

**Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2022**  
*(Prepared for April 14, 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:** 19 attendees – **Lynn S.** (Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager / Zoom Chair / delegate Come As You Are), **Ted K** (Trustee), **Jane P.** (Trustee), **Bill S.** (Trustee), **Sean K.** (Trustee), **Katie M.** (Alternate Treasurer), **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), **Jean O.** (delegate Northboro Saturday Morning), **Bill L.** (delegate Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), **Sean R.** (The Way Out Group), **Melissa I.** (Main South Sobriety), **Harry W.** (Dudley Day At A Time), **Maria G.** (observing and the DCM-Cape and the Islands)

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

**Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs:**

**Individual Anniversaries:** Heather 1 year on 2/10!

**Secretary's Report:** Eduardo M

**Treasurer's Report:** Total Income February 2022 \$6,473.03 // Cost of Goods Sold \$432.69 for a Gross Profit of \$6,040.34 // Office Expenses were \$5,591.48 and Committee Expenses were \$17.48 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$5,609.26 // Checking Balance \$23,727.33 // Petty Cash \$150.00. // Available funds \$23,877.33 minus Prudent Reserve -\$15,000.00 for Net Available Funds of **\$8,877.33**

**Office Manager's Report:** (Brandy H.) Total February contributions were \$3,180.82 **DOWN** \$2,000.06 compared to \$5,180.88 for January 2022 // **2022 contributions** were \$8,361.70 **UP \$63.71** compared to \$8,297.99 for 2021 // February product sales were \$3176.76 **UP** \$1,307.01 compared to \$1,869.65 for January 2022 // **2022 product sales** were \$5,046.41 **UP** \$2,783.36 compared to \$2,263.05 for 2021

- Received 27 Group Contacts to date, 4 from D26
- 47 year coins are on backorder

**Website Report:** (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (thru 3/6): \$53.34

Site Visits February 2022: 11,296 (7.1% vs January 2022)

Avg. Page Views in February 2022: 8.50 (-1.3% vs January 2022)

**Noteworthy Changes & Updates:**

**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:** Info and app feed updated

**Listed Meeting Contacts:** Links to jotform added to site. (Note: Suggestion made to add script also)

**The Beacon** button/link added to Home Page

### **Beacon Report** (Rich D)

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

March issue is out. Next issue will focus on NERAASA and pre-Assembly coming in April 2022. Brandy to forward pre-assembly conference flyer to Rich

Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes with deadline on the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month following prior month's issue. Send to: [beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org)

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

### **Alcathon Report:** (Heather C) *excused, due to illness. Report submitted to Delegates for review*

- Committee met on 2/16/22, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom.
  - Continued discussion on participation from groups at planning meetings
  - Continuing to reach out to bring more people into the planning process
  - Responsibilities taken by committee members included:
    - Seek out possible locations for in-person/Hybrid option
      - Knowledge of hybrid logistics to be discussed at next meeting. MJ (D25) invited to attend the next meeting.
      - Voting on venue will be at the July meeting
      - Concerns are state mandates, health concerns and venue procurement are all to be considered in the process
      - Timing of BOTH Alcathons falling on Sundays for Christmas and New Year's may be a barrier to church venues
    - Continue with Beacon article and flyers
    - Electronic feedback form URL on all flyers
  - 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](http://alcathonaaworcester.org) if you were missed.
- Alcathon Planning Meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- Committee requests that all Delegates take this information to their groups, copy on the group's FB pages, distribute at meetings and direct members to the feedback form for input.
- Alcathon Dates:
  - Thanksgiving: November Wed 23 – Thurs 24
  - Christmas: December Sat 24 – Sunday 25
  - New Year's: Sat 12/31 – Sun 1/1/2023

### **WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report:** (Ray M.)

NERAASA Recap for Treatment and Bridging the Gap Roundtables was provided by Ray M.  
District 23 – No active Treatment Chair at this time. Ray M not able to attend the meeting.  
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:

- Most facilities are opening up to in-person commitments. Reserve on calendar posted @ AAWorcester.org
- Adcare is OPEN – Requires proof of vaccination
- Evolve Recovery Center – Needs commitments
- MYR limiting 3 people. Only had 3/28 & 3/30 open. Secure on Calendar
- Sunrise Detox – Needs commitments
- Spectrum RP (Willows House – Open and dates will be posted)
- Spectrum RP (Maples House – Starting 2/14 and dates will be posted)
- ALL Washburn sites – Need commitments

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

- NERC Residential – Bookings now

Suspended Commitments:

- CHL Detox
- CHL CSS – Passages
- CHL TSS - Thayer
- Independence Hall – expected to open soon
- Spectrum CSS 2E (Co-Ed)
- Spectrum CSS 2W (Male)
- Spectrum Detox (ALL units)
- Taravista

District 26 – Ray reached out to RCA and Taravista for in-person commitments. Waiting for reply.

**HALT Line:** (Sue R)

No changes.

Several slots now open that need coverage.

Any questions can be sent to Sue's email @ [sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com](mailto:sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com) or [hotline@aaworcester.org](mailto:hotline@aaworcester.org)

**Area 30 report:** submitted by Heather C.

- 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference online survey can be filled out individually or as a Group. Link is on D25 web page and WAI web page.
- Outreach by delegate is ongoing
- Mass State Convention dates: November 11-13 in Sturbridge. Combo event with Area 30 & Area 31
- Area is in process of redesigning their website
- New Ad-hoc Committee will begin presenting at Area 30 meeting in April

- To maintain hybrid format, considerations include:
  - People with tech experience
  - Camera to show engagement
  - Feedback regarding Covid protocols for safety

**Public Information Report:** (Rich D) – Time constraints prevented Rich from working on it this month. Looking to work more on Library Project. Attended Newsletter Roundtable at NERASSA

**Bookie Report:** (Heather C prepared, Brandy H. reviewed in her absence) – March 13, 2022 meeting was postponed

**Zoom Report:** (Brandy H).

- January had 348 meetings with 3,098 participants
- February had 310 meetings with 2,767 participants.

**MSYCPAA:** (Ray M) – Upcoming convention 10/21-10/23/2022 MSCYPAA XXIV at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth, MA. Register for \$15 at mscypaa.com. QR Code provided. Rates for stay are approx. \$120-\$150.

- Invitation to join the Planning Committee. Generally meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of every month but April's meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (hybrid). Info for both in-person and virtual attendance was provided by Ray.
- Ray provided flyers for upcoming events: April's Sober Rave and August Campout in Vermont.

**NERASSA Report:** (Heather C.) She provided a full report, though absent due to illness

**Old Business:** Corrections position is still open.

**New Business:**

- Reported that WAI to get a new computer, as proposed and approved by the Steering Committee

**Adjournment 8:05 PM**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**