

## District 1 November Meeting

### Attendance:

Kat	Trials and Smiles	Co-Dcm
Pat	Better Life	Dcm
Michael W	Better Life	GSR
Ed P	Second to None	GSR
Rogelio	La Luz de un Milagro	GSR
Julio	Un Nuevo Amanceer	GSR
Dave	All About We	GSR
Linda	Trials and Smiles	GSR
Bruce C	After Dinner	GSR
Launa	New Hope	GSR
Eddie	Intergroup	Chair
Mark	Area 31	Alt. Del.
"Deacon"	walk-in-guest	

Kat opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Linda read the tradition of the month and Julio read the concept of the month.

Kat then gave the Area Meeting report which consisted of the budget meeting. She pared it down to the points of interest for District 1 which were that the reimbursement for Area Comm. Members was to stay the same at 42 cents per mile. This was arrived at by discussion where the going IRS allowable rates were stated compared and the consensus was for the rate to remain the same. She then stated that she requested 300 dollars to be allotted to the district in hopes that a workshop could be developed and put on. Then stated that it was discussed that funding for attendance at NERAASSA for GSR`s could be presented at a group business meeting for possible funding by the group. At this time Kat asked for group reports which went as follows:

Ed P Second to None: 6 Active members with two new members who joined from local programs. The group has a commitment to the Providence Detox which has been being fulfilled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Attendance and seventh tradition contribution are up and this is a big improvement over a year ago when they were almost broke.

Julio Un Nuevo Amanecer: Also reported an improvement from previous reports where he was doing everything in the group and ready to throwing in the towel to now when all he is doing is serving as greeter and the money has increased to the point that they are able to pie out. He said that while things are looking up, he is familiar with the ebbs and flows of AA and will enjoy the present and be ready for whatever may come.

Rogelio La Luz de un Milagro : 3 active members with two new members. Attendance is doing well but the basket is not keeping up due to the attendance being made up from mostly a lot of programs where people do not have a lot of cash. However, the bottom line is that they are able to put on a meeting and that is what it is all about.

David All About We: Big Book discussion meeting so priority of group is to have enough Big Books and at the moment they do. The money is good and discussion is ensuing as to whether to pie out or to save for more books. David feels like the pie should win out this time. Group has taken a meeting at the Thanksgiving Alkathon in Wilbraham and he expects a decent turnout at that. He is ready to roll out of position and will try to assure that the group sends a successor.

Bruce After Dinner: Smooth show, going well. Active membership with 20 attending the business meeting. Amusing story where an outgoing commitment was attended by about 6 members only to be told that they were there a week early. When about three of them showed up the next week they were told that actually last week was correct and they were once again sidelined. All was taken with a grain of salt. Stated that the group was going to look into a group conscience meeting not to address any particular issues but just to tune things up.

Michael Better Life: All things are going well. Attendance good bills paid pie addressed and elections held with a turnover of all positions and many committees seated.

Linda Trials and Smiles: Things going well, pot-luck every third Friday well attended and a big hit. Lots of young newcomers joining the Hope center commitment going well and their bookie is keeping them busy with in-coming out-going

Launa New Hope: 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated the first Friday of Nov. and went off well. Was not publicized, more of an in house celebration. The group is in a transitional period with membership etc. and a discussion ensued that was determined should stay confined with those present and so not entered into record. The group is getting ready to pie out and a detox commitment and in and out are being fulfilled.

At a point our guest "Deacon" excused himself saying he enjoyed listening in on our meeting and was happy to see that through our efforts and the efforts of likeminded meetings around the country that the AA message would continue to be available. Holiday greetings were exchanged all around and it proved an interesting and pleasant interlude to our meeting.

Mark Alt. Del.: Mark spoke to the concern that incoming GSR's should be steered towards service sponsors to facilitate a knowledge of their position. The DCM is a likely candidate but as in all service

positions it is a learning process. He announced the upcoming District5 workshop and the fact that topics for the upcoming conference were being requested and received, Flow between NY and the groups seems to be going well. NERAASA 2016 is an ongoing project and he wants Districts and Groups to be involved

Eddie Intergroup: Thanked groups as always for their contributions as that is what keeps the thing going. Work on the When and Wheres continues, the first proof has been sent back to the printer with corrections and as this will happen at least one more time he expects final printing to be early Dec. Christmas Alkathon slots have been filled and will take place at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke from 6pm Christmas Eve through 6pm Christmas day with the last meeting starting at 5 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A new event is being put forth and that is a Children's Christmas party at 474 Pleasant St. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm. All donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the office anytime during business hours, gifts up to, say, 13 yrs. old and cash contributions for purchase of said gifts. Nothing extravagant just something small to be enjoyed in the spirit of the season.

ELECTIONS were then held for District 1 resulting in Bruce C. becoming Co-Dcm and Michael W. becoming Secretary. Pat and Launa then thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to serve and were in turn thanked for their service.

The meeting was adjourned with the responsibility pledge.