

# March District 12 and 13 Meeting Minutes 3/8/2022

## Area 30 Delegate, Jan W & Alt Delegate, Jerry Presentation

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- Much of the presentation and service structure is summarized in this document:  
<https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Delegate-Outreach-Presentation-2022.pdf>
- While the conference is only 1 week of the year, activities around conference take place all year long - any actions that the conference votes on are sent to GSO staff and trustees committees to execute throughout the year
- In addition to Quarterly meetings, at the conference, final reports are presented on what has been done throughout the year, address agenda items, delegates report back to their areas about what work has been done, and the cycle begins again
- Area Delegate's Role:
  - Once the final conference agenda is published, Jan as Delegate must communicate to groups about those agenda items, background information, and ask GSRs to take agenda items to groups and attempt to get the voice of their group
    - **Suggestion for GSR's** - leave important info next to coffee at meetings, and place on bulletin boards - tailor to your group and how they will best respond
  - Share **District Agenda Prepared by GSO**: [https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/72nd-General-Service-Conference-Final-Agenda-2022\\_02\\_09-English.pdf](https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/72nd-General-Service-Conference-Final-Agenda-2022_02_09-English.pdf)
  - **Agenda Items & Summaries Prepared by Delegate**: <https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/72nd-General-Service-Conference-Summary-of-Agenda-Items-2022.02.17.pdf>
- See previous emails for background information regarding the Agenda (sent to GSR's by District – this information is confidential and must remain within the fellowship)
- **Online Survey: (TO FOLLOW)**
- **Paper Survey (if you wish to print/mail)**: [https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Delegates\\_Survey\\_72nd\\_GSC\\_English-.pdf](https://aaemass.org/area30/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Delegates_Survey_72nd_GSC_English-.pdf)
  - This survey, prepared by Jan as Delegate, is about 12 questions around 7-8 agenda items that Jan thinks will get the most attention at the conference and wants to get our group's opinion and personal opinion on those items.
  - The survey will close on April 17 5pm
- There is a **Pre-Conference Assembly** on Sunday April 10 – hybrid meeting in Peabody hosted by district 18/19.
  - You may wish to wait to complete the survey until you have attended the Pre-Conference Assembly.
  - At the preconference assembly –there will be panels presenting on a number of agenda items and then will open floor to discussion
  - On that day Jan and Jerry (Delegate & Alt Delegate) will sit and listen so that they can take the area's voice to conference
  - There will be a series of panels - Each will have a few agenda items, presenters will give background information and history of the item, draw in any AA related information that is pertinent, and then at the end of presentation will open floor for questions,

comments, opinions. – this is where Jan wants to hear what’s on your mind and what the groups think. There is a tech committee working on making these panels hybrid.

- **The area needs presenters on for Pre-Conference assembly – if interested email [delegate@aaemass.org](mailto:delegate@aaemass.org)** - Jan will provide additional details on presenting and answer questions. This is a great way to be of service to the area
- BB 5<sup>th</sup> Edition - hoping that conference in 2025 will approve the next BB
  - Wanted to call for stories – but also want to give online or audio options and so working out those details. Jan will share call for stories as soon as the request is made.

## District Meeting

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w/ Declaration of Unity, AA Preamble, Step 3, Tradition 3, and Concept 3

## Anniversaries

- Liz 5 Years Feb 25
- Val 23 years on Feb 19

## District Trusted Servant Reports

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

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

### Treasurer’s Report: Jamie

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- Beginning Balance: \$4,597.31
- **Expenses:**
  - Reimbursed several groups who mistakenly voted to the incorrect district (of which they are not a part)
    - reimburse district 16 (melrose), 22 (newton), 14 (allston/brookline), 10 (JP) \$119.00
    - reimburse district 22 (newton) P.O. Box 66041 Auburndale, MA 02466 \$16.00
    - reimburse district 14 (brookline/allston) P.O. Box 35321 Brighton, MA 02135 \$165.00
    - reimburse district 10 (JP) P.O. Box 264 Dedham, MA 02027 \$20.00
  - **Total: \$320**
- **Outgoing Contributions:**
  - Total contributions \$0
- **Group Contributions to District:**
  - District 14 (Alcathon Reimbursement): \$76.99
  - Group ID665639: \$40
  - Fireside Roxbury: \$30
  - Sugar Hill: \$34.25
  - Group of Drunks (from Nov 2021): \$50

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- **Total Contributions: \$281.24**
- Prudent Reserve is \$1,200 and COVID reserve is \$400, leaving ~\$2,958.55 available for the District to use.
- Motion to accept February Treasurers report, seconded; Passes unanimously.

### **DCM Report - Stephanie**

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- In our district report we mentioned that we had everyone signed up to attend committee meeting and committee members reported that they had people attend from our district

## **Old Business**

### **Location Outreach on November Assembly Potential**

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- The area has asked us to host November assembly – want to make sure that it’s accessible by Public Transportation since it’s an Election Assembly
- We hosted in 2019? – where can we host this that has parking and is also available via public transportation?
- Temple?
- Rich – BC High – that’s where we did this last time. They are not allowing outside groups right now. But could potentially revisit to see if things have changed. Rich will reach out since he knows people from the BC High Group.
- First Sunday in November – November 6
- Val – capacity requirements? Last time about 150 people attended - but most likely there will be fewer people. Val will look into space near the Orange Line. May be able to fit 100

### **Carpool Opportunities to PreConference Assembly on April 10 in Peabody Recap**

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- Jules and Stephanie are driving – email to follow re: carpooling.

## **New Business**

### **Updates on Committee Meetings**

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- Nicole – Accessibilities Committee – 6-7 people
  - They want to attend our district meeting at some point for 5 minute presentation
  - Goal for end of year accurate info on the website on what is accessible re: meetings
  - Have a checklist they would like groups to fill out to gather information about physical locations
- Jai – Joint Corrections Facilities Committee Meeting – 8-10
  - Coordinates outreach to local correctional facilities
  - They are sending Grapevines and La Vigna’s to correctional facilities
  - [Corrections@aaemass.org](mailto:Corrections@aaemass.org) if you want to do a commitment at a
  - The Farm at Lawrence

- Women in Transition Salisbury (vaxxed)  
Southbay commitments based on flare ups of corona
- Michael – Archives Committee Meeting
  - Can't do a lot right now because of Covid – so spent the meeting explaining what they do
  - They host events – they host 2 kinds – group and oral history
  - Group – catalog history of a group, origination, changes written or oral history. Written is a more classic way
  - Oral History – they are looking for people to give oral history – they are interviewed by people from Archives committee – what was AA like (rather than personal History) what was service like and AA like and how has that changed. Target people with longterm sobriety.
  - Cataloging how AA groups and service has changed since people got sober over time
  - They have a repository in Everett with documents from AA history – notes, business meeting notes. They are trying to organize it and digitize it.
  - If you are interested in giving an interview or talking about a group or history of the group – Michael will connect you with the committee.
- Aria – Literature Committee - <10 people
  - Focus on agenda items related to literature at preconference assembly.
  - Barbara shared her presentation from last years Preconference assembly.
- Aria – PARAASA – went to committee about writing for new pamphlet AA for the Black American and will share information – people who want to submit stories – 800 word count
  - They are also looking for submissions for Native Americans pamphlet – email about the deadline
- Liz – Website – 8-10 attendees
  - Voted on 2 templates for the new website
  - meets on the 4th thursday of the month.
  - Using <https://nm-aa.org/> as a guide for new layouts and features.
  - Discussed options for Spanish translation (google translate vs. manually copying) - The group leaned toward google translate but since that can be inaccurate they will be consulting the Spanish intergroup to gather input
  - Discussed collecting contributions behind a gateway so that only groups/AA related entities can make contributions.
  - Thinking of creating a service portal/login for sensitive information meant for service
  - Working on an updated logo for Area 30
  - Considering hosting a meeting list but working with Central Service on mutually beneficial solution that helps the alcoholic
- Mark \_ Treatment – and Facilities Committee
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month
  - Committees really need your support

- Committees will each have their own web page – need to get a feel for what is needed by the Districts – for example, treatment – good way to share information, commitments at Hope House, Dimmock, and as COVID winds down they are getting more information that facilities are looking for more information about AA
- Worcester has a calendar feature and groups can subscribe to openings at facilities (even Nursing homes)
- Zoom 91734251285 PW is Treatment
- Abby - Joint Public information Committee – 20 attendees (National attendees from AK, another Boston District)
  - Received 2 video PSA's that AA has been using that were distributed through Youtube and the response on those and relevance and usefulness of video PSA's.
  - They were talking about digital campaign for AA
  - They were talking about potentially geotargeting it for Eastern Mass – google advertising geotargeted
  - Could be on Youtube, spotify, just like with radio we would have to pay.
  - Julia at next committee meeting – local news channel connection – to get non profit rates
  - QR codes – at bus stops, for example – could use those to track engagement
  - They gave an example of Area 59 who had contacted media company with targeted PSA's including Instagram – can control how the message is being targeted
  - Rather than GSR – pamphlet – media kits – provide
- The area funds all of the committees – they get budgeted a certain amount every year and if they need more money then they will go to the area support.

### **Updates on Committee Meetings**

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- District of Manhattan has a virtual GSR happy hour on Sunday's – virtual coffee hour hosted by other AA members
- First Sunday of the month from 5-6 PM
- Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82981801704?pwd=VXB5aTdnTHRlV0s5enFpeE9ibld0UT09>
- Hosted by AA Members with service experience as a GSR, DCM, Alternate, Delegate, County or SENY Officer who love doing service and sharing their knowledge with you.
- Open to all AA Members for engaging discussion of AA's unique organizational and operational structure.
- Future dates: April 3, May 1, June 5. Later dates to be confirmed
- Zoom Meeting ID: 829 8180 1704
- Passcode: 574109

Motion to close meeting @8PM. Seconded

## Zoom Information for District Meeting

The next district meeting is Tuesday, April 12 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