

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting  
Lee, MA

Friday, July 17, 2015

Present at the meeting:

16 total signed in, 12 groups represented

Handouts:

July Meeting Agenda, July DCM Report, June District 3 Meeting Minutes, AA Service Day flier, Seventh Tradition Contributions flier, Area 31 Fall Assembly 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 June's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion. Hard copies of prior month's minutes will continue to be printed.

Concept 7 and Tradition 7 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

Suggestions were given to help with increasing the awareness for the need for financial support to GSO, BIG, Area, etc.

- If you attend a Tradition 7 meeting, please announce the need for increase in contributions.
- If you sponsor someone, share the need for financial responsibility to support AA.
- Suggest to the group Treasurer to read the thank you letter that is sent to groups that support GSO.

DCM report:

- 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., from 10-3.
- NERAASA 2016 will be hosted by Area 31 and will be held in Springfield. There is a need for local AAs to volunteer.
- The Area 31 Fall Assembly will be held Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18.

From the Area:

- International Convention attendance was estimated at 57,000. It was the biggest turnout ever.
- CPC is very active with commitments to Westfield High staff, Baypath University staff, and WMSPA.
- The Area Committee has been considering paying for the phone coverage for the Spanish hotline in Springfield. This has been paid for by Spanish membership but they are finding it burdensome. Western Mass Intergroup will pay for this service.

- Motion was made to eliminate monthly Area Traditions meeting. Motion was defeated. In discussing this, it is evident that the Fellowship as a whole has become prolific in creating new meetings. The meetings cannot be supported by the number of members willing to actively serve as group members. In the last year, 1400 new meetings were created. However, the membership itself has not increased.
- Motion was made to limit personal contributions to the Area Committee to \$3000.00 yearly. This is in line with GSO's guideline.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- The Stockbridge Tower Group has had discussions about ending the meeting. They are considering bringing back the old format of the "ask it" basket.
- The Women's Step meeting in Pittsfield is ended 15 minutes early once a month to provide time for discussion topics such as cross talk, the difference between open and closed meetings, etc.
- The So. Berkshire Group has greeters. This is important especially for newcomers. This service provides interaction among members.
- The Men's Step meeting held at Silvio Conte School, Pittsfield, will now meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Tuesdays.

Circle Back:

- No comments.

Discussion Topics:

- Service Day, August 22nd
  - First planning meeting is Monday, July 20 at 5:30, Lenox Community Center
  - Volunteers needed for the day.
  - Connell M. and Marianne Y. will plan the District 3 workshop.
- Cross talk

Reports:

Mark, Alt. Delegate

- Mass State Convention, Nov 6,7,8. Contact Mark at Area committee to help.
- Work is starting on NERAASA 2016.

Topics to bring back to business meetings:

- Fall Assembly
- AA Service Day
- NERAASA 2016
- CPC committee

The Next District meeting will be Friday, August 21,2015.

Meeting closed at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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