

District # 3 meeting minutes from May 17, 2013

Co-DCM Dennis B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then introduced the Dist. # 3 Sec. Ruthie D. He said Joan P. had a previous Service Commitment so she would not be attending this eve.

Dennis then read the statement of GSR from the pages S26 of the AA Service Manual. He also read the 5th Tradition & the 5th Concept.

The Secretary report was read by Ruthie D....Motion to accept & it was seconded.

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

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

- ⌚ Average attendance: 30-40 People
- ⌚ 3 Celebrants last week were: Sarah Hall with 2, Tracy C with 7 and Bill W. with 17 years
- ⌚ Brian reports all is well with his group.

Bruce : GSR Mon. Night

- ⌚ reports attendance picking up, and they are going to talk about the P.I.E. chart.
- ⌚ celebrants: : Justin with 8 years of continuous sobriety.
- ⌚ They also have a jail commitment with new people doing it.

Robyn: Alt GSR. Berkshire Big Book 7:30-9p.m. Wednesday evening.

- ⌚ Regularly 40-50 people
- ⌚ Uses P. I. E. chart
- ⌚ Celebrants: Gary M. with 8 yrs & Lori M. will celebrate 8 yrs this Wednesday.
- ⌚ They have outgoing commitments : they went to Caanan, Ct this last week and are scheduled for Northampton @ 8 p.m. on June 1st.

GROUP REPORTS ENDED.

Mark~ Area 31 Chair "Great to be out in District # 3".

- ⌚ Delegate Brian will give his report tomorrow at the Round-Up. Mark reported he was invited by Brian to attend the Dinner given @ 12x12x12. Discussion about Concepts in New York. He said one lady presented a great speech & the next man said he wrote his speech about 15 min before the dinner meeting! Mark was impressed with the caliber of characters.
- ⌚ At Fall Assembly—workshop 1 day—Learning about 3rd Legacy. Area Committee doing July 22nd 1st Thursday Concept Meeting ~ It is every 1st Thursday of each month (Be there or Be Square). Mark spoke of importance of Concepts & Business @ Fall Assembly, might be boring, but it is the responsibility of every Groups GSR/ Alt. GSR/
- ⌚ Area 31 will be Hosting "NERASSA" 2016 in Springfield, MA; only Delegates can be running it.
- ⌚ Dennis said as LCM & Co-DCM, he attended all Area meetings for 2 ½ years. He also pointed out" The blue book, "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in The Digital Age." It also is GSR's responsibility to read.

Tony T. ~ Chair of Berkshire Intergroup

- ⌚ Said he is in awe of the commitment people in Area 31 make. BIG meets 2nd Mon. each month with 13 in attendance, eleven voting with six groups represented. Staff volunteers 6 days a week. They are still looking for volunteers for Wed. 1:30-5 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- ⌚ The Discussed Round-Up commitment on 5/19/2013 @ 9 AM Subject : Concepts.
- ⌚ Discussed Birthday Plan & handed out plan envelopes
- ⌚ Brian (Area Delegate) gave basic Conference report.

B.I.G. Ad Hoc Committees and/or open action items:

- ⌚ Committee formed to review groups that contribute and/or attend the committee meeting in order to determine groups to visit. Meeting will be scheduled for Thursdays.
- ⌚ BIG's info flyer about their purpose & thanks for group support is in final draft for review.
- ⌚ Mark (BIG Co-Chair) to further contact the three North Adams Hospital groups to hand out Group Treas. Info.
- ⌚ Eric (BIG's treasurer) will start presenting WMYPAA Committee into.
- ⌚ Service Workshop formal final report next month, we went over budget by \$ 5.
- ⌚ Action Items Completed: 11th Step Group @ NARH visited by Joan (DCM District # 3) & Dennis B. (Co-DCM District # 3) Positive meeting; it was well attended with good sobriety.
- ⌚ Motions/Approvals: 12 & 12 and Daily Reflections books donated to the Round-Up/operating funds at its lowest level.
- ⌚ B.I.G Report finished

Dennis said: Area Meeting Positions needed to be filled coming up.

- 1) CPC needs Chairperson 2) Website Chair needed
- 2) He also announced 2 new books from Grapevine:
 - ⌚ One on One
 - ⌚ 25th Commemorative Edition of "Language of the Heart" (ALL of Bill W's writings on Grapevine)

Dennis also said that Bob W. from Western MA / Past Delegate was elected as Trustee @ GSO. He will be traveling the world carrying AA's Message from NY for 4 years.

Dennis reminded us all of WMYPAA Presents

- ⌚ Hotdogs & Beans Dinner & Three Legacies workshop on Sunday;. June 2, 2013 in Holyoke
- ⌚ NERF coming up June 7-9, 2013 and encouraged all to attend.@ Cromwell, Ct, Hosted by Area 11 General Service Committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ruthie Doherty,

District # 3 Secretary