

## Area 31 District 5 GSR Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2016

NEXT MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 4th AT 7:30 pm

11 GSRs Present and 2 Guests, Alternate Delegate, Mike & Intergroup Chair, Tamara. Also present, were DCM, Angie, Co-DCM, Jerry and LCM, Scott.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and opened with the Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer.

\* New GSR present was Bill from the Brimfield Tri-Area meeting, Monday Night.

- Discussion was had about any concerns presented at business meeting. Green Street Monson Group is having group conflicts with the Primary purpose. There are some group members who feel this group is not welcoming to people with problems other than alcohol. It was shared that everyone is welcomed to the group but cannot join the group and share about problems other than alcohol (conflicts with following the blue card). The group had appropriate discussion on this matter, suggesting passing out the pamphlet, problems other than alcohol and open meetings anyone is welcomed.

### \*\*\* Group Anniversaries

Cold Spring Group: Belchertown Thursday Night 43rd Anniversary

Thursday, June 23rd 6pm to 7:15pm: food and fellowship

7:30 to 8:30pm meeting

Chicopee Beginner's Step Meeting 31st Anniversary

Wednesday Night, 56 Springfield St. June 29th Starts at 6:15pm

### Group Discussions

- \* Attracting new comers.
- \* Brimfield Tri-Area Group is having a lot of young new comers and they are staying. The group continues to grow.
- \* Ludlow Group had Group Anniversary and passed out anniversary envelopes and was able to contribute additional money for the GSO.

\*Mike, Alternate Delegate: discussed the process of having Service Committee Members chair an incoming meeting at your home group. Email Sue, Area Chair at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org). Please give her at least one month to organize this incoming commitment. Check out the area website to see minutes from all the area committees and district meetings. Also available on the website is the area calendar.

\* District 6 is holding a workshop on June 25th from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Western Mass Hospital in Westfield. Workshop will discuss information on how can service work be rewarding? Why can't service position be filled at the home group? And What is a service sponsor?

\* MSCYPAA being held on August 5 to 7th in Springfield at the Sheraton Hotel

\* GSR Slide show presentation: Mike informed the group that he can present this slide show at any of the GSR meetings.

\* Area can facilitate a group conscience at a business meeting. Groups need to contact area chair to organize and set up this meeting. Contact [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org).

\* Group anniversaries can utilize the Grapevine and Archives Boards, just contact the appropriate committees.

\* Concept Meeting, 1st Thursday of the month, 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke at 7pm.

Tamara, Western Ma Intergroup Chair

\* AA Intergroup Picnic: August 28th at the Moose Club in Chicopee. If any group wants to put together a basket for the raffle, they can. Please do not use 7th Tradition Money. The money made from this raffle helps pay for this picnic. More information to come.

\* Group anniversaries: groups can contact Intergroup office, at least a month in advance, to receive flyer announcing the anniversaries. Email the Intergroup office to put the information of these group anniversaries on the website.

\* New when and wheres are available, sunshine yellow.

\* Donations have been great. The more money that comes in the more the Intergroup can help others.

\* Phone coverage; if your group is assisting with this coverage, it is important to hand in the list the Wednesday before coverage.

\* Intergroup Meeting 2nd Thursday of the month at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke at 730pm.

Mass State Convention Planning Meeting at the Sheraton in Framingham. Last Tuesday in July. Car pool from the Plantation Inn in Chicopee Burnett Road. Meet at 545pm leave at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: New format of meeting. Any feedback or suggestions, please present to group.

NEXT MEETING DISCUSSION QUESTION

GSRS are asked to present this question to their home group and have a discussion and then present response at the District Meeting.

\* Do all AAs know about the district meetings and do they know they can attend these meetings?