

District 3 Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2014

The meeting was held at 7PM in the Lee, MA Court House. There were 17 attendees, 11 Groups with 11 GSR's, 2 Alternate GSR, Paul H. Area 31 Chair, Area 31, Marc C. PI CoChair Tony T. DCM and 1 guest.

Start@ 7:00 p.m. Tony opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and read the statement on the GSR from page S26 of the Service Manual.

Dan R. read Tradition of the month and checklist.
Michal S read Concept of the month and checklist.
Jessica D reviewed last months secretary's report.

GSR group reports:

Irene G.S.R Monday Dalton Young At Heart reports: Group strong 30-40 attend. All office positions are filled. Looking for Alt. Institutions Rep. Ruthie D will celebrate 19 yrs. this month. Someone else will celebrate 1 yr. Irene couldn't remember who at this time. No group inventory needed at this time.

Tyler R. new Alt G.S.R Wednesday Lanesboro Big Book & Rick G.S.R. report: Big group 10 young kids attend every week. They recently had elections for officers. Donations are done by Pie Chart. McGee commitment filled. 15 group members - "Good strong group". Alicia will celebrate 1 yr.

Amelia G.S.R. Housatonic Sunday Morning meeting reports: They have 1 Step & 1 Tradition a month. Strong group 20 to 30 attend. Waiting for District meeting minutes and may change business meeting week. Donations by the Pie Chart.

Eric R. new G.S.R. Men's Group Thursday Great Barrington reports: Well attended - 35 guys average. Changed business meeting day. Elections completed. They have a new jail commitment person.

Zack G.S.R Sheffield 12&12 Wednesday reports: 39th anniversary pasta dinner to celebrate. Group is well attended. Location under construction. 1, 2, 3 meeting w/ a tradition. All positions filled. The group sponsors a meeting on Fridays at 6:45 in the Great Barrington senior center. A lot of beginners attend. Will H. (Treasurer) will celebrate 4 yrs. Jail commitment is filled.

Arnold H. new G.S.R. Eye Opener Group Williamstown reports: Big book discussion, just moved to new location attendance is low due to move.

MJ new G.S.R Unity Group Lenox community center meeting reports: Small group. May due group inventory. Last inventory 17 things on list that could be improved. Group as a whole is running well.

Michael L. G.S.R. Northern Berkshire Group reports: Location changes. Now both meetings are in Williamstown. Subscribed to the Grapevine. Group members putting on meetings at Barton's Crossing. Most office positions are filled. Attendance is up & down.

Michal S. visitor Tuesday Night Stockbridge Tower Group reports: Fun meeting, not a lot of group members, possibly 6. Have treasurer. Make donations. 3 outgoing commitments. Group member wants to change closings prayer at meeting. Tony explained that this group doesn't have a group contact or GSR and it's very important to have one. The old contact wants to be taken off all contact info. Tony also explained this group is registered as unknown.

Dan R. G.S.R. Keep it Simple Group, Great Barrington noon meeting reports: 10-40 people a day. Celebration last Wednesday of the month & last Saturday of the month. Business meeting 10 attended. Quarterly donations will be done next week. Meeting might be moved to new location in the current facility. John L. celebrate 1 yr. Dan R. 4yrs & Ben B. 1yr. Barton commitment filled.

Jessica D G.S.R. Women's 12&12 Pittsfield reports: 30-40 attend. All officers' positions are filled. Everything is paid up to date. Donations are done by Pie Chart. Dropped one of the jail commitment days down to once a month starting in June. Two celebration this month Patty S. with 4yrs & Jessica D. with 7 yrs.

Area 31 Committee report:

Paul Area Chair reports: First time at this District 3 meeting this year. Showed us "Important Dates" and are back. All on web site. Talked about round up that's coming up in June. Delegate will report on General Service i Conference results. Area 31 handbook guidelines were handed out. Grapevine Archives committee 70th anniversary June 21 Holyoke 11-1.

Institutions Report:

Darren Institution reports: Committee oversee & support meetings, hospital, jails & works w/western mass. Contributions from groups based on Pie Chart. Money goes to books, flyers, and pamphlet. 52 meetings a month. New Co-Chair starting. Institution meeting next Wednesday. Sweet Brook nursing home no meeting. Bridging The Gap for people coming out of institutions and getting them to meetings. Request for meeting for people in limbo at BCHC. All other meetings are being filled. Darren's contact info email:#####@###.### cell# (###) ###-####. Don't ever do a meeting alone, always bring someone. 3rd &4th Wednesdays are now open. Had 1 Bridging the Gap call - female and she received a big book. 1 male call & 3 males reached out. Darren asked if anyone is interested in helping Bridging the Gap in the jail, McGee or other institutions. If so, contact him with at the above email address of phone number.

DCM Report:

Tony T. DCM of District 3 reports: Group archives can be stored at Area 31 archives. Talked about CPC, no new leads. 280 groups in area only 52% contributed. Goal for GSO, area & all groups to be self-supporting. If all group members contributed \$1.70 we would be self-supporting. Tony handed out yellow treasures packages. 4 current concerns: 1. Anonymity; 2. Singleness of and Primary purpose; 3. misconceptions about AA being a religious organization; 4. Safety in AA (e.g. recently published books re sexual predators in AA). These 4 concerns will be the themes for the 2015 workshops. Tony encouraged the use of website www.Area31aa.org. Went over Intergroup open house Sat May 17th. Last month Dan R. asked about the movie Anonymous People. Tony felt he should have given Dan a better response to a question that was asked about a movie. District 3 has a commitment @ round up Saturday 4:30-5:25. Irene, Tony, Jessica, Tylor, MJ, Robin, Eric, Mike & Tony will attend round up commitment.

Old Business:

CoDCM service position is still open.

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 8:20PM with I am Responsible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessica