

## **MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING**

April 21, 2017, Lee, Ma

18 in attendance

Meeting was opened and chaired by Tom L. DCM. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer attendees went around the room introducing themselves and giving their service positions.

The statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual was read.

The draft minutes of the March 17 meeting was read and accepted by the group.

Steve H. read Tradition 4.

There was a brief discussion regarding Tradition 4 where a group was having a problem with a member insisting on chairing with less than 3 months, and then discussing controlled drinking opposed to the "the desire to stop drinking". Where was the line between respecting different views and the group as a whole? There were several suggestions, amongst them a group conscious to formalize the format to requesting assistance from a delegate.

Rick R. read Concept 4 Checklist.

### LCM Mark B.

Talked about the importance of the GSR and is continuing to visit meetings in the area. There continues to be new GSRs at this meeting.

### Wins and Concerns

A group was having problems with someone blocking out the calendar and chairing more than their fair share of the time. They didn't want to be disrespectful but didn't want the meeting hijacked. The discussion was not dissimilar the discussion above when discussing Tradition 4.

The visitor from Wed Kitchen Table, Lee announced she was recently back in the area and the meeting is really struggling and could use some attendance.

It was mentioned that someone overheard at a meeting someone shouldn't put money in and their donations are down.

The Ray of Hope – Lee announced for information purposes only (they are at full capacity already) they were having a service meeting April 29.

### Sue A. Area 31 Chair

Area 31 is a fairly large area and understands distances can be a problem. She presented information about the Roundup June 9,10,11 in Springfield. It is being held at La Quinta hotel. Further information regarding rooms and the program can be found on the area website. Area31AA.org.

Mark N., Western Mass Delegate, is attending the week meeting and will be making his report at the Roundup on June 10.

The Mass state convention will be held in Framingham this November at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham. For those wishing to help organize and do service please attend the planning meeting at 7:30pm May 30.

A group inventory guided by a delegate or past delegate is a valuable way in which many of the concerns voiced tonight can be resolved. Simply contact delegate and they will coordinate someone to assist. With regards to a question raised, if groups feel their speakers are stale then possibly a groups service commitment would help to keep a group active.

#### DCM Report Tom L.

The Spring Assembly was very interesting. There were many topics and all good. There were Round up flyers on the able.

He will be attending the upcoming area committee meeting, and looking forward to it.

#### Old Business

There are preliminary plans for an autumn workshop. Two topics suggested were "What is the Message" and "How Traditions Enhance the Group".

There is plenty of time to discuss with groups and bring up ideas.

Next meeting May 19, 2017

There being no new business a motion to close was made, and the meeting ended.

Submitted by Pete C.