

DISTRICT 5 AREA 31 GSR MEETING

February 6, 2017

Jerry opened the meeting at 7:30 with a moment of silence, and serenity prayer.

13 GRS present, 1 Alternate GSR, and 2 visitors.

New GSR's

Michael: Hampden Group, Tuesday Night

Shirley: Wilbraham Friday Night

Chris: Chicopee Beginners

Rene read "The role of a GSR" from the service manual page S26

Ann Marie: read the secretary's report

Scott: LCM reported that he has been going to inactive groups spreading the message how important a GSR is to the group. He went to Hampden Group, and was happy to see Michael as the new GSR present at the meeting. Wilbraham Sunday night he said their group member were going to discuss it at their business meeting. They did not feel the need for Scott to go to the business meeting.

He also went to Monday night Thorndike meeting, they said they don't have enough group member to fill the position. He's trying, good work Scott.

Rene: read Chapter 1 Concepts. She make a poster to explain the upside down triangle.

AA Groups are at the top, groups for district 5 are, Belchertown, Brimfield, Chicopee, Longmeadow, Granby, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, South Hadley, Thorndike, Three Rivers, Ware and Wilbraham.

Next was GSR groups. We are district 5

Next was districts area 31 has 6 districts

Next Area Assembly Spring and Fall

Next Delegates to General Service Conference

Last is General Service Board, the is where people are employed at the GSO.

Kim: From the Eye Opener read Tradition 2. For the group purpost there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

She brought it back to her group and they all express that no one person is in charge that each member is equal. It is up to the group to believe in a higher power to make decisions.

GROUP SHARE

Andy: Green Street, Thursday night Monson 6:15-7:15 Beginners, and speaker at 7:30

Their group gives monthly contributions, all service positions are filled, have both incoming and outgoing and institutions. No issues

Bob: Randall, St. Andrews Longmeadow, Thursday at 7:30, and Sunday Beginners 1:00 followed by speaker at 2:00. Give to the pie quarterly, GSR, Intergroup, and Institutions are filled. Outgoing to Jerico Step, and institution to Howard St. and Carlson. Thursday night meeting is a the new time of 7:30, they had approx. 40 people
Group's 62nd Anniversary on February 26th. Would like to get boards from archives.
No issues.

Kim: South Hadley Friday Night. 6:00 Beginners, 7:30 speaker
Group gives to all entities, positions filled chairperson, treasurer secretary, intergroup, institutions. Incoming February 17th Holyoke Step, no outgoing for February March 9th Outgoing to Randall Group, Incoming March 17th .
She express that they have low attendance at the 2nd meeting the speaker meeting. Beginner's meeting will bring in a large group. For speaker only about 10 people attend. New member just joined. Group voted to compensate monetarily for attending NERASSA.

Bill: Brimfield Tri Area Group, Monday at 7:30. Going to be giving financial contributions next month. Secretary, Treasure, Intergroup, and GSR are filled.
Group's 42nd Anniversary April 10th 630 coffee, and snacks, Speaker, and then food.
Requesting for Grapevine for the boards

Chris: Chicopee Step 123, Wednesday 7:30. Financial contributions \$50.00 to the pie, majority of positions are filled. Incoming 3rd Wednesday, Institutions 4th & 5th Saturday at the Phoenix House. Group has been talking about if people who identify as an addict should they be able to join the group?

Tony: Chicopee Step 123, Alternate GSR

Kyler: East Longmeadow, Sunday Night 6:30-7:30 St Michaels Community Center
Give to the pie and AA World Service, all positions are filled.
Monthly incoming 1 per month, institution Carlson 2nd Monday each month.
Group is will be planning to do a Group Inventory this year (2017)
A lot of new comers, and they are taking groups to chair, *GOOD*
What he does with the group question is when he gives the report, he reads the question at new business they discuss the question.

Phil: Doe or Die, Wednesday 7:00 pm Elm St. E. Longmeadow. Contribute bi-monthly to the pie, and most positions are filled. Do have an incoming and outgoing commitment. No issues.

Shirley: Friday Night Wilbraham, Chapel St Wilbraham

Contribute to the pie, some positions are filled. They have incoming and outgoing, Institutions, Carlson Detox and Ludlow Jail. Approximently 70 member, many group members attend commitments. No issues.

Michael: Hampden Group Tuesday night 7:30

He is a the new GSR, group seems to be in good shape, business goes well.

Kim: Eye Opener, Ludlow Friday Night 7:00-8:30,

Financial contributions to the pie, have incoming and outgoing every month. Institution Carlson Detox once a month Saturday morning. Always getting new comers, purchased new book to be able to give out to the new comer, and to provide better quality and reading at the meeting.

John: Chicopee Group Thursday 10:00am and 6:00pm

Financial contributions to the pie, Institutions Detox 1st Thursday of the month. No issues.

Neal: Hear and Now, Wednesday 8:30-9:30 E. Longmeadow St Mark's

At this time they are not giving to the pie, group is struggling paying the rent.

Positions filled: Chairperson, secretary, institutions, GSR and Intergroup filled.

It's a 2 speaker meeting, the group is still struggling paying \$50.00 per week rent, group member

Have been helping. Jack H. will be speaking at the workshop on traditions 1,2, and 3.

Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday 7:30-8:30 St Paul's

Financial contributions to the pie when funds are available. Positions filled PI, GSR, Intergroup.

Have incoming and outgoing once a month. Detox on the 5th Wednesday of the month, when there are 5 Wednesdays.

Jerry shared that it would be good if GSR reps went to Group's Anniversary's.

Thanked Rene and Kim for their readings, and reports. How important the upside down triangle is, and the how true the higher up on the triangle the more people you serve. Shared about an experience at his group about a certain person, and the group conscious talked about it, to let him keep coming. As it turned out he was order from the church not to return. The group had nothing to do with it.

He also shared about his experience going to NY. He described it as very spiritual, he was totally amazed by how it works.

Visitors: Mark Area Delegate:

The area delegage goes to NY with other delegates with our area thoughts. He is our voice in NY.

Suggested that when we speak at a meeting we should talk about service and how it's part of our recovery. "Service with a Smile" Concepts are all based on tradition 2. If you would like to talk to him about something, he always goes to Sunday Morning Scrambled Eggs Group in Holyoke, he would gladly meet with you after the meeting to discuss anything with him.

Visitor: CPC Shirley: Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Shirley was present to share her experience as CPC chair. . She shared that in the past 34 years of her recovery she has had 2 spiritual awakens, 1st was going to AA, and her 2nd one was when she got involved in service work.

CPC speak to professions who deal with alcoholics, doctor, directors of half way houses, councilors, and various professionals. What they do is give them a brief history of AA, tell the story of Bill and Bob. She also shared that there ate 2 million sober people from AA.

Suggest that professions who deal with Alcoholics that they should attend meeting. So that they have a better understand of meeting and how AA works.

New Business:

The workshop that is scheduled for February 11th.

Old Business:

Andy was wondering the status of the discussion from approximenty 6 months ago about changing the time of the area meeting to 7:00. He made a motion to change to 7:00. Scott reminded everyone that we did discuss this, and we are to bring it back to our group. That we should not make this change unless the groups are aware of this, and we need groups input. He also said that it needs to be discussed with the area meeting.

Motion was made to table this matter to next month, and the GSR's go to their group for their input.

Mark (Area Delegate): stated that when we took on the position of GSR we knew what time the meeting was at, and we should arrange our schedule to the meeting.

Jerry also stated it does take time to change things in AA, so let's get the work out and table it to next month.

Need readers for next month; Tradition 3 and Concept 2.

Meeting was called to end at 9:15.

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