

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

July 20, 2017, Lee, Ma

14 in attendance

The meeting was opened and chaired by the DCM. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer he introduced the secretary, Co-DCM, LCM, Area Alt Delegate, and secretary.

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

It was generally agreed to forgo the reading of the minutes from last month's meeting as it had been e-mailed out twice and hard copies were available. There were no comments or corrections.

Attendees went around the room introducing themselves, giving service positions and any thoughts from the conclusion of last month's meeting regarding how to make the meeting more meaningful. The general consensus of opinion was this meeting is not to be fun, but not boring at the same time.

However, the meeting is the "Nuts and Bolts" of how AA functions, and it simply "is as it is" regarding how information can be circulated in both directions.

To possibly streamline the meeting the secretary's reading of the minutes will be dropped in the future, and a copy of the meeting agenda will be distributed prior to future meetings.

L.C.M reported he is visiting many meetings however at times he feels as if he is looked upon as "The Enemy" which is just the opposite of the position.

It does give him the opportunity to visit many meetings which is valuable.

Area Alt-Delegate – There are many things happening at the moment. July 29 District 1 in Springfield is hosting a workshop "Growth of a District" from 1 to 4pm at 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield.

On August 26, The Grapevine Committee is hosting a workshop. Check out their display, and discover more about the history. Location: Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, Saturday, August 26, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

There is a Mass State Convention Planning Committee meeting July 25, at 730pm at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center 1657 Worcester Road Framingham. Everyone is invited to Come get involved with the planning for the next Massachusetts State AA Convention.

The Fall Assembly will be held October 21 & 22 in Holyoke. This is considered a GSR requirement.

Saturday is from 10am -4pm, Sunday is the business meeting from 1-5pm when new Area 31 positions are filled.

The 68th General Service Conference is coming up with the theme "AA- A Solution for All Generations".

It was pointed out that it is suggested a person only hold one service position at a time.

There were no Invited Committees

DCM – Please take time to get the Accessibility survey forms completed for your group. As mentioned by the Alt-Delegate the Fall Assembly will be Oct 21-22.

The Yellow card on Safety is out, it can be printed from the website and will be distributed in hard copy.

Area donations are still down, please announce to your groups. There was a brief discussion how technology might be able to implement collections, but that is a far bigger issue for Conference discussion.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Pete C.