

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022
(Prepared for May 12, 2022 meeting)

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

Afterwards, Lynn S. read letter from Heather C. announcing her departure and heartfelt thanks for her time on the Committee and her opportunity to serve.

Introductions of Attendees: 15 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), **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), **Emily C.** Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), **Harry W.** (Dudley Day At A Time), **Richard M.** Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening, **Matt S.** Liaison D25 / Green Hill Park

Attendees Sign In Sheet: Eduardo M. (Zoom attendees also recorded with Brandy's help)

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs:

Individual Anniversaries:

Secretary's Report: Eduardo M.

Treasurer's Report: Total Income March 2022 \$9,790.72 // Cost of Goods Sold \$2,689.55 for a Gross Profit of \$7,101.17 // Office Expenses were \$6,194.52 and Committee Expenses were \$17.48 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$6,212.30 // Checking Balance \$24,468.36 // Petty Cash \$150.00. // Available funds \$24,618.36 minus Prudent Reserve -\$15,000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$9,618.36

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) Total March contributions were \$4,107.74 UP \$926.92 compared to \$3,180.82 for February 2022 // 2022 contributions were \$12,469.44 DOWN \$188.15 compared to \$12,657.59 for 2021 // March product sales were \$5,526.66 UP \$2,349.90 compared to \$3,176.76 for February 2022 // 2022 product sales were \$10,573.07 UP \$6,009.77 compared to \$4,563.30 for 2021

- Received 77 Group Contacts to date. Office asks that all Delegates ask that their groups submit 2 contacts from their home and announce at any other meetings attended.
- Office is now mask optional and individual discretion is requested from anyone visiting the office at this time.
- Supply chain issues continue to impact inventory of books on hand. Suggested to call the office beforehand for inquiries regarding any book's inventory on hand.

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (thru 4/12): \$92.17

Site Visits March 2022: 12,884 (+5.3% vs February 2022 / +15% vs. March 2021)
Avg. Page Views in March: 8.75 (+3.9% vs February 2022)

Noteworthy Changes & Updates:

WAI Calendar: Added entries for Metro West/Area 30 events. Calendar events have been exported and given to THE BEACON editor

WAI Committee Pages: Updated as requested by Committee Chairs.

WAI Announcements: AA news events and announcements updated and posted

WAI Online Meeting List and App Feed: Info and app feed updated

Beacon Report (Rich D)

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

April issue is out, and with appropriate joke. Requests for subscriptions have begun to come in.

Bid to be submitted for a printed version of the Beacon in color, black and white or combo versions.

Requests are coming in for items of interest (e.g. Assemblies, Roundups, etc.) Editors will be happy to assist and respond to inquiries

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:

- Committee met on 3/16/22, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom.
 - Timeline was discussed. MJ from D25 attended to help with logistics for hybrid Alcathons, should they be held in that format
 - Feedback form was sparsely used
 - Possible venues for in-person Alcathon were discussed, with possible conflict of Christmas and New Year's Alcathons also falling on a Sunday this year. Need to know each venue's protocols. Need to contact those who ran last year's in person Alcathons regarding protocols.
 - Legal responsibilities of in-person Alcathon were reviewed:
 - Covid contact sheet with names and phone numbers? And, if so, need to retain it for 2 weeks following the events?
 - Sanitation items that may be needed: masks, sanitizer, spray for tables and chairs, gloves, etc.
 - Reviewed if an insurance rider would be required
 - Next meeting: 4/20/22 at 7PM. Link is posted on WAI Calendar @ aaworcester.org

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

District 23 – No update.

District 24 – Ray spoke with Marcie, the DCM at the Assembly. She was working with Ray and the Area Committee for commitments at Emerson Hospital.

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
- Evolve Recovery Center – Needs commitments for Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri
- Sunrise Detox – Needs commitments for Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat
- CHL Detox – Needs commitments for Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
- Spectrum CSS – All days open for commitments. Note: one male floor & and one female floor
- Washburn sites – Need commitments

Suspended Commitments:

- CHL CSS – Passages
- CHL TSS - Thayer
- Taravista

District 26 – Ray connected with the new contact at RCA. Dates will be posted for available dates by Easter. At District meeting, volunteer spoke up to contact facilities and to provide copies of Grape Vine.

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 or hotline@aaworcester.org

Old Business: Positions OPEN: Alternate Chair to Steering Committee, Alcathon Co-Chair, Liaison to Area 30, Bookie Exchange, Alternate Secretary, Corrections Committee and Social Committee. Lynn asking for interest from attendees and for each Delegate to also pass on these opportunities for service to their groups.

New Business:

- Jane P. was voted in as Alternate Chair to Steering Committee
- Bill G. voted in as Trustee to Steering Committee
- Discussion was held on whether or not to maintain the Bookie Exchange in Heather's absence. Consensus was to keep it active until position is filled and Fred will take it off of the WAI Calendar for the time being.

Adjournment 8:00 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM