

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

August 18, 2017, Lee, Ma

16 in attendance

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

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

Attendees went around the room introducing themselves, giving service positions and sharing any concerns and positive actions groups were experiencing. General expressions were that groups were functioning well with service commitments, and attendance, and carrying the message. More groups are considering a Group inventory after hearing of others experiences. One group is considering having the business meeting before the meeting to help elevate participation. Groups are split between strong and weak attendance at meetings. Several report regular contributions as per the pie chart.

There was a concern the "Lord's Prayer" was an issue with one group's member, and asked for advise how to delicately approach the matter. Discussion followed and it was generally agreed a group conscious would be the traditional approach and suggestions were offered. One group was requesting information for someone from the service committee to give a presentation.

A couple of groups reported they had enquired informally of the possibly of using electronic means for collecting donations at meetings and it was received negatively.

L.C.M reported the importance of service commitments. Is continuing to visit meetings to promote groups to have a GSR.

Area Chair – It is good for newcomers to have a voice; and sometime necessary to have someone come in for a group inventory. Usually set a separate time from the business meeting (Can make it a social evening with food, refreshments, and fellowship) to get people involved. Just let her know and someone will come out.

The Fall Assembly will be held October 21 & 22 in Holyoke. This is considered a GSR requirement. Saturday is from 10am -4pm, and there which will be set up as a service fair with various service opportunities giving information. So many of us get into the program through someone doing service work. Sunday is the business meeting from 1-5pm when new Area 31 positions are filled.

The Mass State convention will be held November 10-12 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center 1657 Worcester Road Framingham.

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup Chair - Committee is looking for an office manager. The office will be closed Tues/Friday due to lack of volunteers. Please announce that volunteers are urgently needed. Committee members are also urgently needed along with someone to assist the treasure. The website will be up and running next week and any group having an event or wish to announce something please use it. It is the website in bold print on the front of the where to find www.berkshireaintergroup.org . There is also valuable information on the website.

DCM – Still accepting Accessibility survey forms. As mentioned by the Area Co-Chair the Fall Assembly will be Oct 21-22. Area donations are still down, please announce to your groups. The Western Mass Intergroup picnic will be held August 27, Flyers on the table. The Berkshire Intergroup with District 3 is holding the Workshop Sept 9 at the Lenox Community Center, 9am – 3pm. Speakers David E. and Barb W. The format will be speakers followed by breaking into round table discussions and a final discussion

with pizza lunch in-between. The theme will be "Participation in all of AA – Is my Triangle Balanced". Volunteers for set up and registration are still needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the table.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.