

Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.
Delegates Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2021
(Prepared for January 13, 2022 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: 17 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, Beacon), **Ray M** (co-Treatment Chair & DMC-D25/MSCYPAA Liaison), **Richard M** (Dist 26 Liaison & delegate Pepperell), **Naomi D** (delegate Way of Sobriety), **Bill L** (delegate Eternal Vigilance, District 25), **Bill S.** (Trustee elect), **Heather Cleveland** (Bookie, Alcahlon co-chair, **Harry W.** (delegate Dudley Day at a Time), **Sean R.** (delegate Way Out Group), **Sean K.** (Trustee)

Attendees Sign In Sheet: Eduardo M. (also recorded Zoom attendees)

Welcome New Delegates:

Individual Anniversaries:

Secretary's Report: Eduardo M

Treasurer's Report: **Total Income November 2021** \$7,968.29 // **Cost of Goods Sold** \$3,946.01, for a **Gross Profit** of \$4,022.28 **Office Expenses** were \$5,925.92 and **Committee Expenses** were \$565.91 for **Total Monthly Expenses** of \$6,491.83 // **Checking Balance** \$25,111.35 // **Debit Account Balance** \$0, **Petty Cash** \$150.00. // **Available funds** \$25,261.35 minus **Prudent Reserve** \$15,000.00 for **Net Available Funds of \$10,261.35**

Office Manager's Report: (Brandy H.) **Total YTD contributions** are \$53,862.54 **DOWN** \$7,595.49 from this time last year \$61,458.03 **November contributions** were \$3880.54 **DOWN** \$445.05 from **October @** \$4,325.59 **Total product sales year to date** are \$31,881.9 **UP** \$9,408.85 from 2020 \$22,473.05. **November product sales** were \$3,977.62 **DOWN** \$1,160.66 from **October @** \$5,183.28

New office hours: Mon/Thurs/Sat 10a-2p, Tues 10a-8p, Wed 10a-3p, Friday & 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.

- **MEETING LISTS ARE IN and now FREE OF CHARGE! (3 bundles of 10).** 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.
- **PAMPHLETS are also now FREE OF CHARGE! (Limit: 10 per Title, NOT including the Acceptance Pamphlet, Meeting in a Pocket and E. MA meeting lists)**

Website Report: (Fred F):

Web Site Hosting Fees (YTD thru 12/7): \$293.64
(Includes District 23 & 24 domain registration fees)
Site Visits November: 13,356 (+16% vs October)
Avg. Page Views: 8.58 (+2.4% vs October)

Noteworthy Changes & Updates:

WAI Calendar: updated for AA events for Metro West/Area 30 events
Announcements: updated for local AA news and events, including Alcathons
New Page: North America AA (Areas, Regions) page. Found under **Other AA Sites** menu
Meeting List: Continue to apply in-person/online & other updates to meeting list
Treatment Calendars: Added admin features, added TC facility (CHL Passages)
District 23: attended monthly meeting, district23aa.org is their website
District 24: website updates include: calendar, Alcathon news, resumption of meetings)
District 26: ongoing website tech support and training
Area 30: nothing to report

Beacon Report (Rich D)

Editors: Stef D. (a.k.a. The Cyber Sot) and Rich D. (a.k.a. The Digital Drunk)

Welcoming submissions of articles, jokes, cartoons, quotes (e.g. "heard this at a meeting: _____")

Note: Articles submitted can be as short as a couple of paragraphs to several hundred words. Deadlines are the third Friday of every month.

Alcathon Report: (Heather C)

- The Thanksgiving went well and thanks were expressed for all who helped.
- Christmas Alcathon reminder emails were sent out to Hosts focused on their attention to the settings for the Zoom platform. Group and Host time slots were still available, (i.e. 2PM & 3PM were still open for Christmas Day and 5 Host slots were still open for Christmas Day)
- New Year's Alcathon still needed groups and Hosts (i.e. 2PM and 3PM were still available for New Year's Day with 5 Host slots still open for New Year's Day)
- Request to print out the flyers and bring them to your groups. Also, suggested for groups to bring the flyers into Treatment Facilities to announce while doing commitments and for Public Information to email to Half-way houses and sober homes in the area.
- Next Committee meeting on 12/15 at 7PM via Zoom. Alcathon Committee Zoom link: <https://worcesteralcathon.com>

Alcathon Zoom Login: <https://us06web.zoomus/j/87673586905>. **Passcode: Alcathon21.**

Treatment Facilities Report: (Ray M.)

