

## **Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**

### **Delegates Meeting Minutes**

**July 13, 2023**

(Presented at August 10, 2023 meeting)

**7:00 PM:** Jane P. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration. Jane reminded the group that Service Sponsors are a vital part of service. Brandy, and Ray volunteered to be Service Sponsors.

#### **Introductions of Attendees:** –

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Brandy H   | Office Manager/Zoom/Worcester Come As You Are         |
| Jane P     | Chair   |
| Ted K      | Alternate Chair/Worcester It All Starts Here          |
| Lynne S    | interested AA   |
| Cathy H    | Secretary (Ted K. was acting Sec. in Cathy's absence) |
| Bill G     | Public Information                                    |
| Ray M      | Interested AA   |
| Richard M  | Liaison District 26                                   |
| Naomi D    | Worcester Mid-Day                                     |
| Jeff L     | Liaison Area 30/Alt.Del. Grafton Reflections          |
| Fred F     | Website/Treatment                                     |
| Nikki F    | Daily Choice  |
| John N     | Interested A  |
| Eduardo M. | Grafton Happy Joyous and Free                         |
| Brenda B.  | Grafton Reflections                                   |

Welcomed new Delegates Nikki F and Anne C.

**Individual Anniversaries:** John N. celebrated 2 years.

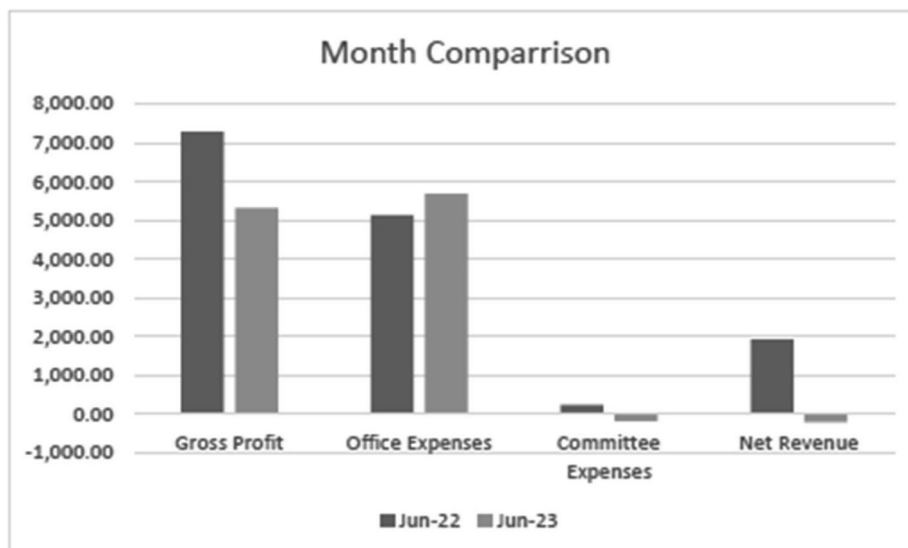
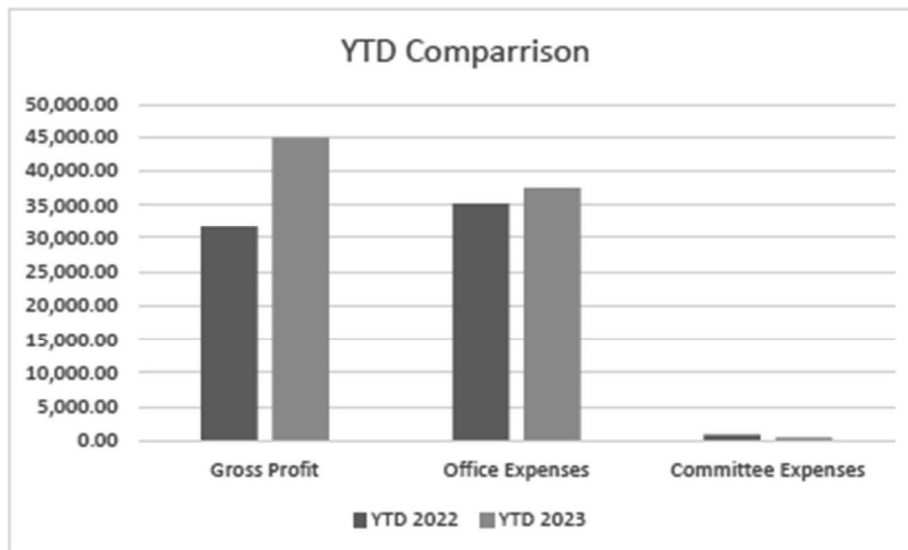
**Read Safety Card &** "Safety in meetings also includes treating each other with tolerance, kindness, and respect. Interrupting people as they are speaking is disruptive to the meeting. We discuss difficult topics, and it is easy to become frustrated. Please be mindful of how you are speaking to others. We can disagree with each other and still be respectful."

