be shared with D25)

No report

Liaison District 25 (Matt S.):

No notes

Liaison District 26 (Rich):

No notes

Liaison (WAI-Area 30): (Separate packet provided with monthly meeting notes. Having attended, Ray M. reviewed these highlights:

- NERAASA 2023 will be held February 23-26 in Albany, NY., registration is \$30.
 - \$915 are available to fund attendance and is split between the number of requesters. Katie requested funding to attend, Brandy made a motion to fund Katie's attendance, the motion passed with 13 in support and zero opposed. Katie must submit a report to the committee.
 - All service members encouraged to attend.
 - 5th Edition of the Big Book is not on the agenda for this conference.
 - If the \$37,000 surplus is not spent within the coming year, it will be distributed back to General Services.
- Next Area 30 meeting is January 25th.

- AAE Mass.org for Area 30 has been revamped.

HALT Line: (Sue R absent, presented by Brandy)

No changes for the month. Questions? Email: srobitaille.3333@gmail.com

Public Information: (Bill G.)

- Bill wants ideas to make the Intergroup pamphlet easier for newcomers to understand.
- Bill would like a business card for PI (Intergroup) with HALT line on the card, (508) 792-5000
- PI Board could use a lot of assistance with things like the literature rack, etc.
- Bill will be attending the National meeting and would like to see the gas reimbursement increase to 62 cents in keeping with the IRS current rate.

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

- Spoke to Manager of Free Play in Worcester. We can bring our own pizza
- Spring dance with a live band
- Game night for newcomers with sponsors and sponsees

Bookie Exchange: Position is OPEN. Speak with Lynn and groups for volunteers to work this committee

MSCYPAA: (Ray M.)

- MSCYPAA State Convention meets next Saturday, in person, at Salem Covenant Church from 11:00AM – 1:00PM.

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

- There are 350 virtual meetings but only 9 virtual groups. Suzanne will come to the February committee meeting and do an outreach.

Old Business: A Financial Committee was formed to discuss ways to save money. Five members were appointed: Katie McCarthy, Ted Kostas, Fred, Rich D., and Brandy Harris. The members will determine the meeting schedule and a member will take notes and report back to the committee. Brandy will schedule the initial meeting. First report due February 8th. Katie asked if two additional members could join the committee to prevent any bias and the discussion was tabled for next month.

New Business:

What's On Your Mind?

Fred F discussed with the group sharing hosting of the Worcester Intergroup website between Districts 3 and 26. All overhead would be split five ways. Districts would maintain calendars, flyers, etc. Fred would help set it up. Discussion tabled for next month.

Adjournment 8:28 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: March 9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM