

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

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

Introductions of Attendees: 15 attendees – **Lynn S.** (Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), **Heather C.** (Alt. Chair / Bookie Exchange / Alcathon co-chair), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager / Zoom Chair / delegate Come As You Are), **Bill G.** (Interested AA), **Fred F** (Webmaster, delegate Nashoba Sunday Morning), **Eduardo M** (Secretary & delegate Happy, Joyous & Free), **Rich D** (Treasurer, PI Chair, Beacon), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA Liaison), **Naomi D** (delegate Worcester Mid-Day), **Matt S.** (delegate Worcester Green Hill Park, D25 Liaison), **Jean O.** (delegate Northboro Saturday Morning), **Bill L.** (delegate Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), **Ted K** (Trustee), **Jen D.** (Interested AA), **Rich M.** (D26 Liaison)

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs: **Jen D.** (Interested AA)

Individual Anniversaries: **Bill L. 18 yrs. // Rich D. 4 yrs**

Secretary's Report: Eduardo M – minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: **Total Income January 2022** \$7,081.02 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$3,859.19, for a **Gross Profit** of \$3,221.83 **Office Expenses** were \$5,802.13 and **Committee Expenses** were \$242.01 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$6,044.14 // **Checking Balance** \$22,832.42 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00. // **Available funds** \$22,982.42 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$7,982.42**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total January contributions** were \$5,180.88 **DOWN** \$104.99 compared to \$5,285.87 for December 2021 // **January contributions** were \$5,180 **UP \$1,254.42** compared to \$3,926.46 for January 2021 // **January product sales** were \$1,869.65 **DOWN** \$3,443.10 compared to \$5,321.75 for December 2021 // **January product sales** were \$1,869.645 **UP** \$515.80 compared to \$1,353.85 for January 2021

- AA General Service Office is currently out of stock of hardcover Big Books but WAI has plenty!
- Hardcover "As Bill Sees It" is back in stock
- 47 year coins are on backorder

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (thru 2/9): \$35.56

Site Visits January 2022: 11,936 (-12.5% vs December 2021)

Avg. Page Views in January 2022: 8.69 (+0.8% vs December 2021)

Noteworthy Changes & Updates:

Main Menu: “WAI” Added. “HOME” link icon added

WAI Calendar: Added entries for Metro West/Area 30 events

WAI Committees: Updated as requested by Committee Chairs

Announcements: AA news events and announcements posted

Meeting List: Meeting List and Meeting Guide app feed updates

Treatment Calendars: Covid-related status updates

Beacon Report (Rich D)

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

February issue is out. Next issue will focus on NERAASA and pre-Assembly coming in April 2022.

Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes with deadline on the 25th of every month following prior month’s issue. Send to: beacon@aaworcester.org

Editors meet weekly at Dinky’s Blue Belle Diner @ 8 AM. ALL are welcome!

Alcathon Report: (Heather C)

- Committee met on 1/19/22, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. 6 Attendees (1 was a new member)
 - Agenda included discussion on general lack of participation from groups on Committee and how to bring more people into the planning process.
 - Responsibilities taken by Co-Chairs included:
 - Article in the Beacon and flyers, including “Save the Date” flyer in the Beacon
 - Electronic feedback form URL on all flyers
 - Monthly posting in the Beacon with upcoming dates
 - All info brought to D25 by Heather on behalf of Norine, as well as to the Intergroup meeting on 2/10, emails sent to all GSRs and Intergroup delegates for review at their meetings. Contact either Heather or Norine at alcathonaaworcester.org if you were missed.
- Alcathon Planning Meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8pm. All are welcome to attend. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/876796527922>
 - Meeting ID: 867 9652 7922 // Passcode: Alcathon

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

District 23 – No active Treatment Chair at this time. Ray M reported the openings and closings.

District 24 – Someone stepped up to handle treatment. Ray will be contacting them.

District 25 – At time of report, In-Person Commitments available to be booked through the Calendar at AAWorcester.org:

- Adcare – Requires proof of vaccination
- Evolve Recovery Center
- MYR limiting 2 people. No openings currently
- Sunrise Detox
- Spectrum RP (Willows House – Open and dates will be posted)
- Spectrum RP (Maples House – Starting 2/14 and dates will be posted)
- Washburn Detox

- Washburn CSS
- Washburn Extended Care

Virtual Commitments available to be booked through the Calendar at AAWorcester.org:

- NERC Residential – Bookings now
- NERC Detox (Coming soon)
- RCA

Suspended Commitments:

- CHL Detox
- CHL CSS – Passages
- CHL TSS
- Independence Hall
- Spectrum CSS 2E (Co-Ed)
- Spectrum CSS 2W (Male)
- Spectrum Detox (ALL units)

District 26 – Rosi has contacted Ray for help in re-starting virtual commitments. At present, only RCA is the only treatment facility holding virtual commitments in this district. Rich M. added that 15 people attended their last meeting.

HALT Line: (Sue R)

No changes. Currently adequately staffed. Any questions can be sent to Sue's email @ sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com

Area 30 report: Ray M. – 72nd General Service Conference Committees Agenda items and notes were provided for the delegates' review, with supplemental information (highlighted here below), along with note from Area 30's Messenger Chair/Editor Charlene J. (also provided) to introduce the info noted here and included in their January "The Messenger" issue:

- News from the General Service Office
- Message from the Chair
- Bio to spotlight Dr. Al J. Mooney, one of AA's Nonalcoholic Trustees
- Updates from YPAA
- Announcement and link to obtain a copy of AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Services: visit aaboston.org
- Info on all Committee meetings in Area 30
- One page recap of upcoming events including: Info on the 1st planning committee meeting for the 58th Massachusetts State Convention taking place Tuesday January 25, 7pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, info on NERAASA 2022 in Pittsburgh, PA to be on Feb 25-27, Road Shows, Service Seminar and Upcoming Assemblies
- Calendar of their Outreach to Districts
- Page on the GSO's newly updated website: www.aa.org

Public Information Report: (Rich D) – Worked on letter this past month to go to local libraries when sending out the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve Book of AA. Targeting to send the letter out this month, now that Mail Merge issue has been resolved. Next project: to organize sending out LARGE print copies of the Big Book to libraries. Rich will continue in this role until a replacement volunteers to take over these projects or to assist him.

Bookie Report: (Heather C) – Upcoming Exchange is scheduled for 2/20/22. Report will be presented on March 10, 2022

Zoom Report: (Brandy H).

- December had 295 meetings with 3085 participants.
- January had 348 meetings with 3098 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) – Provided flyer for upcoming convention:

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

Old Business: Corrections position is still open.

New Business:

Steering Committee approved a proposal that the Intergroup Office, working with the Intergroup Delegates, embark on a Contact List project to collect 2 names from each group by July 1, 2022.

The impetus behind the proposal stemmed from inquiries to the office to verify the time and place of a meeting when the group's info (either in print or in the online meeting schedule) did not match the caller's experience and the office had no one on file with the group to contact them for clarification.

A contact names form for groups to use had already been drafted and it was presented to the Delegates. Also, the WAI Secretary volunteered to assist the Office Manager to draft a note for the groups to read to better understand the need for the project. The Office Manager also suggested that volunteers be mobilized for the project to ensure that ALL groups within Intergroup be contacted to complete the project and she also volunteered to provide oversight until the completion of the project.

Adjournment 8:45 PM

Serenity Prayer

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