District 23 – No update. No active Treatment Chair. Ray M is assisting the District. District is having an in-person Alcathon, it generally visits 2 facilities in D25, AdCare, Spectrum/NERC. Presently, all programs were open to in-person commitments...with these exceptions: Spectrum Detox, Spectrum CSS, NERC Detox and NERC Residential

District 25 – Dave S. reports that as a result of quick changes from open-to close-to open again cycle for facilities, posted messaging will cease. All interested parties should go to the online calendar, which is much more current with activations/de-activations.

Virtual WAI Alcathon info will be given to facilities, along with the virtual meeting list. Printed lists will be delivered when available from printer.

District 26 – No update. Ray and Rosi are working to get viable info on facilities with open dates for the January meeting

Treatment Calendar is on www.AAWorcester.org >>> select Take a Commitment for available days and times

Facilities updates:

- Sunrise Detox – No commitments
- Washburn House – No commitments
- Evolve Recovery Center – No commitments

Book Drive for Bridging the Gap – Book drive ends at the end of December.

Area 30 Treatment Meeting – Dave and Ray both attended. Goal is to contact groups in districts and surrounding Boston Central Services to build a robust data base of contact. This to be added to the current such database maintained by WAI.

Area 30 Kickoff Assembly (co-sponsored by D25 and D26) to be held on Sunday January 9th @ North High School 140 Harrington Way in Worcester. Registration and GSR Orientation at 9AM. Assembly begins at 9:30AM

HALT Line: (Sue R)

Many shifts still open. Still experiencing difficulties with people logging in, possible issue with devices. Looking to add Spanish-speaking person to field calls. Any questions can be sent to Sue's email @ sbobitaille.3333@gmail.com

Public Information Report: (Rich D) Working with local library contacts to deliver the Big Book and the 12 and 12 Book on the list. Rich reports that work on Beacon can serve PI Committee, but willing to yield position if someone else is interested in serving in that capacity. PI counterpart in D25 resigned her position.

New Year's Eve Party: (flyer submitted by Jeff W, WAI Social Chair). Scheduled for Friday 12/31 from 7PM – 12:30AM @ First Congregational Church 1070 Pleasant Street in Worcester.

Bookie Report: (Heather C) last meeting held on 11/14. Again, poorly attended. Discussion among Dave S, reps from Athol and Forge groups on how to encourage attendance and even if the exchange would be wanted/needed/relevant into the New Year.

Next meeting scheduled for 1/9 with report to follow at next delegates meeting. Flyer with details of 1/9 Bookie Exchange Hybrid meeting was provided.

Zoom Report: (Brandy H). November had 302 meetings with 2872 participants. October had 304 meetings with 25311 participants. 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. Many service positions open.

Ugly Sweater Fellowship and Game Night hosted by MSCYPAA & RISCYPAA scheduled for 12/7/21 from 9PM to 11PM at 384 South Street in Foxboro, MA. Flyer for event was submitted

Old Business: Corrections position is still open.

New Business:

Delegates voted to support Heather C's attendance and trip to NERAASA's 31ST Annual Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly being held 2/25-27, 2022 in Pittsburg, PA. Amount: \$700.00 to cover expenses

Addendum to Secretary's Notes from 12/9:

Voted:

Delegate's Committee Chair: Lynn S.

Trustee: Ted K. moves into role as Trustee after serving as Delegate's Committee Chair.

Treasurer: Rich D.

Secretary: Eduardo M. moved up from Alternate Secretary

Adjournment 8:00 PM

Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM