

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022
(Prepared for December 8, 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/PI Committee), **Rich D** (Treasurer, PI Chair & Beacon Committee), **Fred F.** (Website Chair), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA & Area 30 Liaison), **Eduardo M.** (Secretary), **Sean R.** (Worcester Way Out), **Jeff W.** (Alcathon), **Richard M.** (Liaison D26 / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), **Dante Q.** (Interested AA), **Naomi D.** Worcester Mid-Day, **Matt S.** - District 25 Liaison, **Stef D.** - Green Hill Noon, Co-Editor of Beacon, **Christine T.** - Saturday AM BBSS, **Jean O.** (Northboro Saturday Morning), **Bethany C.** (Shrewsbury BB Workshop), **Jeff L.** (Grafton Reflections)

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs: Jeff L.

Individual Anniversaries:

Secretary's Report: Katie M's recorded notes were presented, and the minutes were accepted

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

Treasurer's Report: Total Income October 2022 \$9,488.75 // Cost of Goods Sold \$2,605.00, for a Gross Profit of \$6,883.75 // Office Expenses were \$5,743.87 and Committee Expenses were \$384.60 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$6,128.47 // Checking Balance \$19,800.68 // Petty Cash \$150.00 // Available funds \$19,950.68 minus Prudent Reserve -\$15,000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$4,950.68

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.)

- October contributions were \$4,451.89 compared to September at \$3,674.46 – UP \$777.43
- October Product Sales were \$4,874.19 compared to September at \$4,918.16 – DOWN \$44.27
- 2022 contributions were \$40,705.66 compared to 2021 at \$49,982.00, DOWN \$9,276.34
- 2022 Product Sales were \$40,826.77 compared to 2021 at \$27,923.18 – UP \$12,903.59

- We have received about 110 group contact forms so far. Please keep spreading the word to people to fill them out!! They've come in handy several times!

- 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.

- Office will be CLOSED the Mondays after Christmas and New Year's. As usual, the Office will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving.

Website Report: (Fred F): Hosting Fees YTD: \$287.79. Site Visits: 11,515 = +2.1% vs. Sept. Average Page Views = 9.32 = -1.6% vs. September.

- Calendar updated
- WAI Announcements updated
- WAI Meetings updated and loaded to Meeting Guide app
- Top Menu has Bookstore link to Price List .pdf. Meeting List .pdf is pending

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

- Digital version was sent out. Printed copies available at WAI Office.
- Welcoming submissions of articles – like “First Sober Christmas”, jokes, cartoons, quotes. Send to: beacon@aaworcester.org. Deadline for submissions is the 23rd of every month.
- Please encourage others to contribute to the Beacon!

Alcathon Report (Jeff W.)

- Thanksgiving Flyer presented and posted to WAI Website

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M reviewed, though position is OPEN)

Proposed:

- Our area, all facilities are running normal. Adcare requires vaccination. Focus on Spectrum CSS and NERC 4-5 units – looking for Saturdays and Sundays.
- Taravista looking to re-start commitments.
- RCA is looking for commitments in Westminster
- Reminder that treatment facilities looking for commitments ESPECIALLY during the Holidays so, if your group didn't get picked for an Alcathon slot, PLEASE consider treatment centers!
- Looking into the Bookie Exchange for help with filling slots.

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

No report

Liaison District 25 (Matt S.): Positions are up for Intergroup service positions! Anyone interest, please reach out. Sunday November 6th for Elections, all GSR's are encouraged to attend. New positions start in January.

Liaison District 26 (Rich): Attended but had difficulties unmuting phone to give report.

Liaison (WAI-Area 30): (position still open. Ray M. reviewed his notes with group) Highlights:

- Starting in late November, a new jacketless format of the hardcover Big Book and the 12 & 12 will be available.
- AA GRAPEVINE: Top 10 books will have a price increase by \$2.49 and a smartphone app in the start of 2023.
- Updated Proposed Agenda Items report

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

Continue to receive 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.

Public Information: (Bill G.)

- Contacted Clear Channel Outdoor to order PSA Billboard.
- Committee needs help and support. Reminder: this is shared jointly with D25

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

- Halloween Party was a SUCCESS!!
- November Fall Festival was postponed
- December Fellowship Gathering is TBD
- New Year's Eve Dance will NOT be held this year, due to low attendance last year.

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

MSCYPAA: (Ray M.)

- Convention in Plymouth, MA was a SUCCESS!!
- 2023 MA State Convention will be in the Central MA area in 2023!

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

- In September, we had 230 meetings with 2310 participants
- In October, we had 222 meetings with 2265 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, Secretary and 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. **Elections discussed in New Business.**

New Business:

- **Elections of Committee Members.** Terms for several positions came up and several Committee Chair positions remain open. Here are the newly elected positions, with THANKS to those who've served and VOTES of CONFIDENCE to the those who will be serving next:
 - **Chair – Jane P. (having served as Alternate Chair).**
 - **Alternate Chair – Ted K.**
 - **Secretary – OPEN**
 - **Alternate Secretary – OPEN**
 - **Treasurer – Katie M. (having served as Alternate Treasurer)**
 - **Alternate Treasurer – Rich D.**
 - **Trustees: Lynne S. (having served as Chair, now moves to Trustee), Bill S. and Ray M.**
 - **Jean O. volunteered to take on Treatment Committee Co-Chair position**
- **Finance Committee for WAI.** Rich D (Treasurer) and Katie M. (Alternate Treasurer) prepared and presented a comprehensive report on needs they see to create a Finance Committee for WAI. Their report also outlined their recommendations. The WAI Steering Committee reviewed

it and approved the formation of the Finance Committee, with hopes to have 3-5 members for oversight.

- Lynn brought up the need for a tech person to help with technology at the Zoom meetings.

Adjournment 8:10 PM

Serenity Prayer

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