

January District 12 and 13 Meeting Minutes 1/11/2022

District Meeting

Meeting opened w/ Declaration of Unity, AA Preamble, Step 1 Tradition 1, and Concept 1

Introductions & Group Reports:

Name	Group	Update
Aria	Women's Serenity	Status Quo
Maura	Copley Friday	Status Quo
Abby	Park Street	Met with Park Street Church – they are onboard with doing a hybrid meeting with new in-person meeting. Will help facilitate. Will be voting in February on going hybrid later in February.
Nicole (Alt: Meredith)	Out of the Basement	Status Quo
Veda (Alt: Sandy)	Arch Street	Now completely online; renamed to Beantown. The Arch Street church is having an in-person meeting M & Th 5:45 – 6:45 & Tuesday 12 -1 – No Wednesday meetings. Meeting on Zoom meeting M W Th 6-7. Now two distinct groups.
Val	BU March Chapel Lunchtime	2 Meetings – Zoom Meeting and Live meeting. Low attendance at live meeting – will have a business meeting to discuss low attendance and new Venmo policies. Having a hard time paying rent without attendance.
Jai	Alcoholics Together	Status Quo
Rich	Mindful Steps	Status Quo
Becca	Group of Drunks	Status Quo
Jamie	Brigham Circle Group	Status Quo
Michael	Back Bay Steps	Status Quo
Geoff	Ashburton Group	Exclusively online until 2/7

Anniversaries

- Maura – 7 Years January 10
- Stephanie – 12 Years on Dec 27

District Trusted Servant Reports

Review of December District Meeting Minutes: Liz M

- Liz M read December Meeting minutes

- Motion to accept December minutes, seconded; Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jamie

- Beginning Balance: \$4,953.22
- **Expenses:**
 - Christmas Alkathon - VFW \$200.00
 - Christmas Alkathon - Literature \$250.50
 - Christmas Alkathon - Food \$316.18
 - ZOOM \$159.27
 - Stamps \$17.40
 - **Total: \$943.35**
- **Outgoing Contributions:** Literature – PATHS Program
 - Total contributions \$321.75
- **Group Contributions to District:**
 - OOTB 192.70
 - Alcaholics Together 15
 - 665839 - \$56.10
 - Arch Street \$37
 - Newton \$16 – will reach out to them since they are not in our district
 - \$316.80
- Prudent Reserve is \$1,200 and COVID reserve is \$400, leaving ~\$2,404.92 available for the District to use.
- Motion to accept December Treasurers report, seconded; Passes unanimously.
- How do we want to spend the Money?
 - Jamie is going to reach out to some shelters to see inquire about literature, etc.

DCM Report - Stephanie

- December Area meeting – Officer's Report
- Talked about Area Assembly
- Area World service is looking for info on Virtual baskets – info to follow – looking for best practices. If your group is doing virtual collection well please share with
- NERAASA is February 25-27 this year - planning on being in person in Pittsburgh, PA as of right now with no virtual access. Some districts have large balances with COVID so some are doing larger stipends who are looking for funds to go to NERAASA
 - More info about NERAASA: <https://www.neraasa.org/>

Old Business

Alkathon Recap

- Jai – attended on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – went well. Put out plates of food that people could take instead of self-service.
 - Not very high attendance but still well-attended.

- Maura – great experience
- Geoff – Lots of regulars – relatively small alkathon. There was 1 group that didn't show for their slot but otherwise went well.
- Aria – Omicron variant surge right before holiday may have impacted attendance.
- Val – COVID and weather may have impacted attendance as well. Not too crowded. But still made it work well with those who attended.
- Thank you to everyone who attended and worked so hard to make it happen.

Area Assembly Recap

- Jai – attended and got a stipend to attend NERAASA in Pittsburgh – an educational experience. There is a new handbook coming out and there was a lot of discussion on that.
- Maura –
 - Covered website and want that to be approved and ask a consultant to review the website and make sure it's consistent with other areas.
 - Service and PR
- Aria –
 - In addition to handbook there is a new handbook study group
 - Service Manual Study Group Sundays 5:30 ID 856 5036 2906 Password 172818
- Stephanie –
 - Covered budget and also committees (Archives, etc.)

Call for Commitments

- Dimock in Roxbury is looking for commitments and asked if we were aware of treatment facilities in our district that our groups are going to. (any type of facilities – halfway houses, retirement facilities)
- If your group can do a commitment or has more information on Treatment facilities in our district please contact Bill – (617) 233 – 3597
- Treatment commitments in our district:
 - Aria will reach out to Beginner's Mind about treatment facilities they work with
 - Nicole will also provide more info as well
 - Park Street has worked with Vet shelter in the past
 - Women's Serenity – Women's house in Cambridge (not in District)
 - Veda – Arch Street ongoing commitment on 2nd Saturday with Vets shelter
 - Becca will also inquire with Group of Drunks bookie on treatment facilities commitments

New Business

Stipends for NERAASA in Pittsburgh

- More about NERAASA: <https://www.neraasa.org/>

- Most likely you will want to fly/hotel as it's in Pittsburgh, PA
- The District will set aside 4 \$250 stipends to distribute – just contact the district
- Information on new post office box for GSO seventh tradition contributions:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_new_box_number_7Traditions_contributions.pdf
- Request for Fellowship Sharing on experiences using Virtual Baskets (attached)

Venmo/Paypal Updates

- Could impact personal accounts if being used for a group.
- Consider taxes as another expense and report it.
- Will impact groups when they file for 2022 taxes.
- More info: <https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/taxes/fact-or-fiction-the-irs-is-tracking-payments-over-600-on-paypal-and-venmo-in-2022/>

Motion to close meeting @8PM. Seconded

Zoom Information for District Meeting

The next district meeting is Tuesday, February 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