

District 5 GSR Minutes for October

10 Group GSRs were present
DCM and LCM
Area Visitor Sue Area Chair was also present

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Jerry, DCM, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

New GSRs present: Kim from the Friday night South Hadley and Deborah from the Chapter 2 meeting in Ludlow, Nil from the Here & Now Group in East Longmeadow, and Jim from the Friday Night Brimfield Academy were present.

Judy read the Role of the GSR.

Group Sharing:

- * East Longmeadow Sunday night group had their group anniversary in September. There was a great turn out and it was well attended.
- * Brimfield Academy have been contributing to the pie but the contributions have not been showing on the contribution chart from GSO.
A discussion was had about the importance of groups indicating on any contribution checks provided to the area, intergroup or GSO need to have their group's GSO number on the checks. If any group is not aware of their GSO group number please follow up with Jerry at the next GSR meeting. please follow up with your group treasurer to ensure they are aware of this GSO number.
- * Belchertown Thursday night group completed a group inventory.
- * Tri-Area Group: have started giving to the pie and will continue to work on group members obtaining committee commitments.
- * Ludlow Group, Ann Marie: indicated the are several new group members, some old members and some new young members.
- Here & Now: indicated there are a lot of group members but it a lot are attending business meetings. Group inventory will be conducted soon.

Group Discussion: Tradition 10- AA has no opinion on outside issues, hence AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

- * Inclusive vs. Exclusive
- * Unity
- * Opinions are for individuals to have not to be brought into an AA meeting.
- * Singleness of purpose- Help another alcoholic.
- * Every group should be concerned with the newcomer- what are they hearing? Seeing when first coming to a group? Do they feel welcomed?

Visitor, Sue, Area Chair

- * She indicated that she is responsible for sharing and knowing what is going on in the Area.
- * Area chair can assist with group inventory, contact her at areachair@area31aa.org. Past delegates will be available to coordinate and conduct a group inventory. Email her to request assistance with group inventory.
- * The area can come out and put on an incoming meeting for any group, to discuss their involvement with service work and how this work has enhanced their sobriety.
- * These meetings are available to anyone in AA to help gain an understanding of the concepts and

traditions.

Concept meetings 1st Thursday and Traditions Meetings 3rd Wednesday at 474 Pleasant Street (intergroup office).

In addition to attending all district meetings (monthly) GSRs are responsible for attending the following:

* Mass State Convention ~ Weekend of Service and Fellowship November 11, 12, and 13th. In Framingham, MA.

* Fall assembly held at the United Congregational Church in Holyoke at the corner of Appleton and Maple Street. October 15& 16th. Saturday the 15th from 10 am to 4 pm. In the morning break out groups will discuss: how does my Position carry the AA message? And how do I carry the message of AA? During lunch time: Representative from CPC, PI, and Accessibility will discuss what they do to carry the message of AA? In the afternoon, will come together to discuss the conversation in the morning break out groups. Sunday the 16th will conduct the Area meeting: all area committees will have a 6 month over view.

* Spring Assembly held in Holyoke at the United Congregational Church. More Information to come.

* Western Mass Round Up: June 9, 10, and 11th. Held at the LaQuinta Hotel in Springfield.

New Business

~ Elections will be held at the November GSR district meeting. Positions available are Co-DCM, LCM, and district secretary.

~ Group service numbs - if group treasurers are unaware of their group GSO group numbers please follow up with Jerry at the next district meeting.

~ District 5 to hold a district workshop in January - it was requested of the GSRs to follow up with their groups about what topics would the group's like to have focused on for this workshop. Bring topics back to the next district meeting.

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE ON November 7th at 7:30 pm.

Reading and discussion for next month's meeting:

Tradition 11 ~ Kim

Concept 4 ~ Renee