

September 19, 2014 District 3 Area 31 Meeting Minutes

Opens @ 7:00 p.m.

1 Co-DCM

2 Alt-GSR

2 Visitors

9 GSRs

14 Total Attended

Connell (Co-DCM) opens with a moment of silence followed with the serenity prayer.

Connell reads G.S.R. service statement s.26

Ed B. Reads Tradition 9 & Questions

Laura F. Reads Concept 9

Jessica does the highlights from August District 3 meeting minutes

G.S.R. Reports:

Jessica D. G.S.R. Tuesday Women's 12&12 Pittsfield: All is well. All 9 service positions are filled. 25-35 weekly attendance. B.C.H.C. Commitment is done once a month unless there is 5 weeks in a month, we do it twice a month. All are donations are done by the pie chart. Rents paid & all our books are stocked.

Ed B. GSR Sunday nooner at Soldier On Pittsfield: Still having some "growing pains." All new people for service positions."I need to ask for a new Alt-G.S.R, old one no longer around." Everything is done by pie chart.

Andrew P. G.S.R. Men's Thursday Group Great Barrington: All service positions filled & Commitments met. Elections were done last night (9/18/2014.) BCHC is well. Meeting is well attended by group members. Treasury report given last night. Money is being dispensed this month.

Felicia A. Alt-GSR Monday Night Dalton group: Business meeting Monday. Pie chart done. Rent is paid. 30-50 people attend meetings. Anniversary for group October 20. Bring a dish. Anyone may attend. Treasurer really not coming but did give group a print out report of where group's money is going.

Mike B. Alt-G.S.R Tuesday Night Men's 12&12 Pittsfield: Every 3rd week BCHC commitment. Howard St. every 3rd Thursday. Group offers temporary sponsorship. 25-40 men regularly attend. Donations are done by pie chart. Rent is paid. "Everything is really good." The group thought of a topic for the up coming workshop, Financial security. The group would also like to know what they need to report back to the group from the district 3 meeting. Connell replied he will let Mike know after we go around.

Ann F. GSR Mothertown group Adams: Coffee maker, treasurer position filled. Trouble holding a business meeting. Rent is paid. They do anniversary 4 anniversary this month alone. "I like the unity of the group."

Ed McC. G.S.R Friday Night Beginner North Adams: the group has been meeting for about 30 years. Only just now registering with GSO. Everything in group is going well. The group has relocated to Brainten hill community center. No rent is owed. The group made a \$20 donation to the facility for their sober activities. "Fun group to be a part of."

Mike L. G.S.R Northern Berkshire Williamstown group: This is my final meeting as G.S.R. Robin D is taking over. New treasurer. Rent is paid. Group is healthy 4 members. Treasurer, secretary, G.S.R & Alt. G.S.R. "Group is well rounded."

MJ H. G.S.R Friday night Lenox: Basic structure is still the same. No business meeting last month there was a holiday. "Room use to be filled, now it's down to 13 people a meeting." Maybe we have 6-8 members that come to business meeting. All commitment are done.

Tylor G.S.R Wednesday Lanesboro Big Book: 30-35 weekly attendance. Donations done quarterly. All new service reps. Group going strong. "All is great."

Zack N. G.S.R. Wednesday 12&12 Sheffield: Secretary position not filled, all other positions are. Celebration this month are the following: Barry 1 yr, Laura 14 yrs, Mark 25 yrs, Andrew 16 yrs. Business meeting Tuesday. Group separate into 2 groups 1,2,3(step) & 1-12 in big room. Financially very good shape. Pie chart with donation. \$200 in prudent reserve. Extra donation to Berkshire Intergroup. Rent paid for a few months. The group sponsors a Friday evening 6:45 Living Sober meeting for beginners in Great Barrington senior center great attendance.

DCM report:

" No Area or Berkshire Intergroup representation tonight."

Area Committee highlights:

G.S.O looking at new ideas to carry the message

_they may create a website template for Areas to use

_developing a database for active meetings (national meeting list)

_looking to connect with online A.A meetings

_thinking about combining the 12 steps, 12 traditions & 12 concepts into one book.

Encourage GSRs to attend the Fall Assembly & vote.

Topics/workshops for the Fall Assembly

_self support

_what's working well

_G.S.R workshop

_ask it basket

Connell gave out area website: area31aa@org

District's email address (for either DCM) district3@area31aa.org

Connell phone number (###) ###-####

No old business. No new business.

Connell handed out Box 459 Fall 2014. We read & discussed the article [CPC/PI Open Forum Format Carries the Message](#)

He explained the two committees mentioned in the story:

Public Information (P.I.) reaches out to the general community (mostly schools) to let them know about A.A.

Cooperation With the Professional Community (C.P.C) reaches out to any professional who comes in contact with sick alcoholics in the course of their work, such as doctors, lawyers, school counselors, probation & parole officers, Judges, therapists

We discussed the reading.

Meeting ended at 8:25pm with I Am Responsible

Jessica D. District 3 Secretary