

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.

Delegates Meeting Minutes

November 09, 2023

(Presented at December 14, 2023 meeting)

7:01 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 H. and Bill G. volunteered to be Service Sponsors.

Introductions of Attendees:

Brandy H.	Office Manager/Zoom/Worcester Come As You Are
Jane P.	Chair
Ted K.	Alternate Chair
Katie M.	Treasurer
Richard M.	Liaison District 26
Jeff L.	Liaison Area 30/Alt. Del. Grafton Reflections
Fred F.	Website/Treatment
Jeff W.	Alcathon
Naomi D.	Trustee
Brenda B.	Grafton Reflections
Donna H.	It All Starts Here
Holly B.	Shrewsbury Woman's BBSS
Lisa R.	Worcester Mid-Day
Nikky F.	Daily Choice
Bill G.	Public Information
Christine T.	Worcester Saturday BBSS
Sean O.	Dudley Day At A Time
Derek M.	Main South Sobriety
Lynne S.	Trustee
Rebecca Dawn W.	Acting Secretary
Ray M.	Trustee

The group welcomed the new Delegates, Lisa R. and Derek M.

Individual Anniversaries: Bill G. celebrated 32 years on September 24th. Rebecca Dawn celebrated 4 months in November.

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

REMINDER ABOUT TIME: Be aware of time allotment to allow all agenda speakers to present during the meeting.

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 October 2023 \$8,977.48

Cost of Goods Sold \$3,486.55

=Gross Profit \$5,490.93

Office Expenses were \$5,817.52

Committee Expenses \$1,209.45

=Total Monthly Expenses \$7,026.97

Checking Balance \$4,063.03

Savings Balance \$4,071.05

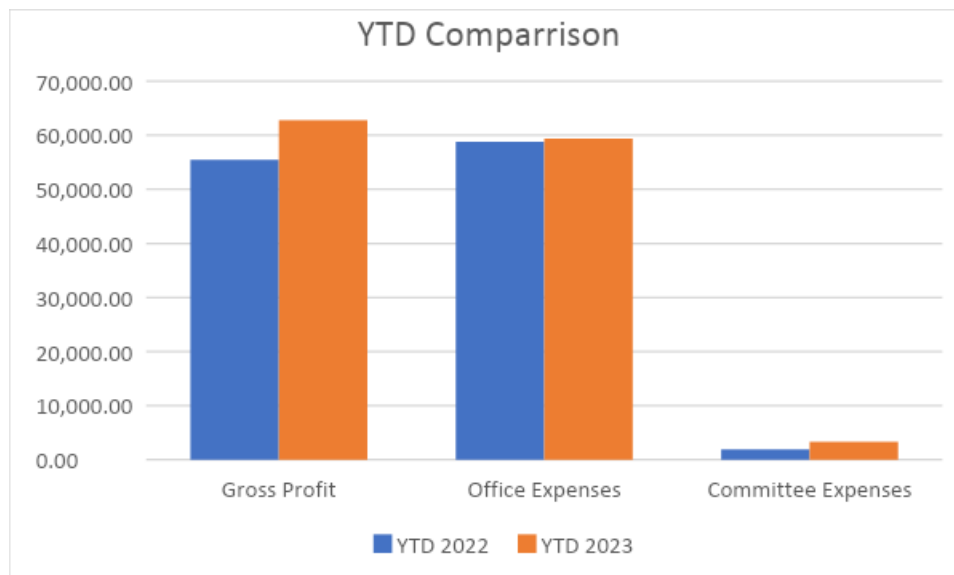
CD Balance \$10,245.16

Petty Cash \$150.00

=Available funds \$18,529.24

Prudent Reserve \$-15,000.00

=Net Available Funds of \$3,529.24



Committee Chairs who have yet to submit their budget proposals were reminded to send their requests to officemanager@aaworcester.org. Proposals will be reviewed at the December 2023 Finance Committee. **The Treasurer requested all Committee Chairs to submit a budget** regardless of whether they plan to stay on as Chairs.

Motion to accept the report as submitted was passed.

Office Manager's Concerns: (Brandey H.)

See attached report. Five more cases of The Big Book including first edition copies were ordered.

Website Report: (Fred F.)

