

### **District 3 Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2014**

The meeting was held at 7PM in the Lee, MA Court House. There were 19 attendees, 12 Groups with 10 GSR's, 2 Alternate GSR, Paul H. Area 31 Chair, Steve F. Dist. 2 DCM, Mark P. BIG Chair, Tony T. DCM and 3 Visitors.

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.

Robin D. read Tradition of the month and checklist.

Irene R. read Concept of the month and checklist.

Jessica D. reviewed District 3 meeting highlights from last month's secretary's report.

#### **GSR group reports:**

Jessica D. GSR for the women's 12&12 Pittsfield reports: Strong group. All service positions filled. Outside commitment BCHC is being done. All donations done by pie chart. Rent is paid. All is great.

MJ GSR Friday Night Lenox reports: Everything is the same. Group still isn't growing in numbers but there rolling- alone.

Marianne Y. GSR for the Southern Berkshire Group reports: Strong attendance, strong service. Every month McGee. Group just had elections for service positions & all service positions are filled. First Wednesday of the month BCHC. There having lots of Fun.

Tracy C. GSR Lenox Big Book reports: New GSR. Membership is growing slowly. We currently have 4 members. No outside commitment at this point.

Tyler R. Alt. GSR Lanesboro Big Book reports: 30-40 people at the meeting, more if there is a celebration. Average 2 celebrants a month. Everything is paid 3 months at a time (pie chart donations & rent). 12-15 attend the business meeting. All new service representatives.

Carl K. GSR Men's 12&12 Pittsfield reports: Things are good and doing well. Commitment every 3rd Wednesday. Howard Street one Thursday a month. Group hands phone number list out. The group also offers temporary sponsorship in there format. Great group of guys. All is well.

Michal S GSR Stockbridge Tower group reports: New GSR. Not a lot of members. We currently have 4. Not all positions filled. Attendance is great. Rent & donations are done. No outside commitments at this time, we had trouble keeping them.

Eric R. GSR Men's Great Barrington Thursday reports: 30-35 attend. Donations done by pie chart. McGee & BCHC commitments are being done. All is well.

Robin D. Alt GSR Northern Berkshire group Williamstown reports: No treasure report in 4 months. Treasure doesn't attend business meeting or calls back to the Secretary, Robin D. Very little interest with the group members. They voted to post pone groups anniversary celebration. Can't use the location they wanted. They also voted to not do a workshop. They are struggling.

Irene R. GSR for the Dalton Young at Heart group reports: 3 celebrants this coming month. Commitment to Jones is being kept. The group passes a signup sheet for this commitment at the business meeting. Outgoing commitment was to Haydenville and they returned the commitment. Donations are done by pie chart & rent is paid.

Dan R. GSR Keep it Simple Great Barrington reports: Strong group. Donations done by the pie chart. They have a new treasure.

Edward B. GSR for a new Way of Life Group reports: New GSR and officers. Reorganizing the group in order to keep it active.

### **Area 31 Committee report:**

Paul H. Area 31 Chair: Paul handed out flyers, Area 31 Fall Assembly on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and Important Dates calendar for August/September. Paul talked about August 27<sup>th</sup> from important dates, which the Accessibility committee will have an open AA meeting and a demonstration of "speech to text" services used for individuals that are hard of hearing. Paul also stated that there are more people who suffer from hard of hearing than there are actual deaf individuals. Paul further mentioned that the focus of the fall assembly will be on what we are doing right.

Steve F. District 2 DCM: Steve handed out a flyer for the Singleness of Purpose Workshop which will be on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA and invited everyone to participate.

### **Berkshire Intergroup Report:**

Mark P. BIG Chair reports: Price of literature is going up \$0.75-\$1.50 starting in October 1, 2014. BIG is running smoothly. Lots of volunteers to fill all the office hours. Many groups & people donated to BIG last month, finally got more money in than they put out. First Alkathon committee meeting the 2nd Saturday in September at 2PM at the BIG office. BIG still needs a new copier.

### **DCM Report:**

Tony T. DCM: Handed out fliers and talked about the Western Mass Intergroup free family picnic on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Family Center in Chicopee, MA and the Mass State Convention on November 7-9 at the Sheraton in Framingham, MA and Old Timer's Luncheon.

Also discussed was the September 18<sup>th</sup> bus trip to G.S.O in N.Y.C. \$35 a ticket contact Tom H. (###) ###-####. The trip will not happen if the bus isn't full and as of 11AM Friday morning there were 4 tickets left.

GSO has new and revised literature, Circles of Love and Service, Many Paths to Spirituality and a Video Markings on the Journey.

GSR's were asked to bring back to their groups the idea of having a workshop next year, and in interested, come up with workshop topics.

### **Old Business:**

Open CoDCM service position. Connell M. stood for the Co-DCM position and gave his service background. Robin D. nominated Connell and Irene R. second it and all were in favor with one abstention.

### **New Business:**

No new business.

### **Motion to close:**

A motion was made to close the meeting by Jessica, it was seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting closed at 8:16PM. Tony apologizes for not closing the meeting with I am Responsible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessica