

Area 31/District 5 May Minutes

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

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

Secretary's report was accepted from April.

There were 21 in attendance

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

Mark, GSR, Wilbraham Friday Night Group

Renee, GSR, Lost and Found Group

Rich started the discussion on Chapter 9 and Bob started the discussion on Tradition 5.

Group Sharing

- **Chicopee Beginners Step Group** GSR Rich J.
No issues or concerns
- **Chicopee Group** GSR Eddie B.
They have 3 meetings on Tuesdays. 10am is standing room only and 6pm is well attended. Their 7:30pm meeting is not well attended, mostly long time members. They have no Group issues.
- **Cold Springs Group** GSR Billie B.
They are celebrating their 41st Anniversary on June 11th. Food @ 6pm and Speakers @ 7:30. All are welcome.
- **Do or Die Group** GSR Keith K.
Weekly attendance 60+. They have about 10 active group members. They just had their 10 year anniversary and have no issues.
- **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** GSR Karen R./ Alt Mark R.
They have a tentative date of June 14th for their 24 year anniversary.

- **Eye Opener Group** GSR Gary / Alt Betty
No issues or concerns
- **Green Street Group** GSR Beth W.
No issues or concerns
- **Live Love and Laugh Group** GSR Chris K. / Alt Joe D.
They are celebrating their 30th Anniversary on June 12th. They will have a out of town speaker from 6:30 – 7:30pm and food and fellowship to follow. Group continues to thrive.
- **Lost and Found Group** GSR Renee L.
Group is looking for suggestions on how to get members to be more involved. Like getting members to stay for business meetings and taking on service positions within the group.
- **Miracles in the Making** GSR Jose R.
No issues or concerns
- **Randall Group** GSR Catherine P.
No issues or concerns
- **Thank You Thursday Group** GSR Randy S.
Membership and participation is very low.
- **Wonderful Normal Day Group** GSR Elizabeth C.
No issues or concerns

LCM Report:

- No report

Delegate's Report:

Anne talked about NERF (Northeast Regional Forum) and encouraged all to attend. This is a forum put on and attended by the staff at GSO. She stressed the fact that GSO wants to hear all questions, comments and concerns from individual AA members. GSR's should attend so they can learn all that they can in the 2 years they have as GSR's. NERF will be held Friday, May 29, 2015 - 12:00pm to Sunday, May 31, 2015 - 12:00pm in Albany NY. Registration is free and encouraged so they can get an idea of how many people will be attending.

She also talked about the responsibility that GSR's have to attend District meetings, spring and fall assemblies and the Round up. These are important events to attend so our groups can stay informed as to what is happening in AA.

Old Business:

- District 5 workshop will be held on Oct 17th at 474 Pleasant St. Bob will get speakers for the workshop.

New Business:

- A member asked for the District's opinion on a situation. A supporter had come to a meeting intoxicated and when leaving, refused to give up their keys. Should the police have been called? There was some discussion on this. It was explained that the District and AA as a whole has no opinion on outside issues but some shared their individual opinions. Such as, we have a responsibility as citizens to stop this, AA is not a sanctuary for criminal activity.
- There was some discussion as to why the District 5 minutes were not being posted on the Area website. Our DCM Bob asked that they be posted, and they will.

Bob volunteered to lead the discussion on Concept 6 next month and Jose volunteered to lead the discussion on Tradition 6

Meeting closed at 8:35 with "I am Responsible"

Yours in Service

Rich J.