

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022
(Prepared for September 8, 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: **17 attendees** – Lynn S. (Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), Jane P. (Alternate Chair), Brandy H. (Office Manager / Zoom Chair / delegate Come As You Are), Ted K (Trustee & Worcester It Starts Here), Bill G. (Trustee), Eduardo M (Secretary & delegate Happy, Joyous & Free), Rich D (Treasurer, PI Chair & Beacon Committee), Ray M (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA & Area 30 Liaison), Harry W. (Dudley Day At A Time), Sean K. (Trustee), Matt S. (Liaison D25 & Green Hill Park Group) / Chris G. (Webster Triton Group), Jeff W. (Interested AA), Tony D. (Millbury Traditions), Fred F. (Webmaster / Nashoba BBSS), Richard M. (Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), Bob (Interested AA)

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs:

Individual Anniversaries: Jane P. celebrated 17 years on August 1!

Secretary's Report: Eduardo M. presented and minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report: Rich D.'s report was accepted:

Total Income July 2022 \$8,491.41 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$2,970.55, for a **Gross Profit** of \$5,520.86 // **Office Expenses** were \$6,892.97 and **Committee Expenses** were \$223.52 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$7,116.49 // **Checking Balance** \$19,189.58 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$19339.58 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$4,339.58**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total July Contributions** were \$5,118.08 *compared to June @ \$3,965.90 UP \$1,152.18* // **July Product Sales** were \$3,226.25 *compared to June @ \$3,831.25 DOWN \$605.00* // **YTD 2022 Contributions** were \$29,104.81 *compared to 2021 @ \$33,890.30 DOWN \$4,785.49* // **YTD 2022 Product Sales** were \$26,030.12 *compared to 2021 @ \$15,012.50 UP \$11,017.62*

- Received 106 Group Contacts to date. Office asks that all Delegates to keep asking that their groups submit 2 contacts from their home and announce at any other meetings attended. Contacts were needed several times in the past month, e.g., Millbury Spin to Win.
- Supply chain issues continue to impact inventory of books on hand, e.g., Daily Reflections projected to be out of stock until mid-August. Suggested to call the office beforehand for inquiries regarding any book's inventory on
- Office will be closed on Labor Day, then will resume hours as follow: Sunday: CLOSED / Mon: 10am-2pm / Tues: 10am-8pm / Wed: 10am-8pm / Thurs: 10am-2pm / Fri: 10am-2pm / Sat: 9am-2pm

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (as of 8/10): \$203.46
Site Visits July 2022: 11,332 (-0.7% vs. June 2022)
Avg. Page Views in July: 9.11 (-0.3% vs. June 2022)

Noteworthy Changes & Updates:

WAI Calendar: Events have been added and exported for use in THE BEACON
WAI Announcements: AA news events and announcements updated and posted
District Map/Table/List: Info ADDED to the online WAI Webpage

Beacon Report Co-Editors: Stef D. (a.k.a. The Cyber Sot)

- August issue is out. Printed copies available at WAI Office.
- Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes. Send to: beacon@aaworcester.org

Alcathon Report (Committee Chair position is still OPEN. Committee is still in need of volunteers)

- Brandy reported that Norine is looking into possible locations for vote and to accelerate the organizing process after that, including: Wi-Fi availability at chosen location?
- Delegates are asked to go back to their groups and ask for volunteers.
- Ray M. reported that he is contacting Clear Channel to get quote on billboard cost and Bill G. inquired if cost would come under the P.I. Committee?

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

Treatment advisors are needed and Ray endorsed as a great way to be of service to help improve commitments at TCs and to improve outreach! One year of sobriety is requirement. Contact Ray at: Treatment@AAWorcester.org

District 23 – No update.

District 24 – No update.

District 25 – Ray M. reported the following regarding Treatment Facilities:

Schedule is under review for revisions. Some changes have occurred.

- ALL facilities are opening up to in-person commitments. +100 openings at this time just in D25 alone. Reserve on Treatment Calendar posted on WAI webpage at AAWorcester.org
- **Suspended Commitments:**
 - CHL CSS – Passages
 - CHL TSS - Thayer
 - Taravista
 - Adcare

Ray M also provided flyer and reviewed dates & details of the upcoming 58TH Annual MA State Convention and all are welcome to be part of the Planning Committee:

- Plans STILL proceeding to have Convention in person at the Sturbridge Host Hotel
 - Planning Committee meets in person at 7pm: July 26th, September 27th and Oct. 25th

- In person planning committee meetings meet at the large conference room overlooking the lake. Hybrid format too. Zoom Login: 833 4526 2186 // Passcode: 164112

Convention Dates: November 11-13, 2022. Pre-registration @ \$25 at AAMASStateConvention.org. Price goes to \$30 after November 1

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Liaison District 25 Matt S. reported on activities in the district but, unfortunately, the report was inaudible for Secretary to record.

Liaison District 26 – New meeting lists and service manuals updating reported.

Liaison (WAI-Area 30): Position is OPEN. Speak to Lynn if interested. Meeting is in Lynn, MA and also virtual. Ray submitted report on their behalf and reviewed, having attended their last meeting. **See ADDENDUM for mention of report, also contained in last month’s meeting notes.**

HALT Line: (Sue R absent, presented by Brandy)

No changes.

Receiving many calls re: some meetings no longer in person?

Several overnight slots now open that need coverage.

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

Public Information: (Bill G.) Libraries continue to be contacted to supply them with the Big Book of AA. Bill has started to work with Cindy, PI Chair of D25. CWMars website, used by all libraries in MA, shows inventory of AA books and BB e-books can also be sourced through the site. Bill approximated 36 books will be needed and distributed to libraries in Central MA. Bill is also investigating the printing of a “business card” for handing out that would have QR code to show information, e.g., Halt line info, etc.

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

September: Block Party with DJ and Drag Show is scheduled for 9/18 at Salem Covenant Church. Flyer with details was provided.

October: Halloween Party will be an Intergroup and District event with proposed date of 10/29 and possible location at Salem Covenant Church. More details to follow

November: Fall Festival with Chili Contest with proposed date of 11/19 and proposed location at Salem Covenant Church. More details to follow.

Bookie Exchange: Position is OPEN. Speak with Lynn and groups for volunteers to work this committee

MSCYPAA: (Ray M.)

- Planning Committee for the upcoming Massachusetts State Convention meets in person in W. Bridgewater and virtually the 1st Saturday of every month either at:
 - In person: Club 24, 320 West Center St. W. Bridgewater, MA
 - Virtual: Zoom ID: 869 1334 3981 // Passcode: 620884
- Annual MSCYPAA Campout is happening weekend of August 19-21.
 - Location: Emerald Lake Park in East Dorset, VT
 - Spots are limited and registration is open. \$25 registration fee for campsite. Parking is extra. Go to: <https://form.jotform.com/220635311201134>
- Softball Game and Picnic August 14 3pm-8pm @ John Kelly Field in Dennis, MA. Flyer provided

- MA State Convention is October 21-23
 - Location: Plymouth Hotel 1620, 180 Water St. in Plymouth, MA
 - Pre-registration is \$20. Go to: <https://www.hote.1620.com> PROMO CODE: MSCYPAA2022

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

- June had 190 meetings with 2367 participants
- July had 206 meetings with 2386 participants
- ALL numbers reported through the WAI Zoom account and do not include private accounts

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

New Business:

- Contact office with candidates for Nominating Committee and/or candidates for open positions. Targeting to have nominations in October and elections in November
- Jeff W. volunteered and was appointed as the Alcathon Chair

Addendum:

- Extensive notes of the July 2022 Monthly meeting of Area 30 Delegates was submitted, covering the 73rd General Service Conference Committee and its theme: "AA's Three Legacies – Our Common Solution" were included in the monthly meeting notes online and also available in print.

Adjournment 8:12 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: October 13, 2022 @ 7:00 PM