

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022
(Prepared for February 10, 2022 meeting)

7:00 PM: Lynne S. opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

Introductions of Attendees: 18 attendees –**Ted K** (Trustee), **Lynne S** (Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager/ Zoom Chair/ Delegate Come As You Are), **Bill G.** (Public Information Committee Member), **Bill S** (delegate, Northboro 10am/ Trustee), **Fred F** (Webmaster, delegate Nashoba Sunday Morning), **Eduardo M** (Secretary & delegate Happy, Joyous & Free), **Rich D** (Treasurer, Public Information chair, Beacon), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair & DMC-D25/MSCYAAA Liaison), **Naomi D** (delegate Worcester Mid-Day), **Bill L** (delegate Eternal Vigilance), **Heather C.** (Alternate Chair, Bookie, Alcahthon co-chair), **Matt S.** (delegate Green Hill Park Noontime), **Chris G.** (delegate Triton Group Webster) **Sean R.** (delegate Way Out Group), **Melissa I.** (delegate Main South Sobriety) **Katie M.** (Alternate Treasurer)

Attendees Sign In Sheet: Eduardo M. (also recorded Zoom attendees)

Welcome New Delegates: **Matt S.** Greenhill Park Noontime, **Chris G.** Triton Group Webster,

Individual Anniversaries:

Secretary's Report: Eduardo M

Treasurer's Report: **Total Income December 2021** \$10,739.24 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$2704.16, for a **Gross Profit** of \$8035.08 **Office Expenses** were \$7601.08 and **Committee Expenses** were \$1359.42 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$8960.50 // **Checking Balance** \$25,900.25 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00. // **Available funds** \$26,050.25 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$11,050.25**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total 2021 contributions** are \$59,153.41 **DOWN** \$6,678.56 compared to \$65,831.97 for 2020 // **December contributions** were \$5,285.87 **UP \$1,405.33** from **November @** \$3880.54 // **Total product sales for 2021** are \$37,194.65 **UP** \$13,810.85 from 2020 \$23,383.80. **December product sales** were \$5,312.75 **UP** \$1,334.13 from **November @** \$3,977.62

As other Intergroup Offices have shown positive results with the practice of not charging groups for an initial supply of printed meeting lists, WAI has now also voted to adopt this practice.

- **PAMPHLETS** are also now **FREE OF CHARGE!** (Limit: 10 per Title, **NOT** including the Acceptance Pamphlet, Meeting in a Pocket and E. MA meeting lists)
- **NEW PAMPHLET** about what Intergroup Office is and what it does is currently available in the office

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (thru 1/12): \$17.78

Site Visits December: 13,641 (-.06% vs November)

Avg. Page Views: 8.62 (+0.5% vs November)

Noteworthy Changes & Updates:

- WAI Calendar:** updated for AA events for Metro West/Area 30 events
- Announcements:** updated for local AA news and events, including Alcathons
- WAI Brochure:** PDF document listed under **About WAI =>WAI Document**
- Meeting List:** Continue to apply in-person/online & other updates to meeting list
- Treatment Calendars:** Covid status updates, TC facility added (Evolve Recovery Center)
- District 23:** attended monthly meeting, district23aa.org website support
- District 24:** website updates included: calendar, Alcathon news, resumption of meetings)
- District 26:** ongoing website tech support and training
- Area 30:** attended kickoff assembly via ZOOM

Beacon Report (Rich D)

Editors: Stef D. (a.k.a. The Cyber Sot) and Rich D. (a.k.a. The Digital Drunk)

Will be following preceding Editors' format of publishing stories about recovery and Worcester area AA events / activities

Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes with deadline on the 25th of every month following prior month's issue

Alcathon Report: (Heather C)