**Secretary's Report:** Recorded notes were presented, and the minutes were accepted.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Total Income June 2023 | \$9,431.23 |
| Cost of Goods Sold     | \$4,117.27 |
| Gross Profit           | \$5,313.96 |

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Office Expenses            | \$5,687.00   |
| Committee Expenses         | -\$173.34 (Refund from Social Committee -\$464.75) |
| Total Expenses             | \$5,513.66   |
| Checking Balance           | \$3,906.19   |
| Savings Balance            | \$2,100.56   |
| CD Balance                 | \$10,000.00  |
| Petty Cash                 | \$150.00   |
| Available Funds            | \$16,156.75  |
| Prudent Reserve            | \$13,100.00  |
| <b>Net Available Funds</b> | <b>\$3,056.75</b>                                  |



Katie was unable to attend, Brandy read the Treasurer's Report in her absence.

Motion to accept the report as submitted was passed.

**Office Managers Concerns:** (Brandy H.)

See attached report.

New Office Summer Hours will be as follows:

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Monday    | 10:00 AM-2:00 PM |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM-3:00 PM |
| Thursday  | 9:30 AM-2:00 PM  |
| Friday    | Closed           |
| Saturday  | 9:30 AM-2:00 PM  |
| Sunday    | Closed           |

**WAI Holidays 2023:** Monday 1/2/23 New Year's observed // Monday 5/29/23 Memorial Day // Tuesday 7/4/23 Independence Day // Monday 9/4/23 Labor Day // Thursday 11/23/23 Thanksgiving Day // Monday 12/25/23 Christmas Day

**Website Report:** (Fred)

See attached report.

**Beacon Report** (Brandy read the report)

See attached report.

**Alcathon Report** (Jeff W.)

See attached report.

**WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report:** (Matt S. and Fred F.)

Need help with unfilled commitments. See attached report.

**Corrections Committee:** (Position for Chair / Co-Chair still open. Would be shared with D25)

See attached report.

**Liaison District 25** (Position open)

See attached report.

**Liaison District 26** (Rich)

P.I. towns have been given the district meeting lists.

Treatment Chair, Tara V. requires CORI.

Activities flyers are on our website regarding campout and family day outing.

Ashburnham Sunday.

Nt. will celebrate their anniversary in September at the Gardner Holy Rosary Hall.

Our next district meeting is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Liaison (WAI-Area 30):**

See attached report.

**HALT Line:** (Sue W.)

No volunteers currently needed. See attached report.

**Public Information:** (Bill G.)

See attached report.

**Social Committee:** (Dante Q.)

See attached report.

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

See attached report.

**Old Business:** Same open positions.

**New Business:** Discussion was had about changing our terms of officers and chairs/liaisons from 1 year to 2 years with elections held opposite years than D25. Special voting rights will apply to officers and chairs/liaisons who are not delegates, since this will directly affect them. We will discuss and vote at the August meeting. If passed, our guidelines will also need to be amended.

**What's On Your Mind?**

**Adjournment 8:29 PM**

**Serenity Prayer**

**Next Meeting: July 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM**

## Alcathon Committee Minutes

**Password: Alcathon**

Thursday, June 15, 2023 @ 7:15pm

Attendees: Norine, Jeff, Barbara, Jim

### Old Business:

- Discuss Two possible Venues – Salem Covenant and St Bernard's
  - Salem Covenant is willing to host us, we just have to let them know.
  - St Bernard's is most likely available. We are waiting to hear back from Fr. Jonathan for official confirmation.
- Discuss Alcathon Times
  - Last year's times: eve of holiday – noon to 9pm, day of holiday 8am-9pm
  - Proposed times, if at St Bernard's: eve of holiday – noon to 11pm, day of holiday 8am-9pm
- Discuss Hybrid Option
  - Not feasible at this time, given reduced committee members
- Discuss Food/Beverage Planning
  - One Food/Beverage Committee for all three Alcathons
  - Three separate Food/Beverage Committee Chairs for each Alcathon
  - Ask each commitment to designate one kitchen helper
- Discuss strategies to involve more members in the Alcathon Planning Committee
  - Re-distribute Alcathon Planning Committee Flyers to WAI and D25 to share with their Home Groups
  - Write an article for the Beacon, describing the Alcathons and the planning beforehand.

## **Joint Treatment Committee July 13 2023**

Matt S. Fred F.

- “Bridging the Gap” pamphlet have come in, they look great. Pamphlets will be e left at the Intergroup office and will be stock in faculties with literature. They will help people leaving treatment connect with local AA members and groups. See:  
[https://aaworcester.org/Docs/Public/WAI\\_BTG\\_Pamphlet.pdf](https://aaworcester.org/Docs/Public/WAI_BTG_Pamphlet.pdf)
- Continuing to stock literature at facilities. Planning to add Grapevine (subscriptions And/or past issues).
- Please make an announcement at meetings or your home groups’ business meeting about the “Take a Commitment” link on the aaworcester.org home page and ask group members to help fill an open commitment.

