

Area 31/District 5 April Minutes

Bob opened the meeting at 7:30 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Rich read the role of the GSR from the Service Manual.

Secretary's report was accepted from March.

There were 22 in attendance

New GSR's and Alt GSR's introduced themselves.

Gary L., GSR, Eye Opener Step Group

Betty S., Alt GSR, Eye Opener Step Group

Ted S., GSR, Hampden Tuesday Night Group

Janet started the discussion on Chapter 7 and Bob started the discussion on Tradition 4.

Group Sharing

- **Belchertown Saturday Night Group** GSR Gae I. / Alt Ryan
No issues or concerns
- **Brimfield Hitchcock Academy Group** GSR Janet M. / Alt Lisa F.
Attendance is up. 50+. No issues or concerns
- **Chicopee Beginners Step Group** GSR Rich J.
Attendance is up and donations are down. Many members but there is a lack of Service participation.
- **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** GSR Karen R.
No issues or concerns
- **Eye Opener Group** GSR Gary / Alt Betty
No issues or concerns
- **Green Street Group** GSR Beth W.

No issues or concerns

- **Hampden Tuesday Night Group** GSR Ted S. / Alt Tony S.

No issues or concerns

- **Here and Now Group** GSR Chris B.

No issues or concerns

- **Lost and Found Group** GSR

No issues or concerns

- **Miracles in the Making** GSR Jose R.

Only problem is what kind of cookies to get!

- **Morning Light Group** GSR Jerry K. / Alt Chris F.

They have newcomers that want to chair meetings but do not want to attend business meetings or help with Group responsibilities. Attendance is up and the group donated, and will be maintaining, a literature rack at the Chicopee Seniors Center. This is a program called "Sponsor a Rack" that is promoted by the PI Committee (Public Information)

- **Randall Group** GSR Catherine P.

No issues or concerns

- **South Hadley 12 & 12 Group** GSR / Alt Walter J.

Discussing Anniversary plans.

- **Wilbraham Monday Night Group** GSR Jake F.

No issues or concerns

- **Wonderful Normal Day Group** GSR Elizabeth C.

No issues or concerns

LCM Report:

- No report

MSCYPAA Bid Committee

John attended our meeting to explain a little about MSCYPAA (Mass State Convention of Young People in AA) and ask for support. John defined young people as anyone who has room to grow! MSCYPAA has never been held in our area and they are very excited at the possibility of hosting this event. They meet on the 3rd Sunday from 3 to 5pm at our Intergroup Office and invite all to attend. He is also willing to come to your Group to explain about MSCYPAA. Contact John for more info. XXX-XXX-XXXX

WMYPAA

Lina attended our Meeting to explain a little about WMYPAA (Western Mass Young People in AA) and is also looking for support. WMYPAA hosts a variety of events throughout the year to support young people in AA (See description of young people above). They organize bus trips to GSO, bon fires, dinners, Archives events and more. They meet the 2nd Saturday at 11:30am at Intergroup. All are welcome! They are also willing to come to your Group to explain more. Contact Lina for more info. XXXXX@XXXX.XXX

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- We went through some Group forms and asked for help updating them.
- Bob asked for some ideas for topics for our Workshop. Some ideas were Primary Purpose, Safety in AA and Being of Service. The Workshop will probably be held sometime in the Fall.
- District 5 has an Alkathon meeting slot at the Round Up on Saturday, June 5th at 5:30pm. The topic is "Getting Sober Doesn't Mean Your Life is Over – The Young Person in AA" and Gae volunteered to lead that Meeting.

Rich volunteered to lead the discussion on Chapter 9 next month and Gae volunteered to lead the discussion on Tradition 5

Meeting closed at 8:40 with "I am Responsible"

Yours in Service

Rich J.