

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, June 19, 2015

Present at the meeting:

16 total signed in, 12 present to vote

Handouts:

June Agenda, DCM Report, May District 3 Meeting Minutes, Area 31 Delegate Report from the 65th Annual General Service Conference, AA Service Day flier, NERAASA 2016 flier

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

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

Concept 6 and Tradition 6 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

DCM report:

- 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, July 2-5, at the Georgia World Congress Center. The theme is 80 Years-Happy, Joyous and Free. Get information at AA.org.
- AA Bilingual Sharing Day – Together We Can - Sunday, July 26, from 9-3 at the AOH Club, 71 Melville Ave, So Meriden, CT. Registration fee is 12.00.
- AA Service Day co-hosted by BIG and District 3 is Saturday, August 22, at the Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St., Lenox, MA.
- NERAASA 2016 will be hosted by Area 31 and will be held in Springfield. There is a need for local AAs to volunteer.
- FROM THE AREA:
- Redistricting will not be needed at this time.
- WMIG reprinting of their When and Where deadline is Friday, June 26. Please make sure your group information is correct in their book.
- International Convention attendance is estimated at 60,000.
- Contributions to Area Committee are down compared to last year.
- Grapevine subscription challenge reminder. Please consider a subscription.
- FROM THE ROUNDUP:
- At the next Area Roundup there will be a bilingual meeting called Language of the Heart. There will be a bilingual day in July in Connecticut.
- FROM THE CONFERENCE-Delegate's Report:
- How to involve online groups in AA service structure
- 1387 new groups in 2014
- AA.org gets 30,000 visitors a day.
- 54% of literature sales are online, direct from AA.org.
- 63 Big Book translations approved by AAWS

- The GSO was directed to translate all GSC materials into French and Spanish beginning with the next GSC. The estimated cost is \$80,000.00 to \$120,000.00.
- The annual limit of personal contributions increase to \$5,000.00 failed. The limit is \$3,000.00.
- PI-PSA "Doors" was approved (\$24,000.00). The 2014 membership survey was approved. The PSA "Force of Nature" and Testament" were discontinued.
- AAWS was authorized to post audio/video service material to AA.org.
- Grapevine committee recommended 2 new books: Armed Forces and Early AA.
- FROM NERF:
- GSO reported that AA membership is flat for the last 15 years, average age of members is increasing, 41% of groups contribute. This is not sustainable.
- The cost of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book had to be "written off". The demand was over estimated.
- Grapevine subscriptions are at an all time low.
- The next District meeting will be Friday, July 17, 2015.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Jack B. will celebrate 50 years on June 27th. There will be a picnic in the town park in Sheffield. Starts at 1:30, with a meeting at 4pm.

Circle Back:

- No comments.

Discussion Topics:

- Self Support
 - importance of a group to participate in the pie chart
 - consistently announce the need for increase at meetings
 - read the Green Card
 - AA anniversary envelopes
- When is it time to permanently close/end a meeting

Reports:

- Anne, Delegate, said that parts of the International Convention will be streamed over AA.org. It will be available for the weekend of the Convention.

Topics to bring back to business meetings:

- financial help needed for AA
- AA Service Day
- New AA.org website
- Bilingual Sharing Day, July 26

Meeting closed at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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