

The meeting met as usual in the Lee, MA Court House, @ 7 p.m.

Present were Joan P.(DCM) , Dennis B. (Co-DCM), Ruthie D. (District # 3 Secretary) Brian M. ( Area 31 Delegate) & Tony T. ( Berkshire Intergroup Chair) as well as 6GSR's, Including 2 newly-elected GSR's, Irene R.& Jessica ?

Joan P. opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Joan P. read the statement on GSR from Page S26 of the AA Service Manual as follows:

The General Service Representative (GSR) has the job of linking his or her group with AA as a whole. The GSR represents the voice of the group conscience reporting the Group's thoughts to the district committee member (DCM) and the Delegate who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the GSR responsible for bringing back to the Group,, - Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health and growth. Only when a GSR, keeps the group informed and communicate the group conscience can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole.

The 12 Tradition and 12th Concept was read by Joan P.

Secretary's report was read by Ruthie D.

Group Reports as follows:

Bruce)GSR) Thursday Men's Meeting, meets @ Masonic Temple, Great Barrington, MA = 45 people attend the regular meeting.

The Group wants to try a Business Meeting before the regular meeting, instead of the Business meeting held after the regular meeting., there was 35 people who showed up- usually 6-8 people show up They sent Intergroup extra money. Meeting going well

Irene R. (newly-elected GSR) Dalton Young @ Heart Group, meets Monday evening weekly @ 8 p.m. @ Grace Episcopal Church, Dalton, MA.

-said 30 people meet regularly and on Anniversaries usually 50-60 people show up.

-Group voted to give \$100.00 to Church for heat for winter

-will begin new format reading soon.

a) votes were taken @ separate committee on Sat.meeting

b) will start new format next week.

Jessica (newly-elected GSR) Tuesday eve. Women's Step Meeting

Erin B. was also present with Jessica. They meet @ St. Mark's , Fr. Leonard Hall., 400 West St. , Pittsfield, MA.

-said 20-30 people attend regular weekly meeting

-all but one service job is filled.

-the group changed how P.I.E. Chart used, according to the Handbook.

-/this Group pays double Rent in Winter.

Michael( GSR) Northern Berkshire Group that meets on Sunday Eve.@ 7:30 @ All Saints Church , 59 Summer St., No. Adams. and

Tuesday Eve. @ 7 p.m. @ St. John's Church, 55 Park St., Williamstown, MA.

-said they held their regular Business meeting last Monday and sometimes 1 or 2 officers are there.

-said, as GSRA, he will read from the Group pamphlet, the jobs that are available.

-overall , having good luck with their Calendar

-Group is healthy with steady 12-25 in attendance

Eric ( sitting in for Dan GSR) for Keep It Simple Group that meets daily @ Noon @ 1st Congregational Church, 251 Main St., Great Barrington, MA.

-said the Group passed a vote to change the format of the group so that the chair person decided which prayer is to be recited @ the end of the regular meeting, i.e., The Our Father--I Am Responsible Pledge---or the Serenity Prayer. Now monitoring on whether to change this.

-Eric heard the men's Group to give Xmas Bonus , to send \$200.00 to Berkshire Intergroup this month.

-Healthy attendance...

Dennis said controversy will bring people to business meetings.

Area 31 Committee Delegate Brian M.

-said it was an honor to be here at this meeting to share & most importantly, to listen,

-The Mass State Convention planning Committee ,meeting Jan. 28th are car-pooling @ Exit 6 as usual @ 6 p.m. for 7:30 Meeting.

-NERASSA Planning Committee was Nov. 20,2013( the 1st meeting held for the NERASSA 2016 here in Western MA.1st time since 1992,

-still looking for Co-Cuair & sub-committee

-Ask-It-Basket passed around

-Look at it with a new pair of eyes, not only as a participant, but see how it looks behind the scenes!

-Learn all about all 3 Legacies

-Call Hotel tonight, because there are single, King-sized beds only rooms available in Rhode Island Hotel

-NERASSA 2016- 1st planning meeting is March/April.

-Brian's job will be :

---MA State Convention

---NERRASSA

---Concepts mtgs. 2 years

----slow tedious process but it has changed his life.

---If you want to have a area committee member come to your Group call Paul H. @ 413-478-6228

-Phyllis Halliday. General Manager report to follow:

Update on A.A.W.S. e-Book Publishing and Distribution

Greetings! There are two items related to our e-Book project that I would like to share with you. First, because of an additional review requirement of our Apple digital agreement, our e-Book on iTunes was not made available within the same timeframe as the other retail publishers earlier this month.; Our digital Fourth Edition Big Book was delivered to Apple on Friday, Dec. 13, and it is expected to be available on iTunes by the end of the month: our other publications will follow accordingly.

The first title in our digital publishing program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition ( English) is now available via Barnes and Noble and Amazon; Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions will be available from all three vendors veryh shortly. Over the next few months our entire catalog of A.A.W.S. titles will be offered as e-Books through the major third-party vendors for the various platforms and e-reading devices and in the three languages of our General Service Conference.

The second item concerns our iOS6 ( the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve for certain Apple reading devices) will continue to be available to the Fellowship until further notice. The A.A.W.S.

Board met last weekkk and made a decision to discontinue all further sales of our proprietary app, effective immediately We will continue to support the app for current customers for a period of time-the end date yet to be determined.

As we move forward into 2014 with our digital publishing program, look for future announcements on

G.S.O.'s Web site , [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Always, we are grateful for your interest and support for our e-Book publications.

-The Round-up to be held June 7-8, 2014 @ LaQuinta, Springfield, MA

-1st Thursday of each month= Concept meeting @ 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA.

Tony T. ( Berkshire Intergroup Chair) submitted following:

BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP HIGHLIGHTS FROM DEC.9,2013 COMMITTEE MEETING:

B.I.G. always wants to thank the area and district for attending our committee meetings and helping to keep us informed and providing some guidance:

Date, Time and Attendance:

Meet second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., at 152 North St. Pittsfield, MA,

-13 people in attendance

-8 voting with 4 groups represented

General Overview:

All B. I. G. shifts are covered by two volunteers.

-Group and individual contributions increased in October and November. The Operating fund is currently at \$1275.61. /Still need support from other groups.

-Elections have been completed. Patti S. is the new Co-Chair and Katrina is the new Secretary. I am rotating out of the Chair position and Mark P. is rotating in.

-5th Holiday Alkathon location will be at the First Methodist Church on 55 Fenn St. Pittsfield, MA.

Groups can reserve slots for meetings by calling 413-464--4521.

The P.I.E. Chart is under modifications-- Adding " The 7th Tradition of Self-Support."

The Institution Committee is looking for volunteers: Barton's Crossing for the 2nd Thursday of the month and the 1st and 5th Sunday at 7 p.m., -McGee Unit 4th Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sweetbrook Nursing Home in Williamstown, MA any day at 7 p.m., call Darren @ 413-448-1845.

Respectfully submitted, Tony T.

District meeting Discussions as follows:

Michael P. GSR-said "too many meetings (94) heard by conversations in the car.

Tony T. Intergroup Chair said " the challenge of keeping meeting schedule alive.

schedules made up by Intergroup.....If we're successful via word of mouth, could we encourage people to get involved in service"

Joan P. is now rotating out as District # 3 DCM and rotating in as Berkshire Intergroup Rep. for her Home Group ,Southern Berkshire Group, Great Barrington.

-Send minutes to [area31aa.org](mailto:area31aa.org)

-Round up is in June

-WYMPAA Elections to be held in Jan. 2014, 2nd Sat..11 a.m. , 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke , MA

Joan thanked the group and was amazed at what she has learned from the experience of being DCM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthie D.