See attached report. Meeting Guide App overlap/duplicate meeting listings are being worked on by Boston CSC and the App team. The Website process is being documented for the future Website Chair.

Beacon Report: (Brandy H.)

The November Beacon has been posted online and is available in the office. Extra copies were printed to take to the Massachusetts State Convention occurring November 08-10, 2023. The December 2023 issue will be the last one. In keeping with the spirit of Rotation of Leadership that is spelled out in the 9th Tradition, the current editors are stepping down. New editors are needed for 2024.

Alcathon Report: (Jeff W)

The Thanksgiving Alcathon is taking place on November 22, 2023 and November 23, 2023 at St. Bernard's Church, 228 Lincoln St, Worcester, MA 01605. A podium is needed for the Alcathon. The Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) page has been updated with the Alcathon information including the group timeslots.

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

See attached report. Fred F. is working with Dave S. on Bridging the Gap outreach.

Corrections Committee: (Position for Chair/Co-Chair is still open)

No report.

HALT Line: (Sue W.)

No report.

Liaison (WAI-Area 30): (Jeff L.)

See attached report. Service positions remain open. Progress is being made on the 5th edition of The Big Book. The November issue of the Grapevine, "My First Sober Thanksgiving", is available on the Grapevine App.

Liaison District 25: (Position Open)

No report.

Liaison District 26: (Richard M.)

Service positions remain open. November 10, 2023 is the Eye Opener 31st anniversary meeting. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 AM followed by a speaker meeting starting at 8:00 AM.

Public Information: (Bill G.)

See attached report. A request was presented for additional funds of ~\$900 for advertisement design and printing. The funds are for 3 months of 30 advertisements (28x11 inches) in the interior of 30 public transportation buses managed by the Worcester Transit Authority. The advertisements were approved on Tuesday, November 07, 2023 by District 25. The printing will be done by MinuteMan Press Printing. The Public Information budget for the remainder of the year is \$440. A discussion ensued. \$440 will be used now. The remaining needed funds of ~\$460 will go to the next Finance Committee for review and approval then return to the WAI Delegates Meeting.

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

See attached report.

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

See attached report.

Old Business: Same open positions.

New Business:

Ted K. discussed open positions. Blue highlighted cells reflect 2024 position holders or those positions that remain open to be filled. See details below.

Position	2023 Position	2024 Position	2024 New Position	Comments
Alternate Chair	Ted K	N/A	OPEN	Ted K will rotate to Chair in 2024
Secretary	Cathy H	Accept	N/A	
Alternate Secretary	Open	N/A	Rebecca Dawn	
Treasurer	Katie M	Accept	OPEN	Katie M will stay on in 2024 until a replacement is nominated
Trustee				
Trustee 1	Ray M	Decline	Derek M	
Trustee 2	Bill S	TBD	Jane P	Bill S left the meeting before positions were discussed; Jane P will rotate to Trustee in 2024
Trustee 3	Lynne S	Decline	Holly B	
Trustee 4	Naomi D	Accept	N/A	
Alcathon	Jeff W	Decline	OPEN	
Beacon				
Position 1	Rich D	Decline	OPEN	
Position 2	Stef D	Decline	OPEN	
Corrections	Open	N/A	OPEN	
HALT Line	Sue W	Accept	OPEN	Sue W will stay on in 2024 until a replacement is nominated
Liaison (WAI-District 30)	Jeff W	Accept	N/A	
Liaison (WAI-District 25)	Open	N/A	Lynne S	
Alternate Liaison (WAI-District 25)	Open	N/A	Jane P	
Public Information	Bill G	Decline	OPEN	
Social Committee	Dante Q	Decline	OPEN	
Treatment Committee	Fred F	Decline	OPEN	
Website	Fred F	Accept	OPEN	Fred F will stay on in 2024 until a replacement is nominated
Zoom Committee	Brandy H	Accept	N/A	

What's On Your Mind?

Brandy H. shared that a rocking chair will be added to the Worcester Area Intergroup office in honor of the passing of John M. Harris. The Grapevine magazines will be located near the chair to provide visitors

with a place to enjoy the readings. Funds from the WAI will not be used for the purchase. WAI Steering Committee Trustees will orchestrate the logistics for the new office arrangement.

Adjournment 8:11 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: December 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM