

Minutes of the District # 3 meeting
Friday, January 18, 2013

Joan P. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and then read the statement on the GSR from pages S26 of the AA Service Manual.

The Secretary's Report from Dec. was read by Ruth D.

Each GSR introduced themselves & individually gave info about their groups as follows:

Phylene - Tuesday Women's Step Meeting: Tues. @ 7 p.m. at St. Mark's

- ⌚ Fr. Leonard Hall-Closed
- ⌚ Meeting: About 20 people
- ⌚ In good shape: all service positions are filled. The Jail Commitment is filled thru March.
- ⌚ Anniversary meeting for last Tues. of Jan. is open & Karen D. is celebrating 38 years of continuous sobriety & Barbara L. is celebrating 31 years of continuous sobriety.

Joni C – Southern Berk Group - Fri Eve @ 8 p.m. @ Gt. Barrington Senior Center

- ⌚ Reports- meeting well attended &
- ⌚ Group uses PIE Chart for donations.

Eric - Keep It Simple – Mon-Sat noon meeting meets in Gt. Barrington

- ⌚ Voted on the group's commitment will be going to Barton's Crossing
- ⌚ Bridging the Gap- 3 group members signed up
- ⌚ CO-GSR Steve could not attend tonight's meeting due to prior commitment

Charlie-GSR Berkshire Big Book, Berkshire Village, Lanesboro meets weekly Wed/ evenings @ 7:30 p.m.

- ⌚ Donations according to PIE Chart
- ⌚ There had been Alan's 7th Anniversary on Jan. 16, 2013
- ⌚ Brian C, will be celebrating 2 years on Jan. 2, 2013.
- ⌚ Group voted in a new committee for outgoing speakers and their 1st on will be Feb. 1, 2013 @ Southern Berkshire Friday Night Group and they have 3 speakers planning on it. Charlie is excited about it. Speakers spreading their experience, strength & hope. He reports his group is doing well.

Michael- Northern Berkshire Group: 7:30 Tues. Eve., St. John's Church

- ⌚ Rec'd GSO report of contributions~ hopefully treasurer report will coincide with GSO Report.
- ⌚ Group is building their Group History.
- ⌚ There is interest in Area Booking Meeting
- ⌚ They are working on the last 4 questions for their group inventory to be finished.

Mary E – Watch Your Step Group meets - Sun. @ 9 - 10 a.m. at Front St. Gallery, Housatonic

- ⌚ Closed Step mtg.
- ⌚ Does not celebrate Anniversaries
- ⌚ 30-35 people
- ⌚ Focuses on a Step a month - uses all AA approved books for discussion using a different one each weekly meeting focusing on the step. They are now on the 5th rotation of the Steps.

Tony T.- Berkshire Intergroup (BIG) Chair

- 🕒 Meets 2nd Mon each Month.
- 🕒 Reports P. I. E. Chart address is wrong...Ann, Alt Area Delegate will work on correcting Info~ which should read BIG at 154 North St; Suite 30C Pittsfield, MA. 01201
- 🕒 Joan P. suggested -Scan page & put it on Website to Handbook
- 🕒 Ann (Alt-Delegate Area 31) stated they will publish an insert with corrected addresses for already printed handbooks.
- 🕒 Tony reported Elections: Eric B. is the new treasurer & Mark P. is Co-Chair. Financial review is resolved. All are pleased with that news. Alkathon was successful (with only a \$40 loss)
- 🕒 Berkshire Intergroup has formed an Ad Hoc Committee for the upcoming collaborative service workshop that BIG and District 3 will host. This committee will meet for the first time on Tue; Jan 22nd at 7 pm at the BIG office.
- 🕒 Last BIG meeting had 17 people. Talked about importance of group & thanked groups for support.
- 🕒 Tony T will try to keep focused to keep it under 2 hours--to be more manageable.
- 🕒 All GSR's are encouraged to present this Collaboration to their Home Groups & invite as many people as possible to attend this Jan. 22nd meeting.

Ann - (Alt. Delegate # 31)

- 🕒 Ann she was glad to be here, to listen & answer all questions & remind All GSR's & DCM's that the Area Committee is available to put on meetings at any/all groups.
- 🕒 Reminded us that Concept # 3 meeting is at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke
- 🕒 She informed us about NERASSA which is Feb. 22nd through the 24th It will be happening in Lancaster, PA (NERASSA13.org)

- ⌚ Target is GSR focused but all are welcome; it's very informative
- ⌚ Also reminded us that all GSR's are expected to be at up-coming Mini-Conference on April 13th -14th at 395 High Street, Holyoke
- ⌚ There was a question about who is the contact for outgoing & Incoming Groups? Dennis said the Bookie Committee meets 2nd Thursday each month at 7 pm @ 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke

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- ⌚ At Fall Assembly we had a Power Point Presentation on GSR work. Ann is going to come and present it for us at our next District 3 meeting on February 15th at 7 pm. It will last approximately for 20 minutes and then we will talk about it and have questions. ALL ARE WELCOME!! THE MORE, THE MERRIER!!!!
- ⌚ At last Area Meeting - Accessibilities said they are possibly not going to provide ASL at the 2013 MA State Convention. They are going to look into working on more accessibility issues.
- ⌚ Archives Committee is going to provide Open House @ March 23 from 11 am – 1 pm
- ⌚ CPC does Radio Show on radio 1450AM @ 6-6:30 a.m. Sundays
- ⌚ The Round-Up Committee has the program ready & we will see it soon. The tickets for dance will be available shortly. By the time we have our next District meeting; we will know what subject each district will be focusing on.
- ⌚ If you attend NERASSA- You can make a presentation. It is something that you can only do once.
- ⌚ Ann said the purpose of the GSR –is to discuss Conference related info @ your Home Group and bring back your group's voice back to the conference.

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No Old Business ~

We will (for tonight) forgo the Tradition & Concept Discussion.

- ⌚ Joan and Dennis reported that Connell was voted in as LCM & he sends his regrets that he has to decline this service commitment. There was a question about whether a person can be a GSR and an LCM. Ann said a person cannot be a GSR & DCM at same time, but can be GSR & LCM as well. We are looking to vote in a new LCM soon.
- ⌚ Joan brought up that BIG and District has decided that we will host another Service Workshop and wanted input from the GSRs and all present.
- ⌚ Lenox Community House ...Many possibilities ;;Western Mass Young Peoples & all Standing Committee's had elections...Chair, Sec. & used the 3rd legacy
- ⌚ Michael would like to see Grapevine present. He would like everybody to know and understand that they can submit their stories to the grapevine to be published.
- ⌚ Mary mentioned that there is a Blue Booklet ~ Home-Group--The Heartbeat of AA that is very informative.

- ⌚ Service Workshop Ad Hoc Committee will meet on Tues. Feb 22nd at 7 p.m. @ Berkshire Intergroup Office @ 152 North St. Pittsfield, MA
- ⌚ We are hoping that the service workshop will be on March 16th if we can secure a location to expose people to service positions. We are looking at 10-4 (tentative time frame & date) The Ad Hoc Committee is at this time made up of Eric B. as chair; Joan P; Dennis B; George M; & Tony T. thus far

New Business: New Program Chair for Round-up 2013 is Bill Reno 413-429-7274.

Motion to close meeting by Phylene / seconded by Ruth D.

Respectfully submitted by: Ruth E. Doherty, Secretary Dist. # 3.