

**Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 2021**

**7:00 PM:** Ted K. opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

**Introductions of Attendees:** 17 attendees –**Ted K** (chair), **Lynn S** (Alternate Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager/ Zoom Chair), **Bill S** (Treasurer), **Fred F** (Webmaster, delegate Nashoba Sunday Morning), **Eduardo M** (Alternate Secretary & delegate Happy, Joyous & Free), **Rich D** (Alternate Treasurer, Public Information chair, Area 30 liaison, delegate Come As You Are), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair & DMC-D25/MSCPAA Liaison), **Richard M** (Dist 26 Liaison & delegate Pepperell), **Jesse C** (delegate Main South Sobriety), **Naomi D** (delegate Way of Sobriety), **Heather C.** (AA-bookie exchange), **Bill L** (delegate Eternal Vigilance, District 25), **Celia** (alternate delegate Main South Sobriety), **Theresa P** (delegate Worcester Wed BBSS), **Sean R** (delegate The Way Out), **Sean K** (interested AA)

**Attendees Sign In Sheet:** (Eduardo M) taken from Zoom attendee list

**Welcome New Delegates:**

**Individual Anniversaries:**

**Secretary's Report:** (Eduardo M – Alt. Secretary) September minutes were passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total Income Sept 2021 \$9,280.03 // Cost of Goods Sold \$3,302.55, for a Gross Profit of \$5,977.48. Office Expenses were \$4,937.36 and Committee Expenses were \$43.29 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$4980.65 // Checking Balance \$27,023.43 // Debit Account Balance \$0, Petty Cash \$150.00. Available funds \$27,173.43 minus Prudent Reserve \$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$12,173.43.**

**Office Manager's Report:** (Brandy H.) **Total YTD contributions** are \$45,656.41 **DOWN** \$5,142.96 from this time last year \$50,799.37. **September contributions** were \$4,908.76 **DOWN** \$1948.59 from August \$6,857.35 **Total product sales year to date** are \$22,693.80 **UP** \$2,536.85 from 2020 \$20,153.95. **September product sales** were \$4,293.80 **UP** \$47.55 from August \$3,567.20.

New office hours: Mon/Thurs/Sat 10a-2p, Tues 10a-8p, Wed 10a-3p, Friday & Sunday CLOSED. Masks are now mandatory at the office, can be provided.

**Website Report:** (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (YTD thru 10/7/2021): \$259.06

(Includes District 23 & 24 domain registration fees)

Site Visits August: 10,994 (+2.7% vs August)

Avg. Page Views: 8.28 (-0.4% vs August)

**Noteworthy Changes & Updates:**

**Treatment Page & Commitment Calendars:** Landing page and calendars added to the site

**Announcements:** updated for local AA news and events

**Site Layout: Can You Help An Alcoholic?** Link to Treatment Commitments/calendars

**Site Statistics:** a "robots.txt" file added to reduce bot traffic on site

**Alcathon Report:** (Brandy H) Alcathon Committee met on 9/15. Meeting minutes submitted. Voted unanimously to go virtual. Looking into billboard, with parties agreeable for cost to be split between WAI Alcathon, WAI Public Information, District 25's Alcathon and Public Information committees.

Alcathon Committee Zoom link:

ID: 86796527922 // Password: Alcathon Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86796527922>

Presentation made to group by Jeff W, Jen, Nicole & Stephen to hold simultaneously hold an in-person Alcathon. Discussion, followed by a motion that was not seconded. Motion was defeated.

Virtual Alcathon hours for Thanksgiving: Wednesday open 11/24 @ noon until midnight Thursday 11/25. Commitments Wed 3pm-Midnight & Thursday 7am-4pm

Christmas Alcathon hours same as Thanksgiving for dates 12/24 & 12/25. Commitment times repeat Thanksgiving.

New Year's Alcathon hours same for 12/31 to 1/1 at midnight. Commitments Friday 4pm-1am. Sat 7am-4pm.

Alcathon Committee to use the Bookie Exchange Zoom to host the Alcathons.

Alcathon Webpage: [www.worcesteralcathon.com](http://www.worcesteralcathon.com). Passcode: Alcathon21. Thanksgiving lottery for groups ended 11/10. Groups will be notified. **Hosts still needed for 2hr shifts for ALL Alcathons.** Training will be provided by WAI two weeks prior to each Alcathon.

**Treatment Facilities Report:** (Ray M.)

Making business cards with QR code.

Direct groups to go to online calendar to book commitments: [treatment@AAWorcester.org](mailto:treatment@AAWorcester.org).

Bridging the Gap needs books for any newcomer leaving the facilities.

Facilities updates:

- Adcare – now in-person, email [D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org](mailto:D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org).
- CHL- now only focused on youth groups. NERC, Spectrum, Sunrise Detox, Veteran's Inc (Shrewsbury) - in person, email [treatment@AAWorcester.org](mailto:treatment@AAWorcester.org).
- Veterans Inc (Worcester) email [D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org](mailto:D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org).
- Washburn – looking for groups to come in.

**Corrections:** last report from (Bill L): WCHOC seeking literature- Grapevines, pamphlets, any books, needs to be soft cover. Dropbox at Intergroup Office for donations

**HALT Line:** Sue R has taken responsibility for HALT Line. All hours are now covered and going well. Still experiencing difficulties with people logging in, possible issue with devices. Email Sue with any questions @ [sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com](mailto:sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com)

**Area 30 Liaison Report:** (Rich D). Grapevine and La Vina have Instagram accounts (@alcoholicsanonymous\_gv, @alcoholicsanonymous\_lv). Grapevine September issue is out entitled "Young and Sober", La Vina issue is their annual Prison issue. The new Grapevine book coming out in September is Prayers and Meditations. Staff opening at GSO, 6 years sobriety required, applications close 9/30/21. NEERASA scheduled 2/25-2/27 in Pittsburg, PA. Group contributions are holding with a little increase for the first 6 months. The 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference written report is now available on the aaemass.org website.

**District 25 Liaison Report:** (Bill L) D25 treasurer's report read. D25, D26 subcommittee looking into venues for joint meeting.

**District 26 Liaison Report:** (Rich M) Changes to AA Preamble submitted to GSRs. Archive Chair accepting group archives. Alcathon to be held in Lunenburg. Comedy show planning. Corrections opening. New secretary appointed. D26 treasurers report read. Physical meeting lists to be printed soon.

**Public Information Report:** (Rich D) Working with local library contacts to deliver the Big Book and the 12 and 12 Book on the list. Committee is currently looking to advertising on WRTA and billboards and possibly radio to carry the message.

**Bookie Report: (Heather) Meetings** are poorly attended. Working to update the meeting and bookie info, as it becomes available.

**Zoom Report:** (Brandy H) In September we had 297 meetings with 2517 participants, using 112,774 minutes. Zoom attendance has been diminishing, but not to the extent that the Zoom account needs to be changed. Zoom meetings expected to increase with COVID variant.

**MSYCPAA:** (Ray M) 10/21-10/23/2022 MSCYPAA XXIV at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, Assassins, Floatypaa. Details for events at mscypaa.org. Many service positions open.

**Old Business:** Corrections and Trustee positions are still open.

**New Business:** Voted to have in person meetings list printed. Virtual meetings to be posted on the WAI website.

**What's On Your Mind?:** MA State Convention 11/11-11/13, held virtually. Last planning meeting will be last Tuesday in September at 7pm.

Adjournment 8:04 PM      Serenity Prayer  
Next Meeting: December 9, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

