

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, August 21, 2015

Present at the meeting:

14 total signed in, 12 groups represented

Handouts:

August Meeting Agenda, August Co- DCM Report, July District 3 Meeting Minutes, Seventh Tradition Contributions flier, District 4 Service Day flier, District 5 Service Day flier, MSCYPAA 2016 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 July's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Concept 8 and Tradition 8 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

Co-DCM report:

From the Area:

- Area 31 lists 290 groups and 400 meetings
- Only 75-80 groups have a group history entry in the archive holdings. Groups are invited to submit a history form if they have not done so.
- CPC committee is participating in a professional law enforcement/judiciary conference to share what AA does and does not do. It is hoped this will clarify AA purpose for professionals.
- The weekly recovery radio show presented by individual AA members is updating its format.
- Area 31 handbook has been revised and is ready for printing. Digital version available as PDF on Area web page.
- Support is needed for Western Mass Young People committee meeting.
- MSCYPAA bid committee has secured the bid in Western Mass for the 2016 Young Peoples State Conference. Help is needed.
- The next NERAASA 2016 planning meeting is August 27th at 7pm Springfield Sheraton.
- Area 31 officers will share at the Stockbridge Tower meeting Tuesday, September 15th, at 8pm.

From our Delegate:

- In October there will be a new GSO general manger, Gary Tobin.
- GSO is closed to tours through November due to office building renovations.
- Service Day activities and events are important to AA. Participate if you can.
- There is a new PSA. It can be seen on AA.org.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Friday Night Beginners group has greeters and places older members throughout the

meeting to help reach out to newcomers. They are mentioning the need for financial support. Ed M. will be rotating out of the GSR position. Thank you for your service to AA.

- Grace Episcopal Church in Dalton is closing. The Young at Heart group will be moving their meeting. In response to financial need, they have added "give what you can" to their meeting format.
- Bushwackers will announce the need for financial support for one month at their meeting.

Circle Back:

- No comments.

Discussion Topic:

- What is your experience with your group since serving as GSR?
- Comments shared by GSRs:
 - "I feel involved and connected."
 - "It is fulfilling being a GSR. It has pushed me out of my comfort zone. This service connects my group members with the rest of AA."
 - "I am more involved."
 - "I am looking at AA differently. My network has grown. I have grown as a person. I have a new outlook on AA."
 - "I feel a part of. It is a great feeling. My network is expanded."
 - "Rewarding"

Reports:

Patti S., BIG Chairperson:

- Everything is ready for the AA Service Day. The entire Lenox Community Center will be available for the day.

John, Western Mass Young People:

- MSCYPAA 2016 is coming to Area 31. Committee elections will be held on September 20th, 2pm, 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA.

Paul, Area Chair:

- GSO has flier available on self support - "Your Seventh Tradition Contributions, Carrying Our Message Beyond Your Home Group"
- Anniversary donation envelopes and "green card" are available at BIG.
- There will be elections and an Area inventory at the Fall Assembly.

Topics to bring back to business meetings:

- Fall Assembly
- MSCYPAA 2016
- NERAASA 2016

The next District meeting will be Friday, September 18, 2015.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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