

## Area 31 District 5 November GSR MTG Minutes

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

New GSRs present: Mike from the Morning Light Grp. In Chicopee.

John from the Chicopee Group

Chet from the Brimfield Academy Group.

12 GSRs were present at the meeting.

Mark Area Delegate was also present.

\* Mike read the GSR role from the AA Service Manual.

### Group Sharing

\* Tim, Free for Today Group. Shared his group conducted a group inventory about a month and a half ago, which went well. The group has been working on working on Improvements.

The group had to implement the spirit of rotation for the group treasurer. The group has been discussing and working on obtaining a detox commitment.

\* John, Chicopee Group meets Tuesday's at 10 am and 6 pm at St. Stan's. Currently the group does not have a bookie and has sparse committee members. Personality concerns but the group is working through this.

\* Mark, Wilbraham Group meets on Fridays. No concerns.

\* Ann Marie, Thursday night Ludlow Group. No concerns.

\* Scott, Cold Springs Group in Belchertown. Group needs new GSR. Elections will be held next month. Change of format for ending the meetings. Chair person of the meeting will determine how the meeting ends, which prayer to say.

\* Bill, Brimfield Friday night Group. Gave to the pie chart last month, attendance has increased about 30 to 35 people, and there are no concerns.

\* Chris, Morning Light Group in Chicopee, meets Mondays - Saturdays. Mike rolling into the GSR position. Possible format change.

\* Kim, South Hadley Friday Night Group. Group inventory may be completed in December.

\* Jim, Brimfield Academy Group meets on Fridays. Very active group. Chet will be the new Alternate GSR. Working on filling service positions. Suggested having Area committee members complete an incoming commitment to share their experience, strength and hope and how service has help with this.

\* Andy, Green Street Monson Group. Elections were held at the end of October and all positions are filled.

\* Renee, Saturday Night Belchertown Group. Elections will be held at the business mtg in November. A descriptive synopsis of all service positions will be available to members at this mtg to help promote service work.

Kim reviewed Tradition 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always to maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Kim discussed how she utilized the books; AA Comes of Age and Language of the Heart, to help obtain a better understanding of the Traditions. She also discussed humility and how we individuals of AA are the guardian of AA, to ensure AA is here for the next alcoholic.

some other group members discussed, keeping AA out of the spotlight, Concerns with Facebook and the lack of maintaining this tradition with social media.

Renee discussed Concept 4: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a tradition "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Mark, Delegate, provided some light on this concept for the group. He indicated that there are 134

people who can vote in the GSO. Everyone in a home group has the opportunity to participate. In the Area and District, any one can participate at this level but only committee members, DCMs, GSRs are able to vote.

\*\*\*\*\*Last month it was asked to inquire with your home group about possible topics for District 5 Workshop. 2 Suggestions: Attraction versus Promotion and Acceptance. It was asked again for this question be presented again to the home groups and bring back suggestions to next month's meeting.

Visitor: Mark, Area 31 Delegate:

- \* Discussed how contributions are up 8%, working hard to be self supporting, membership not increasing, due to the numerous amounts of self help programs.

- \* NERAASA 2017 one topic to be presented is Supporting our future not only financially.

- \* Mark indicated that he attends the Sunday Morning, 10:30, Scrambled Eggs Group at Providence Hospital. He stated he will make himself at the end of the mtg to anyone who is interesting in finding out more information about service positions or concepts.

Fall Assembly: Business meeting. 1. An deaf AA member was interested in having a pamphlet available to the deaf members. This member put together this information and Mark was able to present and be approved by this Area. 2. The Area nominated Sally to be the new Trustee at Large.

Jerry discussed:

- \* This month's Grapevine talks about the AA Traditions "The Traditions our Protection".

- \* Any GSR has any questions or concerns please come to the DCM, or Co-DCM.

- \* There Will be a banquet for Bill W., current Trustee at Large. Banquets held on Jan. 14th at the Eats mountain Country Club in Westfield. More information to come, next month tickets and flyers will be available, \$35 a ticket.

Report of the District #5 Mtgs to the Area at the Fall Assembly:

- \* New members to the district meetings and they are continuously attending the meetings.

- \* The district mtgs are more dialog vs. monologue.

- \* Questions of the month, bringing these back to the home groups. This is promoting more participation between the home group and district meetings.

- \* Suggestion: bring alternative GSRs to the district mtgs.

District 5 ELECTIONS

- \* Co-DCM: Renee

- \* Secretary: Ann Marie

- \* LCM: Scott

NERAASA 2017 will be held on February 24th to 26th, held in Framingham.

NEW BUSINESS: GSR presentation completed at a District meeting or at a workshop.

Question of the month: Topics for the District 5 Workshop and Principles over personalities.

Reading for next month: Tradition 12: Mark

Chapter 3 District and DCM: Jerry

JERRY DON'T FORGET: contact PI, CPC and Accessibilities for informational packets.