**HALTline Report**  
**July 2023 Report for June 2023**

**Changes this month: None**

**Nothing to report – all is good – we do not need anymore volunteers at this time.**

**Please email me at [srobitaille.3333@gmail.com](mailto:srobitaille.3333@gmail.com) with any questions.**

**In service,**

**Sue W.**

**HALTline Chair**

## Area 30 Liaison Report- July 13th, 2023

From the Area 30 Meeting on 28 JUN 2023:

- Treasurer
  - 24K in Bank (Includes 7.7K in Prudent Reserve)
- Alt Chair
  - Roadshow- Aug- Worcester- "Way of Sobriety"- 9:30-10:30- Amer. Legion- Vernon Hill
- Area Chair
  - Hybrid help needed
  - Positions still open: Alt Registrar, Alt Messenger, Archive Chair, Alt Grapevine, Tech, website (tech currently combined with it)
  - Next Assembly Meeting: Sunday, September 10th- "Aspects of Service Structure"- Host is needed
- Delegate's Report-  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B8SyQYBjQvU9y0KKhEEnBxQNpLrsHJZv> for more info:
  - Agenda Items for 74th General Service Conference due by 9/15- Planning 2 *Proposed Agenda Item Writing* workshops prior- Details upcoming
  - Spring Edition of *About AA* newsletter is available on aa.org
  - Many print items are back in supply
  - Looking to revise the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic" with assistance from people with indigenous backgrounds
  - 90th Anniversary of AA is July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.  
<https://www.aa.org/international-convention-2025-faqs>
- Archives
  - Getting the repository in order. Need a chairperson
- Accessibilities
  - Chair attended AA All Access Committee covering ADA/AA topics
  - Upcoming: addressing hard of hearing issues without using a lot of equipment
- Grapevine
  - 2 outreaches: Haverhill, East Boston
  - July issue: "Free on the Inside"
- Joint Correctional Facilities
  - Boards and literature racks updated (English and Spanish)
- Joint Public Information
  - Prioritizing what transit lines and details for PSAs
- Joint Treatment Facilities
  - Many facilities need commitments (Hillside Detox, Chestnut Hill mentioned).
  - 3 treatment advisors available to help with outreach
  - Corrections has requested Pamphlets, meeting lists, etc.
- MA State Convention
  - Nov. 10-12, Sturbridge- [aamastateconvention.org](http://aamastateconvention.org)
- Young People Liaison- Missed this- sound was horrible on Zoom
  - NECYPAA info at  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B8SyQYBjQvU9y0KKhEEnBxQNpLrsHJZv>
- Messenger
  - Area 30 Newsletter. News, stories, special events.
  - Available for outreach, published 5x/year
- Service Seminar



- Available for outreach, intro to service structure, inventory, group conscience
- **Technology/Website**
  - Area 30 email list- sign up on the main page of aaemass.org. Going out once a month
- **Districts**
  - District 3- 4th of July Alkathon in Fairhaven
  - District 7- Alkathon on 7/7-7/8
  - District 8- Sept. Fellowship BBQ in Weymouth
  - Districts 12/13- Had a “major safety issue” (did not elaborate); looking to provide some free Grapevine subscriptions
  - Districts 15/16- 4th of July Alkathon in Somerville
  - Districts 18/19- Planning gatherings for Sept, Oct
  - District 21- Fishing Trip- 8/19, Trip planned to go to Wilson House (leaving from Tewksbury)
  - District 24- 8/27- BBQ in Stowe
  - District 25- Co-Hosting Area Assembly in September, 9/22-9/24- “Smore Sobriety”- Meetings, barbecues; Roadshow in August
  - District 27- 7/9- Picnic, 8/5-8/6- Spanish State Convention in Roxbury
- **New/Old Business**
  - Still at United Methodist for July/Aug
  - Survey results (Vote on all to be held in August)
    - 7PM vs. 8PM time preferred
    - Overwhelming desire for continued hybrid
    - 75% vote to ONLY meet in months w/o an assembly
    - 75% vote to keep workshops at assemblies

**Next Area 30 Meeting: Wednesday, July 28th, 2023, Belmont Watertown United Methodist Church**

**Next Area Assembly: September 10, 2023**

Public Information report for 7/23 The outreach to the schools to bring in literature is taking off. Biggest problem we face is enough help. We are looking for tAA's who are willing to get involved to carry the AA message. This is what we do.

Introduction What is Public Information work and Why Should A.A.s Do It?

Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics. This workbook will guide you through the Public Information process. The pages that follow suggest ways individuals can organize and perform P.I. work, as well as activities that have been successful for local P.I. committees. Those undertaking P.I. work for the first time, whether it be at the area, district, group, or intergroup/central office level, are encouraged to read and take guidance from the information contained here. It is suggested that members taking part in P.I. work should have several years of continuous sobriety. The first Public Information committee in A.A. was formed by the General Service Board in 1956. At that time, the following statement of "A.A.'s movement-wide public information policy" was written and approved by the General Service Conference.

The PI workbook is a simple read, nothing like the service manual. Very informative and keeps every one the same page. AA.org Public information workbook PDF

Suggested requirements: Several years of good sobriety, working knowledge of 12 steps and 12 traditions.

1. Still sprucing up the PI display board. Planning on getting more exposure at public health and AA events with in central Mass.
2. Come join US via zoom on the third Thursday.

Yours in service

Bill G WAI PI Chair/

[pichair@aaworsester.org](mailto:pichair@aaworsester.org)

## Social Committee Report - July

### S'more Sobriety

#### September 22 - 24

Worcester Area Intergroup and District 25 are hosting a weekend filled with tent camping, bonfires, music, ghost stories, games, hiking, fishing, candlelight memorial, Fellowship BBQ, Fellowship Potluck Dinner, meetings, workshops, traditions, s'more parties and much more! You can camp for the weekend or come each day for the activities. All are welcome, especially friends and family. This will be a safe and sober atmosphere to relax and have some fun, while at the same time strengthening your recovery. This is a sober event, any guests who are not sober will be asked to leave and will not receive a refund. S'more Sobriety will be taking place just 25 minutes from Worcester at the 660 acre Trout Brook Reservation in beautiful Holden, Massachusetts. We have reserved a large covered pavilion with picnic tables, 2 medium size covered pavilions, a lodge house with bathrooms, meeting rooms and a beautiful fireplace and plenty of space for tent camping. More information about Trout Brook Reservation can be found here, [Trout Brook Reservation](#).

#### Ticket Prices:

- \$50 – Ages 12 & Up
- \$25 – Ages 6 – 11
- Free – 5 & Under

**A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. We highly suggest buying tickets early. Ticket sales will end 2 weeks before the event or sooner if they sell out.**

#### Tickets include:

- Camping both Friday & Saturday Night
- Continental breakfast Saturday & Sunday Morning
- BT Smokehouse BBQ catered dinner Saturday Night
- S'more Party Friday & Saturday Night
- All *non-add on* activities
- Live Music

#### ***THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT, NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED***

- Intergroup Financial Support
  - To support Intergroup, we are proposing a raffle at S'more Sobriety
    - We are asking groups to donate baskets or items worth up to \$30
      - These items can be AA related or just fun
    - We will need volunteers to help coordinate this and run the raffle during the event. Please contact us to help.

- We need volunteers for subcommittees and event day help



# *Ticket Sale!*

# S'more Sobriety

A Weekend of Campfire  
Fellowship and Family Fun!

Meetings

BT's  
Smokehouse  
BBQ Dinner

Workshops

Traditions

Camping

Fishing

**September 22-24, 2023**

Trout Brook Reservation, Holden MA

Bonfires

Live Music

Games

Hiking

Arts & Crafts

S'more Parties

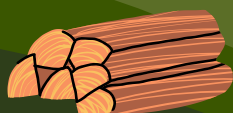
**Weekend Passes**

**Ages 12 & Up - \$50**

**Ages 6 - 11, \$25**

**5 & Under - Free!**

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# *Service Volunteer!* **S'more Sobriety**

**A Weekend of Campfire  
Fellowship and Family Fun!**

**Meetings**

**BT's  
Smokehouse  
BBQ Dinner**

**Workshops**

**Traditions**

**Camping**

**Fishing**

**September 22-24, 2023**

Trout Brook Reservation, Holden MA

**Bonfires**

**Live Music**

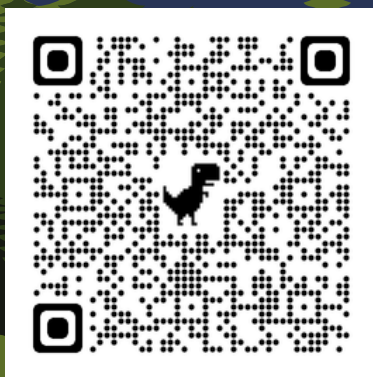
**Games**

**Hiking**

**Arts & Crafts**

**S'more Parties**

**AA service volunteers  
are needed, become  
part of our team. Scan  
to learn more.**



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# **Zoom Report**

*July 2023*

In May we had 239 meetings with 2320 participants

In June we had 210 meetings with 2192 participants

Reminder – these numbers are for meetings running under our Zoom account.  
They do NOT include meetings held on private accounts.

Brandy H.