

District # 3 meeting minutes from March 15, 2013

DCM Joan P. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She then introduced Co-DCM Dennis B. & District # 3 Secretary, Ruthie D.

Joan read statement of GSR from the pages S26 of the AA Service Manual.

Dennis B. Read the #3rd Tradition & the 3rd Concept

The Sec. Report was read by Ruthie D.... Motion to accept & was seconded.

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

Michael - GSR of Northern Berkshire Group that meets in North Adams on Sundays & Williamstown on Tuesdays.

- 1) He reports groups doing o.k. attendance wise. This is the 1st year of this group having Officers.
- 2) Problem~ We don't always have someone to chair & the coffee maker winds up getting a speaker.
- 3) Money contributions o.k. & sent regularly to GSO. 20 people at a regular meeting. Question: How to have people chair?

DISCUSSION- Joan (DCM) suggested sending a calendar around during a regular meeting for people to sign up to chair. Dennis (co-DCM) said "we read Group Pamphlet job in our group about General Chair.

Brian L.- GSR-Lenox Big Book Step Meeting=Thursday 7 p.m.

- 1) Average attendance = 30 people and regularly 8 members@ business mtg.
- 2) Group voted on goal to make others feel more welcome. Greeter position for 2 months now. New Intergroup Rep. Donnie H.

Lauren A. -GSR-Tuesday Women's Step Group

- 1) There is usually 15 in attendance & 8 group members @ business meeting.
- 2) Treasurer using P.I.E. Chart & have a jail commitment.

Bruce P. 6.45 a.m. meeting in Lee

- 1) Chairperson changes frequently (Tues. Step mtg/Thursday Big Book mtg.

/Sat. Speaker mtg).

- 2) They have a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer & Chairperson. Sunday will be the once a month business meeting.
- 3) Ten people attend business meeting. Issue with how to line up a speaker for Saturdays meeting. Joan said it should be brought up in the business meeting about getting people to sign up.

Eric: GSR-Great Barrington Noon meeting

- 1) Group is doing well/Regular business mtgs.
- 2) Discussed P.I.E. chart. Said meeting we had last month about it helped him bring it to his group & they figured it out.
- 3) They are questioning whether to have a lock box or not. Have lined up 3 people to take the money until the treasurer can get it
- 4) Barton's Crossing commitment very good. Many Kudos were heard about how well this group does the Barton's Commitment.

Brian- Area 31 Delegate:

- 1) States he comes to this meeting to listen to GSRs' conscience of the meeting
- 2) Upcoming dates: April 13th Mini-conference at 395 High St; Holyoke (Sat. 10-4 & Sun 1-4) Agenda...We will split up into groups to discuss things.

Purpose for attending the Spring and Fall Assemblies are:

- 1) We get a taste of what happens when Brian goes to NY
 - 2) Provide Brian with an informed Group Conscience vote. He is on the Policies & Admissions Committee.
- 🕒 March 26th carpooling happening for MA State convention planning committee to Framingham (which happens every other month).
- 🕒 NERF-June 7-9th Crown Plaza (www.aa.org/groups&members/forums) for registrations. You can call 1-888-233-9527 for hotel registration and then the CODE until May 13th.

- 🕒 Brian said the Big Book is now in 69 languages with 14 more coming. The Native Americans let GSO know that there is no Navajo written language so funding was included to have Big Book orally translated to Navajo.
- 🕒 There will be a Commemorative Big Book Edition of 1st Edition of Big Book in honor of 75th year Anniversary. It will be available ONLY from April 29, 2014 to April 20, 2015. The next World Convention will be in 2015 in Atlanta, GA and in 2020 Detroit, Michigan

Tony asked about Mini-Conference Re: show up-Sign-up & Mini-Conference Plan.

- 🕒 Brian replied there is a Plan. AA Inc. and the Grapevine Inc. are ironing out their differences according to Concept 4; Have 2 separate entities and having board talks.

