

District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, April 17, 2015

Present at the meeting:
16 total signed in, 12 GSRs

Handouts:

April Agenda, March Minutes, Area 31 Website Information, Round Up Registration Form, AA Regional Forums Information

The meeting started at 7pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, reading from page S26 of the AA Service Manual and introductions.

A new District 3 secretary was chosen.

A summary of March's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Concept 4 and Tradition 4 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

DCM report:

- NERF, Northeast Regional Forum, is May 29-31 at the Albany Marriott. It hasn't been this close to the Berkshires in a long time. This is the GSO Road Show; a chance for us to learn how they operate.
- Area 31 General Service Round Up – June 6 and 7, 2015, La Quinta in Springfield. Delegate's report back from the Conference will be Saturday at 1:30pm. There will be a speaker from GSO and a dinner and dance Saturday night. Registration forms are in the handouts. Also, District 3 has been given the Alkathon meeting at 8:30pm on Saturday night. Our topic is God of My Understanding.
- According to our Area treasurer, group contributions to the Area are down from the same period last year.
- CPC will be focusing on presentations to judges since they sentence so many people to AA. They will help them understand what AA is/isn't.
- The Grapevine has a subscription increase challenge running this year. The state or province with the greatest increase in subscriptions will have an issue devoted to members' stories from that state.
- Area 31 Website committee has created a pamphlet to increase awareness and the use of our website.
- The International Convention is July 2nd in Atlanta. The Committee is looking for deaf members to share. 36,000 people have registered so far.
- AA.org will be streaming audio of the Big Book and The Twelve and Twelve. Date unknown.
- Berkshire Intergroup and District 3 will hold a Service Day, Saturday, August 22nd, from

10am until 3pm, at the Lenox Community Center, Walker St., Lenox. The first topic will be Safety in AA, presented by BIG, from 10am until 12 noon. District 3 will present Are We Welcoming Enough to All Who Need Help? From 1pm until 3pm.

- The next District meeting will be Friday, May 15, 2015.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- We Agnostics meeting will celebrate it's 5th anniversary. Recently, Dominic celebrated 33 years and Paul D. celebrated 9 years.
- There will be a new meeting in Lee at the First Congregational Church, 25 Park Place. It will start Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 5-6pm. The meeting is closed, Big Book Step Study, Hyannis Format.
- Keep it Simple, 1st Cong Church, Main St, Gt Barrington, noon, M-Sat, is now meeting upstairs in the room off the kitchen.
- There is a new meeting in Southfield at the white church on Monday at 7:15pm.

Circle Back:

- District 3 topic for the Service Day on August 22nd, is Are We Welcoming Enough to All Who Need Help? Next month we will discuss how this topic came about.

Discussion Topics:

- More about hearing the minority opinion; from Concept 5 – the Right of Appeal.
- Singleness of purpose.

Reports:

- Alternate Area 31 delegate Mark reported on the Area 31 pamphlet that is now available.
- Mass State Convention will be November 6,7,8 in Framingham. Help is needed. Contact Mark.

Topics to bring back to business meetings:

- NERF – May 29-31, Albany Marriott
- Round Up – June 6 and 7
- Grapevine subscription challenge.
- Area 31 Website pamphlet
- Service Day will be Saturday, August 22, 2015. Lenox Community Center.

Meeting closed at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie K.