

August District 12 and 13 Meeting Minutes 8/9/2022

District Meeting

Meeting opened w/ Declaration of Unity, AA Preamble, Step 8 Tradition 8, and Concept 8

Introductions & Group Reports:

Name	Group	Update
Aria	Women's Serenity	Status Quo – about 30 people online, lower attendance in summer
Maura	Copley Friday	Doing well; same as last month. Did have more people at the business meeting.
Abby	Park Street	Doing well; launched hybrid for Thursday meeting and Wednesday beginners meeting. Low attendance in person for beginner's meeting but good attendance for Thursday meeting in person.
Nicole (Alt: Meredith)	Out of the Basement	Status Quo – picked a date for anniversary celebration – 30 th Anniversary in March 2020 – so rescheduled for September 18. Spread the word.
Jai	Alcoholics Together	Status Quo – Still hybrid. Slightly low attendance because of the summer.
Michael	Back Bay Steps	Status Quo
Geoff	Ashburton Group	Status Quo – got meeting list books today
Caroline	Beginner's Mind	Status Quo – experiencing slump in attendance due to summer.
Taimur	Jaywalkers	Good attendance 60-80 people/week. All in person. Planning group conscious some time soon.
Jimmy	Brigham Circle Group	10-15 people in person and 20 online, considering a new venue or going back to Brigham Women's hospital if that is popular.

Anniversaries

- July 27 - 7 years Aria

District Trusted Servant Reports

Review of July District Meeting Minutes: Liz M

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

Treasurer's Report: Jamie

- Report to follow.

DCM Report - Stephanie

- Attended recent area meeting
- Delegate gave her report – backordered books are starting to come in after supply chain issues, these printings include changes made during last conference
- Buy your lit through Central Service because that supports local AA vs amazon
- April 2023 will be next service conference – deadline for agenda items September 15 – let your groups know if they are interested in submitting an agenda item to reach out to chair@aaemass.org
 - Example: AA-wide changes – including changes in literature, pamphlets, etc. Usually they will wait until 1 issue has been asked for a bunch – usually things don't get to the conference on the first try
- Mass state convention in person in November in Sturbridge – need volunteers – if you want to participate or you anyone you know is interested in volunteering with the MA State Convention email: Mastateconvention@aaemass.org
 - The MA State Convention is Nov 11-13 and here is the site (not much info on it yet) <https://aamastateconvention.org/>
- Website gave an update – committee – new website looks great.
- Literature committee is writing a letter in response to addressing race as an outside issue – GSO in the winter sent out an update to safety pamphlet and document that says that accepting racist remarks are not a part of AA and we should not expect people to eliminate racism from their story.
 - To address some complaints, the literature committee is writing a letter in response to specific wording being used.
 - *The wording this is referring to is: "Membership does not include having to tolerate racism in A.A. or removing this life experience from one's story."*
- Print meeting lists are available at central service – it was a limited run – go quickly since they don't have a bunch ready
 - They did a limited run because they expect meetings to continue to change with COVID
 - Only in person and hybrid meetings – does not include strictly-virtual meetings

Old Business

GSR Outreach

- We have a GSR for Jaywalkers now.

New Business

November 6 Area Assembly

- Need for volunteers
- Area assemblies take place 5x per year, eastern Massachusetts gets together to talk about business items in the area

- During this Area Assembly, we will be electing officers for the next 2 years – very important to show up and vote for next set of officers
 - There are only certain people who are eligible to be nominated for an officer position – DCM's are eligible, other officers like secretary, treasurer of an area, committee chair, etc.
 - They list of everyone who is eligible. And then everyone goes to a mic and shares service resume. List service positions and history,
 - This election, the alt delegate is stepping down. Typically, the alt for the role gets elected to the role. But there is no alternate delegate, so there is no obvious choice of delegate.
- We will be running the assembly – will be at BC High – we have a contract with the school already. We are all set for location but will need people there to set up chairs, post signs, and help with food.
- We will do breakfast and lunch – we have a budget of \$2,200 from the area. We will spend \$600 on rent for the school, so we have remaining \$1,600 for all other expenses.
 - We did this a few years ago pre COVID and chipped in from District. Often Districts do pizza because it's cheap and easy, we can also do a BJ's run for muffins for breakfast. But if want to be more creative or offer other dietary options.
 - Is there anyone who can head up the food aspect of the day? Brainstorming – looking up food items. Consider and if you are interested contact Stephanie.
 - Need to have all research done by next month so that we can go back for more money, etc.
- Do we want to have an ad hoc committee meeting?
 - Yes – Tuesday the 6th at 6:30 pm
- Are there blocks for volunteer hours?
 - Maybe 3 hours blocks
- If you are a GSR you are expected to be there all day, but if you are volunteering it is hard to participate. So it's great if volunteers can be alternate GSR's or other group members because they will not be participating in the voting, etc.
- If delegates are picked by the area, why do we have a Mass State Convention?
 - This is for a conference – not governing. More like fun circuit speakers etc. no decision making.

Upcoming District Elements – November Meeting

- We will elect our new officers at the district level at our November District meeting. If you are interested in being alt DCM, treasurer, etc.
 - September and October – reminder in agenda.
 - Will work on position descriptions.

Joint Corrections Committee Seeking Support

- Joint Corrections committee desperately seeking support – let your groups know and meetings that you attend that they are looking

- Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of the Month.
- Literature Committee could also use attendance and support.
- Accessibilities Committee also looking for support (most committees are)

PI Initiative Update

- Amy is here for PI initiative –
 - District 18/19 PI chair
 - Initiative to put public service announcements to carry the message to those still suffering
 - In their district have passed out business cards to police stations and flyers to senior centers
 - Last year \$3000 to put PSA's coming from GSO in NY –to cover major holidays and dry January
 - That was last year in 2021, this year the project is to reach out to districts that the radio station WBOQ reaches to engage them in participating in putting PSA on radio station by contributing money
 - Trying to get Area to contribute \$15-20,000 to campaign to run on – Hulu, Spotify, WebMD
 - A week ago WBOQ was sold to iHeart Radio with an advertising structure that is totally different and much more expensive. Went from rock and commercials to gospel music but does not make sense to advertise so much on that channel.
 - There is a lot of Money in Districts and area there is a lot of money to be spent right now – so trying to find another solution to spread the message.
 - PI committee could also use assistance and support in attending PI Committee Meetings.

Motion to close meeting @8PM. Seconded

Zoom Information for District Meeting

The next district meeting is Tuesday, September 13 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