

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.

Delegates Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

(Presented at October 12, 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 Bill G. volunteered to be Service Sponsors.

Introductions of Attendees: –

Brandy H	Office Manager/Zoom/Worcester Come As You Are
Jane P	Chair
Cathy H	Secretary
Bill G	Public Information
Ray M	Interested AA
Richard M	Liaison District 26
Jeff L	Liaison Area 30/Alt. Del. Grafton Reflections
Fred F	Website/Treatment
John N	Corrections
Blake S.	Grafton Happy Joyous and Free
Ted K.	Alternate Chair/Worcester It All Starts Here
Nikki F	Daily Choice
Jeff W	Alcathon
Naomi D	Worcester Mid-Day

The group welcomed the new Delegate, Blake.

Individual Anniversaries: Brandy celebrated 28 years on August 20th and Fred celebrated 34 years on August 28th. Congratulations!

REMINDER ABOUT VOTING: Only group delegates or their alternates are permitted to make motions, second them, and vote.

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 Aug 2023	\$11,399.63
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<u>Cost of Goods Sold</u>	<u>\$4,227.18</u>
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=Gross Profit	\$7,172.45
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Office Expenses	\$5,690.47
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<u>Committee Expenses</u>	<u>\$-127.48</u>
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=Total Monthly Expenses	\$5,562.99
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Checking Balance	\$6,944.13
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Savings Balance	\$2,100.74
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CD Balance	\$10,167.28
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<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
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=Available funds	\$19,362.15
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<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	<u>\$-12,100.00</u>
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=Net Available Funds	\$7,262.15
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Katie M. is out of state for work and not sure if she will be able to attend the meetings. She is available via email with questions, comments, and concerns. Brandy read report in Katie's absence.

Prudent reserve as of 9/12/2023 is back up to \$15,000.00. With the increase in contributions and deduction in expenses, we were able to deposit money back into our savings account in September and will be reflected in next month's report.

Committee Chairs are requested to submit budget proposals to officemanager@aaworcester.org

by 11/1/2023. This will give the finance committee and the treasurer enough time to review and vote for next year's budget before 2024. **The treasurer requests all committee chairs submit a budget** regardless of whether they plan to stay on as chair so that the next committee chair has a starting budget to work with.

Motion to accept the report as submitted was passed.

Office Managers Concerns: (Brandy H.)

No need to continue to ask groups for increase in contributions, the prudent reserve has been restored because of recent increased contributions and lower labor costs due to decreased office hours. Several

groups had more money than they realized, District 25 sent two checks for \$250 each during the month of September.

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.

St. Bernard's Church will be the location for the 2023 Thanksgiving Alcathon. The committee will decide the logistics during the September 21st meeting and provide a report in the October Delegate's meeting.

WAI pays the expenses and invoices D25 for half the cost.

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

See attached report.

Worcester State hospital has a Court Evaluation Unit and they are interested in starting a separate meeting because they are a lock down unit and cannot attend other meetings.

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

See attached report.

Liaison District 25 (Position open)

Liaison District 26 (Rich)

Liaison (WAI-Area 30):

See attached report.

Grapevine App is now live. Contributions are welcomed to help support and keep it solvent.

HALT Line: (Sue W.)

No volunteers currently needed. See attached report.

Public Information: (Bill G.)

PI is teamed up with CPC allowing them to make more contacts.

Looking for more volunteers.

Bill asked if the material can be translated to Spanish and Fred a browser can be used to translate to other languages.

Social Committee: (Brandy reported for Dante Q.)

See attached report.

S'More Sobriety event was postponed due to scheduling conflict.

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

MSCYPAA: (Position is Open)

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

See attached report.

Finance Committee Report: (Katie M.)

There was some confusion regarding the July meeting schedule, which Katie caught and sent out a reminder an hour prior to the meeting. Fred and Ray were unable to attend.

Old Business: Same open positions.

New Business:

Brandy motioned to have the Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, and Alternate Treasurer positions remain a one-year commitment and to keep all the Officer positions a two-year term. Blake S. seconded the motion. Recorded vote: Yes – 7, No – 1. Motion passed.

What's On Your Mind?

Adjournment 8:17 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: October 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM