

District 3 Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2014

The meeting was held at 7PM in the Lee, MA Court House. There were 9 attendees, 5 Groups with 4 GSR's and 1 Alternate GSR, Mark Alternate Delegate Area 31, Mark Chair for Berkshire Intergroup, Tony T DCM and 1 guest.

Tony, DCM, opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and read the statement on the GSR from page S26 of the Service Manual.

Tony reviewed some of the items in last month's secretary's report. They are follows: Secretary's report will be emailed until the Webmaster put them on line. The promises were emailed instead of copying multiple pages. The birthday plan/envelopes out of stock at BIG and a new plan/envelope is being designed by GSO.

Marianne, GSR for the South Berkshire Group, read the Concept of the month and Zach, GSR for the Sheffield 12 & 12, read the Tradition of the month. Both also read the questions from the checklists.

GSR group reports:

Marianne, GSR for the Southern Berkshire Group, reported: Meets Friday night at the senior center in Gt. Barrington, MA. It's a large active group with focus on the newcomer. Each month the group is working on one of the group inventory result items. Still following the Pie chart. Looking for groups to come in and put on meetings.

Robin, Alt. for the Northern Berkshire Group, filling in for the GSR reported: Things going okay. Sunday night group meeting moved due to a fire at All Saints Church. Michael, GSR, made speaking commitment to Southern Berkshire Group. Church fire restorations not completed until August of this year. Sunday night group will stay where it is now scheduled. Tony - Because the Northern Berkshire Group has two meeting locations, a new group recorded has been designed to be able to have more than one group meeting location documented.

Zack, GSR for the Sheffield 12&12, reported: Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. At a recent business meeting there were new officers elected. When the group reaches Step 4, they split off into a beginners meeting and they stay on steps one thru three until the main group goes thru the remaining steps and tradition. The group is also part of the Friday night Living Sober Group that meets at the senior center in Gt. Barrington, MA. New books purchased for the Living Sober Group and old books have been donated to McGee Unit and other facilities. Group looking into purchasing the 75th anniversary additions.

Brian, GSR for the Big Book Step reported: Meets at the Trinity Church in Lenox, MA from 7 to 8 PM on Thursdays. Group has 30 to 40 people in attendance with membership around 10 people. The group is considering taking on an H&I commitment.

Irene, GSR for Monday night Dalton Young at Heart reported: Meets Monday night at the Grace Episcopal Church. Have 8 to 9 members. Has a commitment to the Jones II Unit. At the recent business meeting voted to increase the prudent reserve. Irene wanted to know why the Round-up was not listed in Box 459. Mark, Alt. Delegate, will contract the Round-Up Chairperson to determine why.

Area 31 Committee report:

Mark, Alternate Delegate, reported: Delegate and alternate keeps the district informed and all info can be found on the area website at area31aa.org. Attended first NERD. Meets once a year to share their experience strength and hope with past delegates. 18 areas, 36 delegates and alternates and 98 total in attendance. Mini-Conference and Spring Assembly which will be held on Saturday April 12 from 9 AM to 3 PM and Sunday April 13, 2014 from 1-5 PM at 395 High Street, Holyoke, MA. On Saturday the 12th there will be a GSR presentation from 9:15 AM to 10 AM. There will be five committees. These items will be brought to the GSC by the delegate. Sign-up sheet passed around for people to sign-up for their choice of committee. Info will be mailed out for review. The 45th Area 31 Round-Up will be held on June 7th & 8th at the La Quinta hotel in Springfield, MA. Concept meeting first Thursday of each month at 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke, MA. Area committee willing to put on speaker meets. If interested contact Paul at (###) ###-#### or email area_chair@area31aa.org.

Berkshire Intergroup report:

Mark, Chair Berkshire Intergroup, reported - The Intergroup had a meeting 3/10/14 with 8 Reps, 12 voting and 13 people total attended. Problem with copier that could cost \$200.00. Ordered 75 first addition Big Books and Nine extra. Donations were down for the month but had money in the operating fund to cover expenses. Intergroup Office has an open house scheduled for Saturday May 17, 2014 at 11:30 – 2PM. There will be a free door price of the new 75th addition of the Big Book.

DCM/Old Business:

There is still a need for a Co-DCM. Michael, GSR Northern Berkshire Group, is considering the Co-DCM position. Jessica stood for the secretary position. Robin is willing to be a backup. The District 3 Round-up commitment time was discussed during the Alternate Delegates report, which will be on Saturday June 7th from 4:30 - 5:25 PM.

New Business:

No new business.

Motion to close:

A motion was made to close the meeting, it was seconded and all were in favor. Meeting closed at 7:57 PM with I am Responsible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Robin and Tony

