

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022
(Prepared for November 10, 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: – **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), **Katie M** (Fill In Secretary), **Rich D** (Treasurer, PI Chair & Beacon Committee), **Fred-** Website Chair, **Sean-** Trustee, **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA & Area 30 Liaison), **Harry W.** (Dudley Day At A Time), **Sean K.** (Trustee), **Jeff W.** (Alcathon), **Richard M.** (Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), **Dante Q.** (Interested AA), **Naomi D.** Worcester Mid-Day, **Katie M.** Alternate Treasurer, **Cathy V.** Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance , **Bill-** Public Information, **Chris-** New Delegate for People Helping People, , **Matt-** District 25 Liaison, **Stef-** Green Hill Noon, Co-Editor of Beacon, **Christine-** Saturday AM BBSS, **Sean-** Way Out, **Emily-** Nominating Committee & Food and Beverage, **Jeff L** (Interested AA), **Jean** (Northboro Saturday Morning),

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs:

Individual Anniversaries: **Jeff** 24 years, **Bill G** 32 years, **Fred F** 33 years, **Stef D** 35 years,

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Total Income September 2022 \$8,641.32 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$3,329.90, for a **Gross Profit** of \$6,421.01 // **Office Expenses** were \$6,037.89 and **Committee Expenses** were \$224.47 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$6,262.36 // **Checking Balance** \$19,974.02 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$20,124.02 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$5,124.02.**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) September contributions were \$3,674.46 compared to August at \$3474.50 – UP \$199.96

- September Product Sales were \$4918.46 compared to August at \$5004.00 – DOWN \$85.54
- 2022 contributions were \$36,253.77 compared to 2021 at \$-45,656.41, DOWN \$9,402.64
- 2022 Product Sales were \$35952.58 compared to 2021 at \$ -22737.80 UP \$13,214.78
- We have received about 106 group contact forms so far. Please keep spreading the word to people to fill them out!! They've come in handy several times!
- We are now back to charging for pamphlets. Our meeting lists are still 3 bundles free and after that \$1.00 per bundle.
- Please bear with us as we try to keep books in stock. World Services has several popular titles on backorder. Remember that you can always call the office before you head out to make sure we have the books you want in stock.

- We have had to make several price changes. The price lists are hanging up in the office in orange binders.
 - 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.

Website Report: (Fred F): Fred unable to attend. No updated report given. Site visits declined from August, 9.3 pages are the average pages, no noteworthy changes YTD, expediting to the Beacon. Meeting list online has been updated. Updated new internet security. Added 36 principles to readings under the service tools. Added Area 30 as District 27. Attended Area 30- prepared to launch a new revamp of the website but it is pending.

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

- October issue is out. Digital version was sent out. 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.
- 100 went out in the email and new readers are being added. Please encourage others to contribute to the Beacon.

Alcathon Report (Jeff W.)

- Flyers @ WAI Website for sign-up
- Dantee brought flyer to the live meeting for people to get information or take copies and continue spreading the word. Groups can sign up through the website to chair a meeting at the Alcathon. Drawing will be at District 25 meeting on the 21st.
- Asking for funding for a case of big books for each Alcathon and 3 subscriptions of the Grapevine. Those have already been provided.

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

Proposed:

- Issues getting commitments into facilities.
- Online commitment exchange to come to fill some of the commitments.
- Our area, all facilities are running normal. Adcare requires vaccination. Focus on Spectrum CSS and NERC 4-5 units that are empty without speakers.
- Moving commitment slots to ask which nights facilities prefer and this will help us meet the demand.
- Looking into the Bookie Exchange for help with filling slots.

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.): Positions are up! Anyone interest, please reach out. Sunday November 6th for Elections, all GSR's are encouraged to attend. District meeting on in person meetings and hybrid. More information to be requested on Hybrid meetings. New positions start in January.

Liaison District 26 (Rich M.):

Elections 1200 John Fitch Highway, Thursday November 4th. Alcathon on Thanksgiving. 9AM-9PM.

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

Chair would like a literature committee going. Step study on the service manual. 5th edition of the BB to be released.

Liaison (WAI-Area 30):

- The General Service Office reopens to visitors on October 5, 2022
- AA GRAPEVINE: Book prices increase by \$2.49 and a smartphone app.
- Updated Proposed Agenda Items report
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Area 30 Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Report: Full report can be found at aaemass.org under aaemass.org under Area 30 Chair Documents, 20220911 Area Assembly. The report reviewed the scope and findings of the ad hoc committee. Needed would be

- Audio/Video Equipment for Area Meetings and Assemblies
- Communication Technology
- Technology Training and Education
- Virtual/Hybrid Platform
- Management of the virtual platforms
- Equipment Storage
- Budget Recommendations

NERASSA (AA Service Assembly in Feb) Survey (See attached Survey)

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

Continue to receiving numerous calls of meetings listed that are not in person at this time. There are many times it is very time consuming to log in. There are many errors on the site for everyone.

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

Public Information: (Bill G.)

PI committee is pleased to announce all the libraires in our Dist. Have a fourth addition hard copy BBs. I attended both district 26 and 24 meetings gave a list of their libraries that needed a hard copy. They

both agreed to distribute them at their expense. We have approx. 8 BBs that will be distributed at the Alcathon. I have contacted Clear Channel Outdoor to order PSA Billboard. Waiting for a return call from our contact at CCO. I'm told they have a copy of our PSA. I'm hoping the cost will be reasonable. Cindy G will be spearheading the task of distributing literature, meeting list, contact info etc. to D25 police stations.

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

Dante Q

Intergroup Social Report

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September De-Brief:

- Block Party was a success! About 135 people attended! Various sober & halfway houses attended. Very positive response to having an intergroup event and looking forward to more. Frozen meat leftover for October or November events

October:

- Halloween Dance & Party, Friday, October 28, 8 – 11 PM, Location, 1070 Pleasant Street, Worcester. DJ Anonymous, Food & Snacks, Costume contest with prizes, Costumes highly encouraged, Halloween Dance Party

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
- 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
 - Young peoples video project to carry submission

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

In August we had 210 meetings with 2416 participants In September we had 230 meetings with 2310 participants Reminder – these numbers are for meetings running under our Zoom account. They do NOT include meetings held on 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.
 - Rich- Treasurer spoke about a finance committee and a budget. Concerns over cash flow, revenue was up \$3,000 compared to last year, however expenses are \$6,000 in the red which is a \$11,000 difference in financial position Year-To-Year. No policy in place to

freeze committee funds in times of need, as we have done in prior years. Costs have increased, thus a finance committee would be a good idea. Motion to table until next month due to time constraints.

New Business:

- Dante is asking for more funds, totaling \$900.00. Motion was made for \$500 to be allocated immediately for a November event. Motion passed. It was also explained to Dante how to submit his expenses.
- Nominating committee, positions are open. Jane presented to the group. Jane nominated Ted for alternate chair. Officer positions will need to be filled so please think of reaching out to people that you know. Fred would like to step down as Web chair but is willing to stay on until a suitable replacement is found.
- Lynn brought up the need for a tech person to help with technology at the meetings. Last month we discussed going hybrid vs in person. We will table for next month.

Adjournment 9:15 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: December 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM