

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018

7:05 PM: Emily D. (Alt. Chair) opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

Introductions of Attendees: 19 attendees – Wendy S. (Secretary/The Way Out), Linda D. (Way of Sobriety), Bonnie J. (Triton), Sean S. (It All Starts Here), Suzanne D. (BBSS Saturday Morning), Danele P. (Early Risers), Lisa R. (Treasurer/Worcester Seven Hills), Steve O. (Trustee/Corrections Chair/District 25 Liaison), Robert M. (Treatment Chair), Brandy H. (Office Manager/Haltline/Thursday BB-12 Step), John M. (Editor-Beacon), Emily D. (Alt. Chair/Social Committee Chair), Jim B. (Alt. Treasurer/Alcathon Chair), Fred F. (Trustee/District 26 Liaison/BookieXchange), Sean K. (Trustee/District 23 DCM), Becky C. (ICYPAA Host Liaison), Ellen M. (Area 30 Liaison), Bill S. (Trustee/BookieXchange/Northboro Saturday Morning), Colleen A. (Shrewsbury Gratitude)

Attendees Sign In Sheet: (Wendy S.) List passed around.

Welcome New Delegates: One, Suzanne D., given packet for new delegates.

Individual Anniversaries: Bill S., 37 years; Sean K., 13 years.

Secretary's Report: (Wendy S.) Written report presented by Wendy S. Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: (Jim B.) Total Income for September \$8564.62, Cost of Goods Sold \$3541.51, for a Gross Profit of \$5023.11. Office Expenses were \$6522.01 and Committee Expenses were \$508.90 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$7030.91. Checking Balance \$12004.58, Debit Account Balance \$622.48, Petty Cash \$150.00. Committee Remaining Budget Balance \$9212.93. Available Funds \$12777.06 minus Prudent Reserve \$8000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$4777.06.

Office Manager's Report: Most recent meeting lists, 2018-D, are purple. Remind groups to tell Intergroup as well as Boston and New York of any meeting changes. Looking for 12-step volunteers for our confidential list for calls and rides. In lieu of volunteers, have been alerting Facebook Group who have been stepping up. Group Contributions for October 2018 were up \$958.68 from October 2017, with a total year-to-date down \$2890.74 compared to last year. Please spread the word donations are needed. A listing of all contributions by group and month will be posted on the WAI Facebook page.

Website Report: (Brandy H. for John H.) Site had 11357 hits in October 2018, compared to 16098 hits in October 2017; probably skewed due to web site host providing counter data. BookieXChange database is fully deployed. Home page banner announces Alcathons. Website calendar is updated as of November 8, 2018. Fred F. is supplying data for the app Meeting Guide to AA World Service. Please notify of group events for calendar.

Alcathon Report: (Jim B.) Contract for two billboards signed and paid for. District 25 is funding a Big Book give-away each hour of each Alcathon. The host or hostess would do the giveaway in the 10 minutes between groups to newcomers. Church will be paid next week. Still seeking hosts and hostesses via Facebook and personally.

Treatment Facilities Report: (Sean S.) Team Leaders continuing to make announcements at meetings about open dates at several facilities, especially Washburn Detox, and leaving printed calendars also. Worcester Rehab and health Care Center is now holding a weekly Wednesday 7 PM meeting, chaired by outside people.

Corrections: (Steve O.) Announcing at meetings opportunity to speak at Worcester County Jail. Has been approached by 3 people. One has completed paperwork which is located in the WAI office.

HALT Line: (Brandy H.) All hours outside of when the WAI office is open are now being covered, including holidays through New Years Day. Will be looking for Tuesday 8 PM to midnight shortly

Area 30 Liaison Report: (Ellen McQ.) New and updated pamphlets: AA for Women; LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA; and AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues and Their Sponsors. A new issue of newsletter aimed at professionals, About AA, focuses on AA and the Older Alcoholic. New public service announcement is being considered to use actors, not alcoholics, full face. New videos for professionals and young people in AA are available on YouTube.

District 25 Liaison Report: (Steve O.) Saturday Night Live event was successful. Voted to give away Big Books at the Alcathons. Sending two people to NERAASA.

District 26 Liaison Report: (Fred F.) Past events: Recovery Hike, Mt. Wachusett and Halloween Dance in October. Announced mobile phone friendly meeting lists from Eastern Mass Central Services.

Public Information Report: (Bill S.) Met with director of After Incarceration Support Services to discuss ongoing support. Announced Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester Annual Report and Meeting, Community Health Improvement Plan, on Thursday, November 29, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the Boys and Girls Club, 65 Tainter Street, Worcester.

Social Committee Report: (Emily D.) Planned events include: Ugly Sweater & Yankee Swap Party, December 7, 6:30 PM, Trinity Church, 23 Main Street, Northborough; Fall Bowling League, Sundays, 2 PM, Bolero, Route 9, Shrewsbury, ending December 9; Game Night, Trinity Church, 23 Main Street, Northborough, Friday, December 10, Potluck 6:30 PM, Open Speaker Discussion Meeting 7:00 PM, Games 8:00 PM. Details on WAI web site. Requested ideas and help, especially for winter events.

Beacon Report: (John M.) Reminded to get information to him by each month's deadline.

BookieXchange Report: (Fred F.) Twenty-five requests since the last WAI meeting. Website has 169 posts, including 156 for 2019.

Old Business: Elections: Chair, Emily D.; Alt. Chair, Steve O.; Secretary, Open; Alt. Secretary, Open; Treasurer Jim B. ; Alt. Treasurer, Open; Trustees, Linda D., Fred F., Sean K., Nicole L.; Alcathon, Lisa R.; Beacon, John M.; Corrections, Steve O.; HALTline, Brandy H; Liaison to District 25, Steve O.; Liaison to District 26, Fred F.; Liaison to Area 30, Sean K.; Public Information, Rebecca C.; Social, Emily D.; Treatment, Robert M.; Webmaster, John H.; BookieXchange, Bill S. and Fred F.

New Business: Distributed changes to WAI Guidelines for meetings and membership, for discussion next month.

What's On Your Mind?: None

IF YOU USE THE ELEVATOR, PLEASE BE SURE TO CLOSE BOTH DOORS UPON EXITING!!

Please help with cleaning up. Adjournment 8:15 PM Serenity Prayer

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Next Meeting: December 13, 2018