

District 3 Monthly Meeting  
Old Lee Courthouse Lee Town Hall  
Park St Entrance, Lee, MA  
7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 19, 2014

Present at the meeting:

10 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, DCM, Co DCM, Area 31 Delegate

Handouts: District 3 Dec. 19, 2014 Agenda, Many Paths to Spirituality (P-84 AAWS), minutes from Nov. 21, 2014, Area Calendar, Berkshire Intergroup Alkathon flyer, NERAASA registration forms

Our DCM opened the meeting at 7pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, reading from page S26 of the AA Service Manual (BM-31), and introductions.

A summary of the Nov. 21, 2014 minutes was given by substituting secretary, Co-DCM requested amending minute to include pertinent details (date, location, type of meeting), and one factual change. {amended Nov. minutes included as separate attachment}

Tradition 12 and relevant questions were read from the Traditions Checklist (AA Grapevine) by Tyler. Concept 12 and relevant questions were read from the Concepts Checklist ( F-91 AAWS) by Scott.

Our DCM reported on the most recent Berkshire Intergroup meeting, reminded us that volumes of Area 31 information can be found online at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org), NERAASA 2015 is nearing, our Area is hosting NERAASA 2016 in Springfield, our 46<sup>th</sup> annual Area Round Up weekend date has been set (June 6 & 7, 2015), and Berkshire Intergroup Holiday Alkathons, 5:00pm Dec. 24 to 5:00pm Dec.25, 2014 and 5:00pm Dec 31, 2014 to 5pm Jan. 1, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Pittsfield (Pearl St entrance.) Tony also mentioned discussion of Concept 12, Warranty 5 by our Alternate Delegate at the Berkshire Intergroup meeting.

Group wins and concerns: No major issues. One group will be voting on moving their meeting space within a building to accommodate more members and refreshments.

This Month's Discussion:

Thom gave an informative presentation on one of our newest pamphlets, Many Paths to Spirituality. Brief summary of his presentation: Pamphlet was the outgrowth of inquires and comments of many AA members over the years, there are over 200 agnostic meetings in North America, the aim of the pamphlet is to widen our circle without breaking our bonds, and “a knee jerk reaction in GSO takes about three years.”

Our Delegate added that this pamphlet has been in development/discussion for at least eight years, and the final draft received Unanimous approval at the General Service Conference in 2014.

We then read the entirety of the pamphlet, and had a moving discussion following the reading.

Co DCM, rolling in in Jan to DCM, requested ideas for future discussions. He can be reached by email at [district3@area31aa.org](mailto:district3@area31aa.org).

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Delegate's Report:

Anne voiced appreciation for the reading and discussion of Many Paths to Spirituality. She shared her experience regarding the development of the pamphlet and what happened at this year's conference. This past week was the deadline for Areas, groups and individuals to submit agenda items for consideration at the 2015 General Service Conference.

The General Manager of AAWS is stepping down, and the search has begun for qualified candidates. Job description, qualifications, and other information can be obtained through her via email at [delegate@area31aa.org](mailto:delegate@area31aa.org).

Immediate Past Delegate Brian O. is Area 31's nominee for North East Regional Trustee. Brian will stand with 13 other nominees at the 2015 General Service Conference for consideration by the trustee's Nominating Committee.

The AA Grapevine has issued a fun challenge for 2015. The State or Province that generates the highest rate of new Grapevine subscriptions in 2015 will be featured via articles and photos, in a 2016 Grapevine issue.

What to bring back to your business meeting?

- Discussing Many Paths to Spirituality
- Berkshire Intergroup Alkathons (if your group doesn't have a Berkshire Intergroup Rep)
- NERAASA is for GSRs, and groups can be encouraged to provide support for you to attend.

Tony expressed his gratitude for the experience of serving as DCM, and we closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin D.