

**Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**December 13, 2018**

**7:01 PM:** Emily D. (Alt. Chair) opened Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Responsibility Declaration and encouragement of Service Sponsors.

**Introductions of Attendees:** 22 attendees – Wendy S. (Secretary/The Way Out), Bill S. (Trustee/PI Chair/BookieXchange/Northboro Saturday AM), David W. (Eternal Vigilance), Paula T. (2019 Alt. Secretary), Alice B. (2019 Secretary), Linda D. (2019 Trustee/Way of Sobriety), Colleen A. (Shrewsbury Gratitude), Sean K. (Trustee, District 23 DCM), Rebecca C. (ICYPAA Liaison), Nicole L. (Chair), Emily D. (Alt. Chair/Social Committee), Suzanne D. (Big Book Step Study Saturday AM), Danele P. (Early Risers), Jim B. (Alt. Treasurer/Alcathon Chair), Lisa R. (Treasurer/Seven Hills), Stephen O. (Trustee), Brandy H. (Office Manager/ Haltline/Worcester Big Book Step), John M. (Editor, Beacon), Bonnie J. (Triton), Robert M. (Treatment Chair/ There Is Hope), Sean S. (Treatment/It All Starts Here), Matt H. (Daily Choice)

**Attendees Sign In Sheet:** (Wendy S.) List passed around

**Welcome New Delegates:** One new delegate, David W., given delegate packet.

**Individual Anniversaries:** Robert M., 3 years; David W., 1 year.

**Secretary's Report:** (Wendy S.) Written report presented by Wendy S. Accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jim B.) Total Income for November \$7253.40, Cost of Goods Sold \$3464.77, for a Gross Profit of \$3788.63. Office Expenses were \$5916.87, and Committee Expenses were \$591.99 for Total Monthly Expenses of \$6508.86. Checking Balance \$10129.96, Debit Account Balance \$673.22, Petty Cash \$150.00. Committee Remaining Budget Balance \$8,620.94. Available funds \$10,953.18 minus Prudent Reserve \$8000.00 for Net Available Funds of \$2953.18.

**Office Manager's Report:** (Brandy H.) New meeting lists for January sent to printer; need updates ASAP. Looking for volunteers for 12<sup>th</sup> Step List. Names will be confidential. Currently asking Facebook Group. Group contributions in November were \$2049.75, down from November 2018 by \$423.45. New employee hired, but he will not be working January 11 to February 15, necessitating that the office close at 3 PM on Tuesdays during that period. This will be announced on website and in Facebook.

**Website Report:** (Brandy H. for John H.) 11060 hits in November, compared to 16098 the previous year. Change in counter due to switch to ASP.Net and change in providers. BoogieXchange is deployed. Website banner and menu option display Alcathons. Spreadsheet showing group contributions to WAI has been added to website. WAI is supplying meeting list data for inclusion in Meeting Guide, an app licensed by AAWS.

**Alcathon Report:** (Jim B.) Planning meeting was held December 12. Looking for volunteers to act as hosts at Christmas and New Year Alcathons, one-hour commitments. Arrangements made for details like tablecloths, water, and commitment lists. Hosts will be responsible to deal with kitchen, food, incoming commitments, and the homeless, or to call Police to transport homeless to Queen Street Shelter.

**Treatment Facilities Report:** (Robert M.) Worcester Rehab and Health Care Center is now holding weekly Wednesday 7 PM meeting, chaired by outside people. Similar request from Parsons Hills on Main Street in Worcester and Sunrise Detox in Millbury is looking for commitments six days a week. Working with Spectrum to set up. Need female leader there. Moving all calendars to Google Accounts to better communicate with facility contacts. Trying to drive traffic to intergroup website. Leaving printed calendars with open dates at AA meetings. Those interested in filling open dates must contact the team leader so we can avoid double booking.

**Corrections:** (Steve O.) Worcester County Jail and House of Correction has changed requirements for orientation from 1.5 hours to 5 days at 8 hours a day, same as for the guards. Discussion figures that this means they, or someone, doesn't really want AA there. Steve cannot go in by himself. Will discuss this with appropriate contacts.

**HALT Line:** (Brandy H.) All staffed except Tuesday 8:00 PM to Midnight.

**Area 30 Liaison Report:** (Sean K.) Area 30 Kickoff Assembly, Sunday, January 6, 2019, 9 AM – 4 PM, GSR Orientation at 9:15, Wellesley Community Center, 219 Washington Street, Wellesley.

**District 25 Liaison Report:** (Steve O.) Did not attend.

**District 26 Liaison Report:** (Fred F.) Grapevine provided to a treatment facility.

**Public Information Report:** (Bill S. excused, written report presented) Met with Nic Barbara, After Incarceration Support Services Director to discuss ongoing support for sheriff's program for helping those with alcohol issues to find support while transition to life after incarceration. Delivered literature in Spanish. Attended Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester Annual Meeting, November 29, 2018.

**Social Committee Report:** (Emily D.) Game Nights scheduled in 2019 for Fridays, January 4, February 1, March 1, at 6:30 PM, Trinity Church, 23 Main Street, Northborough. Ugly Sweater and Yankee Swap Party of December 7 successful. Bowling league has concluded, and format being rethought. Looking for volunteers and event ideas. Contact [social@aaworcester.org](mailto:social@aaworcester.org).

**Beacon Report:** (John Mcl) Continuing. No report.

**BookieXchange Report:** (Bill S.) BookieXchange responded to 25 request in last month. Steady from previous month. Currently lists 228 posts, mostly in 2019.

**ICYPAA:** (Rebecca C.) Announced 61<sup>st</sup> ICYPAA Conference in Boston, August 22-25, 2019, Boston Marriott Copley Place. Registration via [registration@icyhost.org](mailto:registration@icyhost.org). The Host Committee presents a New Years Eve Outer Space Themed Dance Party at Sacred Heart Church, 303 Paris Street, East Boston, Speaker Meeting at 8 PM, Dance at 9 – 1 PM, \$10 suggested donation. Also SNOWYPAA at Jay Peak Waterpark & Resort, March 15 – 17. Email [events@icyhost.org](mailto:events@icyhost.org) for information and costs.

**Old Business:** Elect Alice B., Secretary, and Paula T., Alt. Secretary. Still looking for Alternate Treasurer. Changes to Meeting Guidelines approved.

**New Business:** Last year, WAI donated two cases of Big Books to Spectrum. Planned to consider donations annually, but we don't have the money this year. Motion to remove donation from Time-Line approved. Two Billboards up. Treasurer proposes level funding for 2019. Approved. Changing Alcathon system to obtain slots for commitments back to giving preference to Intergroup Delegates who attend regularly to encourage involvement.

**What's On Your Mind?:** None.

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Please help with cleaning up      Adjournment 8:07 PM      Serenity Prayer

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Next Meeting: January 10, 2018