- BIG THANKS to all participants, the Hosts and Groups and all others who worked behind the scenes
- Great turnouts for the Christmas and New Year's Alcathons
- Summary:
 - Thanksgiving attendees: 448 // 16 group commitments
 - Christmas attendees: 459 // 16 group commitments
 - New Year's attendees: 426 // 15 group commitments
- First 2022 Committee meeting will be on 1/19/22, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom
- Heather provided example of the flyer about the Committee meeting and invites all to join the planning process.
 - Agenda will be to review past Alcathons, debriefing on topics and set up planning process for the year leading up to the 2022 Alcathons
- Alcathon Planning Meeting Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoomus/j/87673586905>.
 - Meeting ID: 867 9652 7922 // Passcode: Alcathon

Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

District 23 – No active Treatment Chair. Ray M is assisting the District. See District 25 for facility updates, as D23 seeks commitments in D25.

District 25 – At time of report, Washburn Detox and CSS have been temporarily converted to Virtual Commitments. Washburn Extended Care has resumed in-person commitments. Suspended sites are listed below. Ray and co-chair Dave S. are seeking other suspended facilities to convert to virtual. Staffing issues are thwarting these efforts.

- A nursing facility is seeking commitments in the afternoon. Looking to start first as a trial.
- Confirmed that Washburn House participated in the virtual Alcahthon. Unsure about others.
- Note: Adcare now requires visitors to have proof of vaccination

District 26 – RCA has halted in-person commitments and chairs are also looking to have it convert to virtual format

Treatment Calendar is on www.AAWorcester.org >>> select Take a Commitment for available days and times

- SUSPENDED Commitments: Spectrum, NERC, Independence Hall, Evolve Recovery Center, Sunrise Detox, RCA.
- VIRTUAL Commitments: Washburn House Detox and CSS

Book Drive for Bridging the Gap – Thanks given to all contributors and a full box is now in the Intergroup Office for use throughout the year.

Area 30 Treatment Meeting – Ray chaired. Seeing an increase in nursing facilities looking for in-person commitments or meetings. Next Area Treatment meeting will be on 1/21 @ 7pm. Website will be updated throughout the year. Area committees will have a landing page of their own. Working with Grapevine Committee to get it into treatment facilities. Funds seem to be available, per the chair (Steve)

HALT Line: (Sue R)

Currently adequately staffed. Thanks expressed to Brandy for assisting and for also helping to find a Spanish-speaking person to field calls. Any questions can be sent to Sue's email @ sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com

72nd General Service Conference Committee

Preliminary Agenda Items, as of 12/3/21, were provided for Delegates to review

Public Information Report: (Rich D) Local library list completed. A drafted letter by Rich is being sent requesting permission to send the book to then receive a free copy of the Big Book and the 12 and 12 Book. Rich is asking the Committee for input regarding scope of donations, e.g. including Overdrive, Audio Books or CDs. Rich planning to make this an agenda item at the PI meeting, regularly scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Inquiry and seeking input from the Committee about providing meeting lists and other materials to the Police and Fire Departments in the area.

Bookie Report: (Heather C) Reported on last meeting held, on 1/9, attended by 7.

- Better attendance than past 4 assemblies.
- Vote to keep going with the Zoom Exchange, complementing the AA Bookie email group.
- Dialogue with treatment facilities and groups in good.
- Requesting that GSRs carry the message to their respective groups about the monthly exchange.
- Info and link is on the WAI page

Next meeting scheduled for 3rd Sunday of Feb (2/20), then will resume on the 2nd Sunday of the month in March.

Zoom Report: (Brandy H).

- December had 295 meetings with 3085 participants.
- November had 302 meetings with 2872 participants.
- Meetings appear to be going back to Zoom, with a few asking for meetings and the Office has been able to accommodate them.

MSYCPAA: (Ray M)

10/21-10/23/2022 MSCYPAA XXIV at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, Assassins, Floatypaa. Details for events at mscypaa.org. Many service positions open.

Old Business: Alt. Secretary & Corrections positions still open. Matt S. appointed Liaison to District 25

New Business:

Discussion started about the possibility of splitting up the Joint Committees WAI has with District 25. Tabled.

Adjournment 8:08 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM