

## **June 20, 2013 District 1 GSR Meeting**

### **Attendance:**

Mike S. DCM  
Pat S. Co-DCM  
Bruce D. Secretary / GSR - East Springfield Group  
Tyrone B. GSR - A Better Life Group  
Debbie S. Alternate GSR - Original Downtown Group  
Dave S. GSR - All About We  
Kat T. GSR - Trials and Smiles  
Launa T. New Hope Group  
Visiting: Mark. - Area31 Chair, Karl H. WMIG Chair

### **Opening:**

Mike opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then roll call. The Tradition (for the month/Bruce) and Concept (for the month/Kat) were read by attending GSR's.

### **Secretaries Report:**

Report from May was read and accepted.

### **Group Reports:**

Debbie / Original Downtown Group reported continued growth in group membership but they could still use membership participation (8 active members). Some changes in group positions, notably, chair person change. Their detox commitment is going strong but they are not at this time doing intra-group commitments. Attendance and cash flow is good.

Dave / All About We, stated the group (Big Book) had a discussion as to be "open" or "closed" and decided to remain "closed". Several long time members have recently left group with no specific reason (hope to get more detail in off-line discussions when other opportunities are presented). Group is changing as newer members become involved with service positions. Over-all attendance is up.

Tyrone / Better Life Group, noted that attendance and collections are still good. Attendance is off slightly and group tabled speaking to the church about the over capacity problem. Pat S. elected to Treasurer. The group is doing both detox (at Carlson) with 5 to 6 members showing up and group visitation commitments as well.

Bruce / East Springfield Group, reported that attendance off slightly from winter peak. Collection percentage/per capita is good. Group is doing in/out commitments with other groups. Pie contributions made. Noted election of "Vice-Chairperson" due to Chairperson's work commitment (rotating nights).

Launa / New Hope Group, attendance is good for the Beginner's Meeting but there is a drop off for the regular meeting at 8:00 PM. Due to nature of facility/usage agreement, group has insurance and just made paid premium. Group had Grapevine subscription and is considering getting more to pass out.

Kat / Trials and Smiles, attendance and collections still good. Group does monthly commitments at the Hope Center and outgoing/incoming commitments as well. The membership is active with business meetings reported as being "hectic". Issue is the business meeting is before the regular meeting and 1 hour is not always enough time.

Mike / Second to None, reported good attendance / collections off possibly due to weather on repeated Thursdays / warm weather. Also reported 2 new members. Group's GSR is MIA; if this continues, group will elect new GSR.

**Responses:**

None.

## **Area Meeting:**

**Mike S.** reported that at the fall assembly a discussion will be held about regional vs. area hospitality rooms at the International Convention.

**Pat S.** reported that per the treasurer's report, contributions are still positive from last year. The Registrar reported that all group, etc updates have been implemented.

Work on new Area 31 Service Manual is continuing.

Website committee is (still) looking for any / all help, especially technical types.

Possible new locations for 2014 Roundup (May 17 – 18 being scouted).

October 12 - 13 will be the western MA Fall Assembly at the Congregational Church on 395 High Street, Holyoke.

Pocket planners, calendars and sponsor books available at the Grapevine.

Bridging the Gap is looking for additional volunteers. Two week "tour of duty" with 2 - 4 meetings per week per person.

Annual Picnic is August 18th, (again) at the Moose Club, 344 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA. DONATIONS welcome.

Next planning session for the MA State Convention will be July 30th. Meet at the Plantation at 4:45 PM. Night will be dedicated to envelope stuffing.

Discussion on-going as to format / etc for Fall Assembly.

## **Visitors:**

**Mark**, Area 31 Chair stated (again) that the Area Committee is willing to come to groups. They maybe contacted via Area website by email.

Institutions Committee now on website also ([area31.org](http://area31.org)).

WM Young People are organizing a bus trip to the GSO on 9/06. Cost is \$ 35.00 and is probably sold out... 1 or 2 tickets left at most.

**Karl**, WMIG Chair, stated that donations to IG were good (three groups from District #1 contributed).

Phone coverage still needed. Groups must be represented at meeting when coverage is assigned.

GSO and (AA) Birthday envelopes are available at Intergroup.

**Closing:**

A motion was made to close, seconded and voted upon. The Responsibility Pledge was used to close.