

GSR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2014

Pat S. DCM Opened the meeting @ 8:32pm by asking the Concept 5 to be Read by Ed (may change concept w/certain % of responding groups)

Bruce C- Read Tradition 5

People in attendance: Kat: Trials & Smiles, Co-DCM, Mark M.: Area 31, Alt Delegate, Launa T.: GSR, New Hope, Ed P.: GSR, Second to None, Tyrone B.: GSR, Better Life Group, Bruce C.: GSR, After Dinner Group, Pat S.: DCM, Better Life Group, Linda B.: GSR, Trials & Smiles, Michael W.: GSR, Forest Park Group

Pat S., DCM Reported on last months Area meeting:

Intergroup: Contributions up in April-Kevin Back in the Hospital Battling Pneumonia. Looking for input.

CPC: Looking for connections for outreach in groups to fill out little forms. Sponsor your Doctor Envelopes.

Web Committee: STILL Looking for Reps. Would like people who are tech unknowing (4th Wed)

Round Up: WAS June 6th & 7th & 8. The Banquet sold out. The Dance went well.

Young People- Fri Sept 19 there is a Bus trip. Tickets were sold @ The Round Up. There will be a Speaker on the Bus. There's a Softball Tournament

Grapevine/Archive's- There will be a joint open house with the Grapevine & Archives.

Money is a very hard thing to talk about in AA...

Gratitude Month- This should extend throughout the Year. Especially the month of your Anniversary. Give \$1 for every Year of Your Sobriety.

Planning Committee: Last Tues of Odd Months. Get Involved & car pool out of the old Plantation Inn. Leave around 5:30-6:00 to go to the Framingham Sheraton. This is for Planning for the Fall AA Convention.

Area 31: Hosting 2016 NERAASA 7:30-9pm Intergroup Office 5/29 on Thurs 7:30pm.

Looking for Co-Chair for Web Committee.

Tradition Meeting 7:30 on the 3rd Thursdays

Round Up District 1-GSR Commitment Dist 1 Went Well for Program for Living, with Launa.

GROUP REPORTS:

- Linda- GSR- Trials & Smiles: Pot Luck resumed, Thriving. Many new women members joining from 'My Sister's House'. Giving to the Pie. Business have a good showing.
- Michael- GSR- Forest Park Group: Treasury: Still struggling on rent. Attendance is improved but basket not so much. Half way house commitments. People do not wanna do service. No Intergroup Representative.
- Tyrone- GSR- Better Life Group: Saturday night have 2 mtgs simultaneously- A Speaker & A Beginner's mtg. Did this to split up the room capacity. Treasury report is good. Giving to the Pie. Group commitment every 4th Thursday/mo. & Detox commitment on the same day. Half the group goes to each commitment. New format is going well. Limiting smoking to one side of the building.
- Ed- GSR- Second to None: Attendance is back up, Collections in the basket not so much secondary to the clientele (many come from ½ way houses/ Salvation Army). Not in the Red anymore. Go to Detox 3rd Sunday of the month. Two members who 'went out' & came back...struggling with people & 'dry drunk' behavior. "Please Confine Your Discussion to Alcohol" ??? to remove it from our format as so many are Dually Addicted. ??? to have a Group Conscience???
- Bruce- GSR- After Dinner Group: The Groups Difficulty was in membership. Has grown to 17. All positions are filled except CPC, Archives, & GV. Going well. Good mix of people > 30 yrs of sobriety to the newcomers. Groups job to police itself. Group members talking in back. Treasury recovering.
- Launa- GSR- New Hope: Beginner's meeting @ 6:45 & Speaker @ 8pm. Beginner's mtg Attendance has dropped some over the past couple of months. Speaker mtg has about half of our usual attendance. Therefore, our treasury has been down as a reflection of that. We give to the pie. We had 2 new members this month...rest of the members are the same core members. Had to Re-do the smoking policy. There's No Smoking At All on the Property Grounds. Now have to go to the bus stop to smoke. Have One Incoming/Outgoing Commitment per month & a Detox Commitment on the 5th Monday of the month.

VISITORS REPORTS:

Mark- Area- Alt Delegate:

Diversity in AA:

Problems other than Alcohol-

ie,: drugs, mental health issues, codependency, overeating, GLBT.....So How Do We have the Group Run?

What we need is a Group Inventory:

*What are We Doing?

*How are We Running This?

*Are We Asking the Right Questions?

THEN: We Develop the Group Conscience

*Then we're guided by a Higher Power as He may Present Himself in our meeting

*Allow This Group Conscience to guide us

We want to reach our hand out in an Inclusive NOT Exclusive way. 'When Anyone, Anywhere reaches out for Help, I want the Hand of AA to Always be There....”

Inergroup- Eddie- Chair: Intergroup Picnic is coming up on August 24th. Food is @ a nominal cost.
Raffles- Donations for Coffee, Sugar Time for event is 11am-6pm @ the Family Moose Center Fuller Rd.

Bobbie P is going to do the Raffle for one more year.

Carl H. is the Previous Chair

Kevin is out of the ICU-@ Baystate. Mike R. Out of Hospital No Blockages

Phone Coverage- Honor It, Be as Specific as You want About the Times.

May order more BB75th Edition Books.

Motion to Close by Launa @ 8:48pm

Closed with the I am Responsible Pledge.

Cc: Launa T June 10, 2014 It's a Privilege to serve this committee. :-)