Dennis asked about an unrelated item; "We read traditions 11 & 12 in our formats at our meeting. Someone amended it to say 'Press, radio, 'films & Internet. Has that change to the 11th tradition been approved?"

Brian said "The guidelines clearly say that 11th tradition never changed; so adding the word Internet needs to be removed."

Tony- Chair of Intergroup:

- 🕒 Meet Second Monday of each month @ 7 PM. Seventeen people in attendance with 10 groups represented. All BIG volunteer shifts are covered.
- 🕒 BIG won first place in a building-wide DECORATED DOOR CONTEST.

Ad Hoc Committees and/or open action items:

- 1) Review of last year's operating expenses & recalculation of the Prudent reserve
- 2) Review of the Hot Line volunteer list to determine if names are still valid.
- 3) Develop an information flier about BIG's purpose & thanks for their support out to the group
- 4) District 3 & BIG Service Workshop scheduled for April 6, 2013. Next planning meeting 3/19/13
- 5) Working on Generating a list of all the facilities that have received a Grapevine subscription
- 6) Action Items Completed...Mission Statement has been written & distributed

for review and the Pie Chart modified to add BIG's correct address.

- 7) Motions/Approvals that BIG will Donate a Big Book for a raffle at the April 6, 2013 Service Workshop.

Lauren--Chair for WMYPAA

- 1) Reported they now have a Website
- 2) Spaghetti Dinner was put on last week with 150 people attending. Almost all positions are filled. Event Chair has Event mtg next week
- 3) WMYPAA meets 2nd Sat. every month in Holyoke.
- 4) Lauren asked if WMYPAA can be a regular @ District # 1 GSR mtg to report how they are doing. Joan said "Sure". So WMYPAA will be represented @ our GSR District # 3 meeting monthly.

Joan brought to attention the Flyer for the Service Workshop day ~ please get them to all of the meetings that you each attend.

Dennis brought up LIP (Literature in Prisons) SERVICE and talked about how all Home Groups should promote & provide a LIP SERVICE BOX at their Home Group for members to help by donating any new or slightly used AA Approved literature(for example: The Big Book, 12 & 12, Daily Reflections, Living Sober, Came to Believe, Grapevine & La Vina).

Joan P. brought up:

- 1) Archives Open House Western Ma on Sat, Mar.23rd from 11 am-1PM @ 474 Pleasant St; Holyoke
- 2) The Round-up Flyers are out, pick up some for your Home Group.
- 🕒 KEY REASONS TO SHOW UP for Mini Conferences/Spring Assembly: We will be voting on 2 items:

- 1) Should Area 31 use 3rd Legacy in voting as written in our AA Service Manual?
- 2) Should the Web Master be an area Officer?
- 3) If there are any other items you may want to bring up for the assembly, we just need to inform the Chairman.

Joan DCM reports:

- 1) Service Workshop going well
- 2) 9 volunteers showed up at last Tues. meeting & very excited to be part of it.
- 3) Rent for the Lenox Community House for Sat. will be \$ 250 and Dennis is working hard on getting a lunch/drink menu finalized.
- 4) At Service Workshop: we will have:
 - ⌚ Round-up committee will have a table
 - ⌚ We will be giving away books donated by groups.
 - ⌚ There will be two meetings in which some of the old timers from our district will speak on:
 - a) Sobriety and Sponsorship
 - b) Service work & How it affects sobriety
- 5) Round-Up Registration will be @ our service workshop and the Spring Assembly (\$10 registration and \$10 dance ticket)
- 6) At the Round Up on May 18 & 19th, District # 3 is chairing the meeting on Step 4 & Step # 5 @ 11:30 -12:25 and also a meeting on Step # 10 @ 9:05PM-10:00PM

There was no Old Business to attend to so a motion to close the meeting @ 8:15 was made & seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruthie Doherty, District # 3 Secretary