

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022
(Prepared for June 9, 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), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager / Zoom Chair / delegate Come As You Are), **Ted K** (Trustee & Worcester It Starts Here), **Jane P.** (Alternate Chair), **Bill G.** (Trustee), **Fred F** (Webmaster, delegate Nashoba Sunday Morning), **Eduardo M** (Secretary & delegate Happy, Joyous & Free), **Rich D** (Treasurer, PI Chair & Beacon Committee), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA & Area 30 Liaison), **Naomi D** (delegate Worcester Mid-Day), **Bill L.** (Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance), **Harry W.** (Dudley Day At A Time), **Richard M.** (Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), **Jean O.** (Northboro Sat Morning), **Stef D.** (Beacon Committee)

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. presented and minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report: **Total Income April 2022** \$8,141.75 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$5,555.45, for a **Gross Profit** of \$2,586.30 // **Office Expenses** were \$7,123.89 and **Committee Expenses** were \$297.91 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$7,421.80 // **Checking Balance** \$20,024.39 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$220,174.39 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$5,174.39**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total April contributions** were \$3,782.83 **DOWN** \$324.91 compared to \$4,107.74 for March 2022 // **April product sales** were \$4,256.30 **DOWN** \$1,270.36 compared to \$5,526.66 for March 2022 // **YTD 2022 contributions** were \$16,252.27 **DOWN** \$2,465.45 compared to \$18,717.71 for YTD 2021 // **YTD 2022 product sales** were \$14,829.37 **UP** \$9,008.17 compared to \$5,821.20 for YTD 2021

- Received 90 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.

Summer hours were discussed and will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day as follows: Mon: 10am-2pm / Tues: 10am-3pm / Wed: 10am-8pm / Thurs: 10am-2pm / Fri: CLOSED / Sat: 10am-2pm

Price increases to be expected on merchandise due to continued supply chain issues. Currently, these items have received cost increases: Mugs are now \$10.00 each and Cards are now \$2.50 each

Jane P. inquired about parking when visiting the office. Brandy informed that there is a side lot next to the building with entrance to the rear of it. Visitors are to drive up to the kiosk, scroll the directory for

the AA office, and enter #6750 to open the gate. On departure, visitors are to drive up to the gate and sensors will open it automatically.

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (as of 5/12): \$129.95. This includes \$20.00 from D23 to register domain.

Site Visits April 2022: 11,455 (-11% vs March 2022 / +15% vs. March 2021)

Avg. Page Views in March: 8.75 (same as March 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 Top Navigation Menu: Meetings, Bookstore & Calendar drop downs

WAI Announcements: AA news events and announcements updated and posted (upcoming Round Up, etc. New sub-menu added for the form on WAI page)

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)

- May issue is out. To date, 100 subscribers. Chairs asking delegates to subscribe and encourage their groups to do the same. Chairs provided suggested announcement to be read during announcements at individual meetings and for posting on their group's Zoom websites.
- Bids coming in for a printed version of the Beacon. To date, best price is \$185.00 for 100 B/W, folded and stapled. Plan is to have it ready for the 1st Tuesday of every month with copies available for the WAI and the current 4 associated District meetings.
- Requests are coming in for items of interest (e.g. Assemblies, Roundups, etc.) Editors will be happy to assist and respond to inquiries, preferably in PDF, Word or Excel)
- 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 most Fridays at Dinky's Blue Belle Diner, 70 Clinton St. in Shrewsbury @ 8:30 AM. ALL are welcome!

Alcathon Report (Brandy read notes on behalf of Committee, which is still in need of Chairs and volunteers:

- Committee met on 4/20/22, 7pm-8pm, via Zoom. Attendees: Norine, Bill, Jen D & Thomas
 - Timeline was discussed. MJ from D25 wrote and submitted a "Recommendations for Running a Hybrid AA Meeting" for hybrid Alcathons, should they be held in that format
 - Heather sent note of thanks to MJ for his help and service
 - Legal responsibilities for hosting an in-person Alcathon during Covid times were submitted and reviewed.
 - 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 Alcatons regarding protocols.

- Bill G reported no response yet from St Joan of Arc Hall
- Discussed possibly adding AdCare as location
- Discussed whether 2 AAs to visit possible locations. Attendees agreed
- Covid contact sheet with names and phone numbers? And, if so, need to retain it for 2 weeks following the events?
- Adjourned at 7:43 pm. Next meeting: 5/18/22 at 7PM. Link is posted on WAI Calendar @ aaworcester.org

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

Treatment advisors are needed and Ray endorsed as a great way to be of service! Contact Ray at: Treatment@AAWorcester.org

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

- ALL 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 and this floor is open to coed incoming groups.
 - NERC in Shrewsbury – Need commitments
 - Washburn sites – Need commitments
 - AdCare – Need commitments & requires proof of vaccination

Suspended Commitments:

- CHL CSS – Passages
- CHL TSS - Thayer
- Taravista
- May initiative to distribute Bridging the Gap pamphlets. Hoping to work on more formal presentation with CPC and to coordinate efforts with PI Committee in the future.

District 26 –At District meeting, volunteer spoke up to contact facilities and to provide copies of Grape Vine. RCA is only facility being serviced at this time

HALT Line: (Sue R)

No changes.

Several slots now open that need coverage.

Action being taken by Brandy and Rich at WAI Office to connect Haltline coverage via log in when Office closes to maintain coverage.

Any questions can be sent to Sue's email @ sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com or hotline@aaworcester.org

Old Business: Positions OPEN: Alcatraz 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.

Question was raised regarding qualifications for Corrections meetings? Discussion ensued. General replies were that CORI checks are to be expected for most facilities and that many facilities may have their own rules and regulations. AA has a pamphlet available on this too.

New Business:

Adjournment 8:12 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: July 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM