

**Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2021**  
**(Prepared for December 7, 2021 meeting)**

**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:** 13 attendees –**Ted K** (chair), **Lynn S** (Alternate Chair & delegate Westboro Sunday Morning), **Brandy H.** (Office Manager/ Zoom Chair), **Bill G.** (Trustee), **Bill S** (Treasurer), **Fred F** (Webmaster, delegate Nashoba Sunday Morning), **Eduardo M** (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** (Main South Sobriety), **Naomi D** (delegate Way of Sobriety), **Bill L** (delegate Eternal Vigilance, District 25), **Bill S.** (nominee), **Jean O.** (NEW Delegate – Sat Morning Northboro)

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

**Welcome New Delegates:**

**Individual Anniversaries:** Stoney 40 years!!

**Secretary's Report:** (Eduardo M – Secretary) November minutes to be sent out post-meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Total Income October 2021 \$9,684.30 // Cost of Goods Sold \$1038.6, for a Gross Profit of \$8,609.70 Office Expenses were \$6,727.45 and Committee Expenses were \$17.29 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$6,744.74 // Checking Balance \$26,748.72 // Debit Account Balance \$0, Petty Cash \$150.00. // Committee Remaining Budget Balance \$10,405.83 // Available funds \$26,898.72 minus Prudent Reserve \$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$11,898.72.**

Additional notes: P&L YTD \$8,653.10 vs. \$6,863.67 = P&L October \$1,864.96

**Office Manager's Report:** (Brandy H.) **Total YTD contributions** are \$49,982.00 **DOWN** \$4,914.22 from this time last year \$54,896.22. **October contributions** were \$4,325.59 **DOWN** \$583.17 from **September** \$4,908.76 **Total product sales year to date** are \$27,900.08 **UP** \$6,738.48 from 2020 \$21,161.60. **October product sales** were \$5,183.28 **UP** \$889.84 from **September** \$4,293.80.

New office hours: Mon/Thurs/Fri 10a-2p, Tues and Wed 10a-8p, Sat 9a-2p, Sunday CLOSED. Masks are now mandatory at the office, can be provided.

As other Intergroup Offices have shown positive results with the practice of not charging groups for an initial supply of printed meeting lists, WAI has now also voted to adopt this practice. The hope and idea is to encourage groups make additional purchases once in the office. Donations for the lists are welcome, of course, and additional meeting lists thereafter for the groups will be charged.

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

Web Site Hosting Fees (YTD thru 11/7): \$276.35  
(Includes District 23 & 24 domain registration fees)

Site Visits October: 12,025 (+5.4% vs September)

Avg. Page Views: 8.39 (+1.4% vs Sept)

### **Noteworthy Changes & Updates:**

**WAI Calendar:** updated for AA events for Metro West/Area 30 events

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

**Site Layout:** **Contribute to WAI** button added

**WAI Bookstore:** email receipt sent, after payment processed

**Alcathon Report:** (Brandy H) Alcathon Committee met on 11/10. 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>

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

*\*(Secretary's note: Virtual Thanksgiving Alcathon was a success!)*

Christmas Alcathon hours same as Thanksgiving for dates 12/24 & 12/25. Commitment times repeat Thanksgiving. Currently, 15 groups signed up

New Year's Alcathon hours same for 12/31 to 1/1 at midnight. Commitments Friday 4pm-1am. Sat 7am-4pm. Currently, 14 groups signed up

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.

Follow up Alcathon meeting to be held on 11/17

### **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. Book Drive ends 12/31.

Facilities updates:

- Adcare – now in-person, email [D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org](mailto:D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org).
- CHL- now only focused on youth groups.
- 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.

- Facilities suspending commitments (as of writing): NERC Detox, NERC Residential, Spectrum CSS, Spectrum Detox

**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. One overnight shift open. 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). NEERASA scheduled 2/25-2/27 in Pittsburg, PA. Area 30 Eastern Massachusetts announcing 2022 Kick-Off Assembly 1/9/2022 @ North High School 140 Harrington Way in Worcester.

**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:** no meetings since last report. Reminder: Groups are to book commitments using site. Zoom link: [zoom.us/j/994043849915](https://zoom.us/j/994043849915). Zoom ID: 994-0438-4915 with Passcode: Bookie2021

**Zoom Report:** (Brandy H). November had 304 meetings with 2531 participants, using 112,873. September had 297 meetings with 2571 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)

Saturday 12/4, 2021 Host Committee Meeting 6-8pm @ 320 West Center St. W. Bridgewater, MA or Zoom ID: 869-1334-3981 with Passcode: 620884

10/21-10/23/2022 MSCYPAA XXIV at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor, Assassins, Floatypaa. Details for events at [mscypaa.org](http://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.

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Adjournment 8:00 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: January 13, 2022 @ 7:00 PM