

## MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

May 19, 2017, Lee, Ma

17 in attendance

Meeting was opened and chaired by the DCM. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer he introduced the secretary and the LCM.

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

The draft minutes of the March 17 meeting was read by the secretary.

Attendees went around the room introducing themselves, giving their service positions, groups and what was happening in their group, and any concerns.

Comments were as follows. In Focus Step – Cheshire - All is well, there is a new coffee maker; Berkshire Group – Crane Ctr. - Nothing new, group discussing taking on a commitment, have two new members; Sober at Sunrise – Crane Ctr. - have good regular and high attendance, working on history; Men's Group – Gt. Barrington - Getting more men, meeting full, solid commitment at jail, someone requested the carpet to be cleaned without authority which it is a bit of problem; Bushwacker Group – Pittsfield - No major active issues, have a good commitment at McGee; Southern Berkshire – Gt. Barrington - group going good, could use alternate GSR, many think best group in AA; Watch Your Step – Housatonic - Step meeting where they stay on the same step with same chair for month which works well, all service positions filled, working on organizing group inventory, possible ideas for workshop topics “4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> steps” and “relationships in AA”; Keep it Simple – Gt. Barrington - Looking for a new intergroup rep and decided will do inventory; Serenity and Peace – Pittsfield – Working out issues will see, service at McGee, Good month; Sheffield 12&12 – Sheffield – Group anniversary 21<sup>st</sup> June flyers on the table; Big Book Step – Lenox – Nothing new, group doing well.

There were two visitors who introduced themselves.

LCM – Continue to attend group business meetings and announcing this meeting. It can be difficult finding out when a business meeting is held and often involves going twice which is no problem other than it does involve a lot of driving. There was a discussion of the benefit of GSRs joining him.

Area Chair – Round Up coming which is an opportunity to hear delegates. A question was raised why the round up was same week as Founders Day. Not knowing, she would find out.

The website is a very good source of for all information discussed.

The group inventories for the area are very active. All levels of AA participate and complete. It is a good way to help solve small problems that can fester to bigger ones. It gives people a chance to share thoughts other than a group conscious. A group can contact the Area Chair and she can introduce delegates to get it done.

The Fall Assembly is coming up Oct 21 and 22 GSRs should attend.

There were no invited Committees.

DCM – attended a meeting of DCMs chaired by the Area Chair before the Area Meeting with a list of questions on “how DCMs participate” and then a good discussion. This was very helpful and all everyone to better serve as DCMs.

The Round up is in June with flyers on the table, and also on the website.

The area treasury report was distributed showing contributions are down for the first quarter.

Old Business – the Co-DCM has stepped down which opens a position. A list of suggestions for a replacement from the Area Chair were read along with the suggested qualifications and duties and a new Co-DCM was elected. This position will be till December to help get feet wet serving. The current DCM has offered to continue in this position due to the resignation of the previous Co-DCM.

Tradition 5 check list was read followed by a very good and positive discussion on the topic.

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

Submitted by Pete C.