

Area 31/District 5 June Meeting Minutes

Opened the meeting with a moment of silence... followed by the serenity prayer.

Then Mary read out of the service manual, what the role of a GSR is.

New GSR's were introduced, Linda as a GSR and Patty as an alternate

There was no secretary's report for the month of May, so there were no corrections to go over.

Bob read Concept VI & Tradition 6, he then lead the discussions

We then went around and heard all the group sharings by the GSR's

East Longmeadow Sunday Night Grp. They meet at 6:30-7:15 pm for their beginners grp, and 7:30-8:30 for a speaker mtg. The location of the mtg is at Michael's Community Center on Rte. 83 in East Longmeadow. Their GSR is Juan F., his phone number is XXX-XXXX. This grp has a commitment @ Carlson Detox.

Wilbraham Grp, they meet on Fridays at 6:30 pm is their beginners mtg Living Sober and @ 7:30 pm is a speaker mtg. The location of the mtg is Grace Union Church @ the corner of Chapel St. and Maple St. Their GSR is Chris M. and the alternate is Patty H. Chris's number is XXX-XXX-XXXX and his email [XXXXX](#). This grp contributes to the pie chart. They do incoming and outgoing commitments, they also do institutions at the Jail and Carlson Detox. All of their service positions are filled except Archives and Grapevine. This group gives out yearly coins for anniversaries, and they do a raffle for books Their attendance is good. Patty brought up that other grps were "borrowing" their supplies, so they put a sign on their supply closet, and it stopped.

Belchertown Saturday Night Grp , This grp meets on Saturdays from 7-8 pm for a beginners mtg and 8-9 for a speaker mtg. Their address is 18 Park St. in Belchertown. Their GSR is Jarell W., their alternate is Steve S., Jarell's number is XXX-XXXX and his email is [XXXXX](#) They gave \$300 to the pie chart on 5/25/13, all of their service positions are filled except Archives. They also do outgoing and incoming commitments, They also do institutions, Phoenix House for 1 week Weds pm, and Providence 1 week Sat am. Two grp members were going to NERF this weekend.

Chicopee Grp, they meet on Tues. @ 10am speaker mtg. Then they have a beginners mtg at 6:30pm, and a speaker mtg at 7:30pm. Their address is 110 Cyman St. Chicopee. Their GSR is Robert W., his number is XXX-XXXX his email is [XXXXX](#), there have been no changes in this grp.

Keep it Simple Grp, it meets @ 12pm Monday through Fri, they are varied formats. They're location is at St. Mary's Church @ 4080 Main St. in Thorndike. Their GSR is Linda S. her phone number is XXX-XXX-XXXX, her email is [XXXXX](#). their grp meets daily @ noontime, Mon thru Fri with step mtgs on Mon, beginners mtg on Tues, big book mtg on Wed., topic discussion on Thurs., and a speaker on Fri. All mtgs are open. They have 10-20 in attendance. They give out coins for monthly lengths of

sobriety every Fri. They have a raffle the last Fri of the month for books also, on that Fri. they celebrate years of sobriety. Their business mtgs are held on the last Fri. of the month @ 11am. This grp is failing financially & people to do service work, there is some discussion of moving to a new site. And this group needs support in the way of attendance.

Randall Grp. Meets on Thurs. from 7-8pm for a discussion mtg, then from 8:15-9:15pm a speaker and BB mtg. On Sun. there is a beginner mtg from 1-1:45pm then a speaker mtg from 2-3pm. Their mtg location is @ St. Andrews on Rte. 5 in Longmeadow. Their GSR is Brian T. their alternate is John S. Brian's Number is XXX-XXXX and email is [XXXXX](#). Their financial contributions are \$650 in the bank financially viable and they contribute to the pie chart. All of their positions are filled, they have no outgoing or incoming grps, but they do institutions Carlson and Howard St. They have 80-100 participants on Thurs. and Sun. In their back room they work on Concept 6 and the traditions by trustees and delegates general discussions.

Cold Spring Grp, They meet at 7:30pm on Thurs. the location of their mtg is @ 18 Park St. Belchertown. Their GSR is Patrick S., his number is XXX-XXX-XXXX, email is [XXXXX](#). This month they gave \$50 to the pie chart. They have 70% of their positions filled. This grp has outgoing /incoming grps. Every Sat morn @ 10:30am they go to Providence Hospital in Holyoke. This grp is celebrating it's Anniversary this Thurs. jUNE 13 food and fellowship at 6pm.

Thank you Thursday Grp, They meet on Thurs @ 7-8pm at Church of Jesus Christ, Springfield st. Chicopee. Their GSR is Randy S., his number is XXX-XXX-XXXX, email is [XXXXX](#). This grp contributes to the pie, most of their positions are filled. They also do outgoing/incoming commitments.

The Last Way Grp. They meet on Sat @ 7-8pm @ Church of the Epiphany on Highland Ave in Wilbraham. Sherri D. is the GSR and her number is XXX-XXX-XXXX email is [XXXXX](#), the alternate GSR is Karen R. This grp gives to the pie chart 4 times a year. The only position filled is GSR, they have no commitments or institutions. The grp format has changed It is still a beginners mtg however after introducing the to pic they go around the room allowing only those with less than a year share first, then they go around again and those with a year or more get to share.

Wednesday Woman's New Beginnings Mtg, They meet every Wed, from 6:30-8pm or when all have had a chance to share. They read out of the Hazelden book Each Day A New Beginning, then they share on how the reading effected them. This mtg meets @ Grace Union Church @ the corner of Chapel St. and Maple St. The GSR is Angie M. her number is XXX-XXX-XXXX email is [XXXXX](#). They barely have a prudent reserve, so they don't give to the pie chart. there is no outgoing/incoming grps, and they don't do institutions. Monthly coins are given out every Wed. There is only about 10-12 members and attendance to meets is around 20.

Wonderful Normal Day Grp, meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 to 8:30 @ Church of the Epiphany on Highland Ave in Wilbraham their GSR is Angie M. her number is XXX-XXX-XXXX email is [XXXXX](#) Their financial contributions are \$80. to Western Ma Intergroup, \$60 to Area, \$40 to Institutions, and \$20 to General Service NY for a total

of \$200. Their service positions filled are GSR, PI and Intergroup, this group does back up phone service for intergroup. They do incoming and outgoing commitments, and the phoenix academy. They are a closed meeting, and give out yearly coins. they're grp anniversary is in April. They have about 14-20 grp members. They have a full house for attendance, they're business mtg is the third Sunday of the month. They give out books to newcomers and sell books too,

Area Report (May 15th) - Given by Mary, GSR's welcome o all Area 31 meetings The next one is June 12th- 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke MA. Archives and Grapevine will be at the State Convention in Nov 2013. Concept mtgs are the first Thurs of the month all are encouraged to attend. The wrap up mtg for the roundup is June 12th @ 6pm.

LCM Report- Done by Ralph - He went to the roundup, and is going to dark grps to see if they can get a GSR to represent their grps.

Mary got some contact sheets back already.

Area 31- Anne the area alternate delegate gave her report She commented on the roundup being well attended, she learned a lot, she did a workshop on area 31 and why it's needed only her and another person attended, but there's a great deal of turnover for GSR. GSRs is a two year commitment GSRs should attend an area 31 inventory mtg. Oct. 12th on the Sat. of the Fall assembly will be the area inventory. Northeast regional is June 7-9 will be about what they do in Chromewell Ct, staff members of GSO and the Grapevine will be there it is also free, and GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend . Sat. June 15th Archives will host their open house from 11-1 at 474 Pleasant st. Holyoke MA. Bob W is the new trustee @ large he will represent AA around the world, he will be very busy for the next five years. This is not a paying position but his travel expenses will be paid for. Sept. 6th there will be a bus trip to the GSO office in NY. Tickets are now on sale for \$35, but there are only about 50 tickets available! It's hosted by the young peoples committee. July 6 there will be a bonfire hosted by Western Ma young peoples committee all dates and times and addresses are available on the AA website. The planning committee for the 50th Convention is July 30th mtg at the Plantation Inn in Chicopee, their will be carpools up to the Sheraton Framingham , the convention is Nov 8th, 9th, and 10th. August 18th is the WMIG family picnic @ the Moose Family Lodge in Chicopee.

Pauline thanked Angie, Bob, and Gabriel for their participation in the roundup .

Old Business- Because it's an odd year Archives and Grapevine will go to the MA State Convention. This will be the 50th state convention. There was a discussion on if we should consider elections on Sat. rather than Sun Agenda to stay the same as it usually is- elections on Sun.

New Business- Fall assembly elections will take place on Oct 12th and 13th The 2015 international State convention in Atlanta- area 31 is considering hosting a hospitality room for that event. Mary talked about GSRs attending some of the dark grps to see if their contact info is correct. She then named off a list of dark grps to see if any of the GSRs would go to these grps Steve volunteered to read concept X! and tradition 7 next month