

20 Feb 2015: Area 31 District 3 meeting minutes

1. Meeting led by Michael L, DCM (Connell at NERAASA)
2. Commence meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by reading of GSR statement found in AA Service Manual.
3. Twelve GSR's identified themselves and the groups they represent.
4. Minutes from January meeting read and accepted.
5. Tradition two was read, followed by a reading of Concept II from Service Manual. There was discussion of the concept - how it identifies the General Service Conference as the "voice and the effective conscience for our whole society".
6. Group Wins and Concerns:

Some groups are helping newcomers get acquainted with the fellowship by offering them the opportunity to serve as greeters at the door to meeting room.

Another group was having a challenge in dealing with honoring a member's sobriety outside the meeting at a pay-your-own-way event. The issue included defining what is an AA verses non-AA event.
7. Discussion on topics from the conference.

Online-meetings: should they be recognized and/or how to fit the existing structure. There was considerable interest, with discussion indicating many of us are not clear about some of the details on this topic.

Safety: Majority of meeting time devoted to this topic. In summary –

- a. Importance of newcomer safety from predation.
- b. Sponsorship cited as effective tool to guide members making good decisions in early sobriety.
- c. Thirteen stepping perspectives put on the table – from AA as a dating service to people-are-people with character defects.
- d. Safety of the group:
 - d.i. Experiences of letting inebriated persons attend meeting.
 - d.ii. Insuring continued use of meeting space by respecting property and requests of host.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael L, DCM