

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021

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

Introductions of Attendees: 12 attendees –Lynne S. (alternate chair), Brandy H. (Office Manager/ Zoom Chair), Bill S (Treasurer), Casey N (Secretary), Eduardo (Alternate Secretary, delegate Happy Joyous and Free), Rich D (Alternate Treasurer, Public Information chair, delegate Come As You Are), Bill G (Trustee), Michael G (delegate Northboro Saturday AM, Dave P (Shrewsbury BBWS), Ray M (DMC-D25/MSCYPAA Liaison), Richard M (Dist 26 Liaison), Norine E (Alcathon co-chair), Jesse C (delegate Main South Sobriety), Naomi D (Way of Sobriety)

Attendees Sign In Sheet: (Casey N) taken from Zoom attendee list

Welcome New Delegates:

Individual Anniversaries: Ray M – 2 years

Secretary's Report: (Casey N) June minutes were passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Bill S) Total Income June 2021 \$7,678.39 Cost of Goods Sold \$2,531.20, for a Gross Profit of \$5,147.19 Office Expenses were \$4,743.25 and Committee Expenses were \$47.71 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$4,790.96 Checking Balance \$23,355.44, Debit Account Balance \$0, Petty Cash \$150.00. Committee Remaining Budget Balance \$11,209.84 Available funds \$23,505.44 minus Prudent Reserve \$10,000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$13,505.44.

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) Total YTD contributions are \$27,969.92 DOWN \$2,219.75 from this time last year \$30,189.67. June contributions were \$4,466.96 DOWN \$318.28 from May \$4,785.24. Total product sales year to date are \$11,477.75 DOWN \$4,935.00 from 2020 \$16,412.75. June product sales were \$3,161.30 UP \$666.75 from May \$2,495.25. Summer Hours will remain in effect until Labor Day: M 10-2, T 10-8. W 10-3, Th 10-2, Sat 10-2, closed Friday and Sunday. Office is now open!!! Letter from AA Grapevine regarding changes to the preamble were included in this month's packet. Please share with your group.

Website Report: (Fred F): Site Visits From June: +.01% from May (11,872). Web Site Hosting Fees (YTD thru 7/7/2021): \$159.91. Noteworthy changes and updates: WAI Calendar updated to include AA related events in metrowest/Area 30. Announcements page updated to reflect current local AA news and events. Meeting list page updated for resuming meetings, meeting search was revamped. Other edits District 23 and 24 sites updated (calendar, announcements, AA meetings), District 25- no updates. District 26- Assisted web chair with News, Calendar, Meetings, Homepage splash updates. Area 30 Website – no updates. Bookie Exchange to meet via Zoom monthly starting July 11 at 6pm, and every second Sunday thereafter.

Alcathon Report: (Norine E) Poll was taken on Facebook regarding format of this year's Alcathon: 35 votes for in-person, 28 votes for hybrid, 0 votes for Zoom only. Committee is looking into venues, getting information for pricing and occupant limits. Alcathon Webpage will be discussed next meeting.

Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.) Area Joint Treatment Meeting 3rd Friday of the month. Treatment advisors needed with over 1 year sobriety and previous service work. Virtual Bookie Exchange monthly on Zoom starting 7/11/21 at 6pm, and every 2nd Sunday of the month going forward. This meeting will replace email. Bridging the Gap/12 step volunteers needed with over 1 year of sobriety. Change of preamble effective now. Facilities updates: Adcare – email

for virtual commitments. Independence Hall, NERC, Spectrum, open dates on www.AAWorcester.org. Washburn Extended Care, Detox, CSS, and CHL – no visitors allowed.

Corrections: Position still open.

HALT Line: (Brandy H) Currently looking for volunteers. People are having trouble logging in following changes to Spectrum site. When logging into HALTline, cache on phone and internet browsers must be cleared. Interested volunteers may email Donna at donna@charter.net.

Area 30 Liaison Report: (Rich D) Virtual meeting held on 6/23/21 with 26 participants. La Vina celebrated 25 years of bringing the message to the sick and suffering to the Spanish speaking community. NEERASA scheduled 2/25-2/27 in Pittsburgh, PA.

District 25 Liaison Report: (Brandy H) Website is up and running. District meetings will continue on Zoom

District 26 Liaison Report: (Rich M) District meeting held in-person 1200 John Fitch Hwy in Leominster. Treatment Facilities: Terra Vista in Devens under new ownership. Upcoming events: Cookout in Gardner, Comedy Show in Leominster in January. See website for details.

Public Information Report: (Rich D) Looking into supplying AA literature to public libraries. PI Chair will be meeting with new District PI to coordinate work. PIC is considering virtual library and newsletter for AA events in MA.

Social Committee Report: (Jeff W) WAI and District 25 are presenting 9/11/21 Whoopee Party at Green Hill Park. See flyer for details, including how to get involved with planning.

BookieXchange Report: (Bill S.) Bookie Exchange email responded to 50 requests since 6/9/21, through 7/7/21. This is a decrease of 107 requests since last month's 157 requests. Breakdown of responses by category: 3/10/21-4/7/21 Zoom=42, Live=11, Hybrid=2, Personal=6; 4/7/21-5/12/21 Zoom=56, Live=20, Hybrid=60, Personal=9. 5/12/21 – 6/9/21 Zoom=75, Live=52, Hybrid=5, Personal=25. 6/9/21 – 7/7/21 Zoom=11, Live=36, Hybrid=6, Personal=7. Currently 58 bookies on the WAI Bookie List. Bookie Exchange will now move to live Zoom meeting monthly. Many thanks to Bill S. for his service!

Zoom report: (Brandy H) In June we had 369 meetings with 4422 participants, using 209,760 minutes. Zoom attendance has been diminishing, but not to the extent that the Zoom account needs to be changed. One Host slot has been reallocated for online Bookie Exchange.

MSCYPAA: (Ray M) MSCYPAA.com for listing of live events. MA State Convention planning meeting last Tuesday of July at 7pm. Email treatment for Zoom info for November.

Old Business: Corrections, Bookie Exchange, Alcahion Co-chair, and trustee positions are still open.

New Business: Office is receiving many requests for printed meeting lists. Due to rate of meeting changes, lists will not be printed until at least September. Current meeting information may be found on www.aaworcester.org. Beacon will no longer be printed, but will be available online.

What's On Your Mind?:

Adjournment 8:02 PM Serenity Prayer
Next Meeting: August 12, 2021