

# February District 12 and 13 Meeting Minutes 2/8/2022

## District Meeting

Meeting opened w/ Declaration of Unity, AA Preamble, Step 2, Tradition 2, and Concept 2

## Introductions & Group Reports:

Name	Group	Update
Aria	Women’s Serenity	Status Quo
Maura	Copley Friday	Status Quo
Abby	Park Street	Held vote to go hybrid. Meeting with Church to go over technical setup. Will continue to hold Zoom until hybrid meetings begin.
Nicole (Alt: Meredith)	Out of the Basement	Status Quo
Veda (Alt: Sandy)	Beantown Group	Officially Now “Beantown” Group. Status Quo.
Jai	Alcoholics Together	Status Quo – successful hybrid meeting.
Jamie	Brigham Circle Group	District Treasurer
Michael	Back Bay Steps	Status Quo
Gray	Boston Crossroads	Fully remote right now – can’t get back into their space but working toward hybrid meeting in the future.
Caroline	Beginners Mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently had an incident with harassment among group members. At a business meeting and voted that the antagonist would be banned – which is a departure from group traditions. The group created a safety committee which liaised with Catherine (Service Seminar Chair) at Area level and changed script – read safety card and ask if there are members who would be willing to discuss personal safety raise their hand. Still coming up with a policy on what to do when a safety issue is raised – going to have an ad hoc meeting to discuss policy.</li> <li>• There are virtual meetings on Tue/Wed, concurrently with physical BM meeting – those meetings were not consulted as part of this banning, and so held all groups business meeting – decided that Treasurer would be the sole link between the two meetings.</li> <li>• Request for attendance/support for virtual meeting. When contributing via Venmo – differentiate in-person/virtual to determine the breakdown in where contributions are coming from.</li> </ul>

## Anniversaries

- Abby – 6 Years Today (February 8)

## District Trusted Servant Reports

### Review of January District Meeting Minutes: Liz M

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- Liz M read January Meeting minutes
  - Motion to accept January minutes, seconded; Passes unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report: Jamie

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- Beginning Balance: \$4,000
- **Expenses:**
  - PO box annual fee \$216
- Balance after expenses: \$3,800
- **Group Contributions to District:**
  - Back Bay Steps \$284.07
  - Brookline Men's Group \$15 (District 14)
  - JP Group 716559 \$20
  - Friday Night Steps \$25
  - Allston Overdue \$150 (District 14)
- Balance after contributions/expenses \$4600
- Prudent Reserve is \$1,200 and COVID reserve is \$400, leaving ~\$3,000 available for the District to use.
- We should contact District 14 to contact those Districts and/or the groups to make sure they are sending their contributions to the correct district. May need to issue "refund" checks.
- Map of Towns/Districts: <https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Area-30-Districts-By-Town.pdf>
- Motion to accept January Treasurers report, seconded; Passes unanimously.

### DCM Report - Jules

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- Jules attended Area Meeting. There are a lot of committees seeking support. There are many upcoming committee meetings in February's agenda.
  - Examples of things that are happening with these committees:
    - Updating handbook to be more accessible
    - Treatment centers and jails that are opening are looking for commitments
    - Distribute information, especially when there is disinformation.
    - Website updates – updating to make more user friendly and want to hear from the Area what would be best.
    - Service manual meetings on Sundays – very informative and helpful.
- NERAASA is coming up at the end of the month – in person in Pittsburgh and there are stipends available for \$250 if you would like to attend.

- We can also consider increasing the stipend if you are interested in going.
- The next Area assembly is the Pre-Conference Assembly April 10 in Peabody in person. This is when our Delegate will share what they are going to discuss at the conference. At our March meeting, our Delegate Jan will be attending our meeting to discuss.

## Old Business

### Updates on Commitments to Treatment Facilities

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- Vets Shelter
- Hope House – Beginner’s Mind
- Beantown going to Vet’s Shelter
- Goddard House
- Out of the Basement – 4 in-person commitments per month
  - Gavin House
  - CAB Boston
  - Women’s House

## New Business

### How to Spend Available \$

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- Any ideas?

### Can we send representatives to some upcoming committee meetings to bring back some information to the District?

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- More information on committees: <https://aaemass.org/area30/contact>
- **Literature Committee:** Aria attended literature committee last week and will go next Month. At the last meeting, they went over the items in the Agenda for the upcoming conference relating to literature. They were generally checking in on items from the last conference – AA Pamphlet and African American Alcoholic, New Edition of Big Book, etc. They were also doing more outreach to get people involved in the committee. [https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/72nd-General-Service-Conference-Final-Agenda-2002\\_02\\_03.pdf](https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/72nd-General-Service-Conference-Final-Agenda-2002_02_03.pdf)
- **Cooperation with Professional Communities:** is this Thursday night at 7pm – Provide information to groups who provide information about AA to members in their profession. **Gray** will attend this meeting on Thursday.
- **Archives** February 15 at 7:30pm: Carry the message of AA – collect preserve and share the heritage of the fellowship. – **Michael/Maura** will attend.
- **Accessibilities Committee:** Feb 16, 6:30pm – to make sure that everyone who wants to participate in AA and AA services can and those services remain accessible. Also includes things like pronouns, etc. – wide range of accessibility questions. **Nicole** will attend.
- **Treatment Facilities committee** – February 18 – **Caroline** will attend
- **Area Website:** Thursday, February 24 6pm – Liz will attend

- **Joint Corrections Facility Meeting** – February 24 at 7pm – **Jai** will attend
- **Grapevine Committee** – Veda
- **Joint Public Information Committee** – March 3 at 7pm – **Abby** will attend.
- **COMMITTEE MEETING ZOOM INFORMATION:**
  - Feb 10th - CPC Committee Meeting –7pm Meeting ID: 850 3000 3888, Password: 645115
  - Feb 15th – Archives Committee Meeting – 7:30pm Zoom Meeting ID: 898 3555 8494, Password: 771053
  - Feb 16th – Accessibilities Committee – 6:30pm Zoom Meeting ID: 884 9072 0798, Passcode: 493038
  - Feb 18th - Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting – 7pm Zoom Meeting ID: 917 3425 1285, Passcode: Treatment
  - Feb 24th – Area Website Committee Meeting – 6pm Zoom Meeting ID: 833 7155 5748, Passcode: 110534
  - Feb 24th – Joint Correctional Facilities Committee Meeting – 7pm Zoom Meeting ID: 842 8172 0059, Passcode: 446053
  - Feb 27th – Grapevine Committee Meeting – 1pm Meeting ID: 976 076 3116, Password: grapevine
  - March 3rd – Joint Public Information Committee Meeting – 7pm Meeting ID: 835 4441 1126, Passcode: 240864
  - March 7th - Literature Committee Meeting –7pm Zoom, Meeting ID: 975 1209 6396, Passcode: BigBook

### **What's on Your Mind?**

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- Consider attending NERAASA. Great conference around service – Learn much more about service, committees, what is coming up at this year's conference.
- PRAASA is March 4-6 and is virtual – more info: <https://praasa.org/>
  - If there is a registration fee, let the district know, we may be able to reimburse.

Motion to close meeting @8PM. Seconded

### **Zoom Information for District Meeting**

The next district meeting is Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm.

District meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm - 8pm. The Zoom info is:

**Meeting ID:** 895 0001 6324

**Passcode:** District