

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022
(Prepared for October 13, 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), **Jeff W.** (Interested AA), **Richard M.** (Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), **Dante Q.** (Interested AA), **Naomi D.** Worcester Mid-Day, **Katie M.** Alternate Treasurer, **Bethany C.** Shrewsbury BB Workshop, **Cathy V.** Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs:

Individual Anniversaries: **Brandy H.** celebrated 27 years and **Lynn S** celebrated 24 years, both on August 20!

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

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

Total Income August 2022 \$8,589.01 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$2,168.00, for a **Gross Profit** of \$6,421.01 // **Office Expenses** were \$5,364.54 and **Committee Expenses** were \$253.51 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$5,618.05 // **Checking Balance** \$21,027.61 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$21,177.61 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$6,177.61**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total August Contributions** were \$3,474.50 compared to July @ \$5,118.08 DOWN **\$1,643.58** // **August Product Sales** were \$5,004.00 compared to July @ \$3,226.25 UP **\$1,777.75** // **YTD 2022 Contributions** were \$32,579.31 compared to 2021 @ \$40,747.62 DOWN **\$8,168.34** // **YTD 2022 Product Sales** were \$31,034.12 compared to 2021 @ \$18,430.40 UP **\$12,603.72**

- 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.
- Daily Reflections book is back in stock. Office suggests calling beforehand to ensure inventory is available for purchase. Note: Some price changes were made to reflect supplier increases.
- Office has resumed charging for pamphlets. Meeting lists are initially given to each group free of charge, then will charge \$1.00 per bundle (10 lists / bundle)
- 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): Fred unable to attend. No updated report given.

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

- September issue is out. Digital version sent out 9/1. Printed copies available at WAI Office.
- Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes. Send to: beacon@aaworcester.org. Deadline for submissions is the 23rd of every month.

Alcathon Report (Jeff W.)

- Flyers @ WAI Website for sign-up
- Location will be live only this year
- Negotiations still ongoing for billboard, in coordination with P.I. Committee

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

Proposed:

- Contact facilities to inquire preferred incoming group days. Committee will now only offer select nights of their preference, e.g., 3-4 days / week vs. all 7 days.
- Removal of non-preferred days from calendar
- Outreach to last identified group contacts to inquire if willing to resume prior commitment(s).
- Outreach to Sober Houses (assignment split with committee members/GSRs) to offer commitments.
- Communicate openings to private FB groups too

Facility Outreach:

- Monthly outreach to sync calendars / adjust dates, as needed, to prevent cloning from prior month.
- Offer meeting lists and Pamphlets to help those in treatment
- Offer Bridge the Gap pamphlets and work with clinical team to promote BTG.

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

No report

Liaison District 25 (Matt S.): Matt unable to attend. No report

Liaison District 26 (Rich M.):

Providing listings to police stations and libraries thru P.I.

Cookout on 9/11 at Gardner P.A.C.C.

Alcathon flyers and info to be sent to Brandy

Halloween Dance / Baking Contest is scheduled for Friday October 21. Flyer provided

- \$5 in advance / \$7 at door
- Leominster Veteran's Memorial Center with doors opening at 6pm for coffee and baking
- Food at 7pm / Dance at 8pm-10pm
- Meeting at 7:30pm

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 meeting notes for full report.**

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: 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
- "Old Timers Luncheon" will NOT be done this year.

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

No changes.

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

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

Public Information: (Bill G.)

- 4th Edition of the Big Book going to approx. 36 libraries in central MA. There are approximately 20 more libraries in D25, which we co-chair, and book project is almost done, with 7 more to complete.
- Bill will ask for funding, in case D26 cannot cover costs?
- PI Committee will continue to contact local libraries to supply them with the Big Book of AA.

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

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

October: Proposal for 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: Proposal for 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.)

- August had 210 meetings with 2416 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.
- Nominating Committee has been formed, with Jane P chairing. Volunteers to date: Emily D. & Bill G.
- Patty L. still in training as on-call employee at WAI Office

New Business:

- Rich D. proposed sub-committee be formed for oversight of Finance Committee regarding Budget 2023. Rich will review needs and discuss at next meeting.
- Motion made and voted to allocate \$250.00 towards book project

Adjournment 8:12 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: November 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM