

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022
(Prepared for January 12, 2023 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 (20): – 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), Katie M. (Alternate Treasurer), Ray M (co-Treatment Chair, MSCYPAA & Area 30 Liaison), Eduardo M. (Secretary), Sean R. (Worcester Way Out), Jeff W. (Interested AA), Richard M. (Liaison D26) / Pepperell Spiritual Awakening), Dante Q. (Social Committee), Naomi D. (Worcester Mid-Day), Christine T. (Saturday AM BBSS), Bethany C. (Shrewsbury BB Workshop), Jeff L. (Grafton Reflections), Cathy H. (Interested AA), Gina C. (Dudley Day At A Time), Jim (Interested AA/Worcester Wednesday BB), Brenda (Grafton Reflections)

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

Welcome New Delegates / Interested AAs: Jeff L., Brenda, Gina C., Jim

Individual Anniversaries: Rich celebrated 26 years on November 15 // Gina celebrated 1 year on November 27

Secretary's Report: Recorded notes were presented, and the minutes were accepted

Treasurer's Report: Rich D. submitted a memo, expressing personal reasons for his absence, all which are requiring him to step down from his position as Treasurer. Katie, WAI Alternate Treasurer, will continue. Rich's report was accepted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report: Total Income November 2022 \$8,683.59 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$1,709.30, for a **Gross Profit** of \$6,974.29 // **Office Expenses** were \$6,749.74 and **Committee Expenses** were \$213.02 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$6,962.76 // **Checking Balance** \$20,881.54 // **Petty Cash** \$150.00 // **Available funds** \$21,031.54 minus **Prudent Reserve** -\$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$6,031.54**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.)

- **November contributions** were \$2,944.77 compared to October at \$4,451.89 – **DOWN \$1,507.12**
- **November Product Sales** were \$5,014.82 compared to October at \$4,874.19 – **UP \$140.63**
- **2022 contributions** were \$43,650.43 compared to 2021 at \$53,867.54, **DOWN \$10,217.11**
- **2022 Product Sales** were \$45,841.59 compared to 2021 at \$31,900.80 – **UP \$13,940.79**

- 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.
- **WAI Holidays 2023: Monday 1/2/23 New Year's observed // Monday 5/29/23 Memorial Day // Tuesday 7/4/23 Independence Day // Monday 9/4/23 Labor Day // Thursday 11/23/23 Thanksgiving Day // Monday 12/25/23 Christmas Day**

Website Report: (Fred F): Hosting Fees (YTD, as of Dec 7): \$311.79. Site Visits (November): 13,089 = +16.8%% vs. October. Average Page Views (November) = 8.26 = -10.4% vs. October. NOTE: ADDED "Wildcard SSL" certificate for District sites (D23, D24, D26) for cost of \$25

- Calendar updated
- WAI Announcements updated
- WAI Meetings updated and loaded to Meeting Guide app
- WAI Officers and Chairs: Updates recorded for 2023, per November election
- Area 30 Districts >> Towns >> Meetings: Links to meetings by district & Town ADDED

Beacon Report Co-Editors: Stef D. (a.k.a. The Cyber Sot) submitted their report in their absence:

- Digital version was sent out. 150 printed copies available at WAI Office, with plans to also distribute to halfway houses in the district and also to provide copies for upcoming Alcathons.
- Report expressed gratitude for submissions. 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 / Christmas / New Year's Alcathons Flyer presented and posted to WAI Website

WAI Joint Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M)

- New facility opened in the area, The Haven Detox/CSS. Now looking for incoming commitments for Tu/Th/Sun, all at 7pm. Facility asked that connections to AA members and groups be done through the Bridging the Gap Committee and program.
- RCA / Westminster is looking for commitments for first 3 Wednesdays and every Saturday
- Independence Hall looking for separate commitments at 10am or 1pm, weekdays or weekends
- Alcathon info is being sent to treatment facilities to promote attendance
- Ray transitioning to Area Treatment Chair in 2023. Jean will be replacing Ray for Treatment Committee

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

No report

Liaison District 25 (Matt S.): Absent. Ray read notes that mirrored our Delegates Notes.

Liaison District 26 (Rich): Reported details of Christmas Alcathon

Liaison (WAI-Area 30): (Separate packet provided with monthly meeting notes. Having attended, Ray M. reviewed these highlights:

- NERAASA 2023 coming in February in Albany, NY. Flyer provided. Registration form and details can be found at: neraasa.org
- AA GRAPEVINE / La Vina: Launched an audio project.

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

No changes for the month. Questions? Email: srobitaille.3333@gmail.com

Public Information: (Bill G.)

- Bill read "Working with Others" to frame his report
- Thanked Sue N for picking up PI Board Thanksgiving Night.
- Starting in Jan, Bill will be attending the National PI meetings. Contact him if interested in attending. He will also be attending D25 meetings with hopes to serve as Chair.
- Email: PIchair@aaworcester.org

Social Committee: (Dante Q.)

- Holiday flyer provided for Sun 12/11/22
- 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.)

- 2023 MA State Convention will be in the Central MA area in 2023 and plans are underway.
- Flyers provided for Christmas and New Year's activities
- Flyer provided for first business meeting in 2023. Date: 1/14. Location: 215 E. Mountain St., Worcester. Time: 11AM. Next will be on first Saturday in February.

Zoom Report: (Brandy H.)

- In November, we had 209 meetings with 2230 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:

- Jane to present nominees for open positions in New Business. Positions OPEN: Liaison to Area 30, Bookie Exchange, Secretary and Alternate Secretary, Corrections Committee Co-Chair and Social Committee Co-Chair. **Elections discussed in New Business.**

New Business:

- Cathy H. was introduced as interested candidate for the position of Secretary. Sober since 1989, she has served as GSR in various groups and has recently come back into this area. She was unanimously voted to replace Eduardo M., who served his term.

- Jane is looking for nominations for Alternate Treasurer.
- Discussion on whether the Bookie Exchange should continue? Brandy noted that it has not been active since April 2022 and made a motion to discontinue it as a committee. Motion passed.
- Lynn noted that technical expertise and help is needed to support hybrid meetings.
- Bill G. inquired about mileage reimbursements. Brandy noted that such expenses are to be submitted with each committee's budget proposals for the year.

What's On Your Mind?

The pamphlet on Intergroup service was brought up and suggested as reading material to help all attendees and delegates to better understand how it operates to serve the area.

Katie mentioned that ALL delegates would serve WAI and their respective groups by mentioning that WAI is in need of funds at their next meetings.

In closing, Lynn expressed her deep gratitude to the Committee for her opportunity to serve it. The Committee members, in turn, expressed their gratitude for her service.

Adjournment 8:10 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023 @ 7:00 PM