

DISTRICT 5 AREA 31 GSR MEETING

June 5, 2017

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

8 GSR present, Rene and Jerry were also present along with Mike Alternate Delegate.

New GSR: Russ from Saturday night Belchertown, he is the new alternate GSR.

Secretary report read by Ann Marie.

Readings:

Rickie read and shared on Tradition 6.

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Bill read and shared on Concept 6

Why do we need a Conference: Referenced from the AA Service Manual. Pages S11 Birth of the Conference, page S16 Structure of a Conference, and Page S19, S20 Why do we need a Conference.

Bill shared World Service is like a large business selling over 1 million copies of the Big Book.

Publications contribute half of AA income, and should be run as a business not as a government.

Conference started because Bill Wilson couldn't keep up with the growth of AA after Bob passed away.

Bill prays that our trustee are doing their best.

Group Share:

Andy: Green St Thursday night Monson. All is good.

Bill: Brimfield Tri-Area Group, Had questions having 4 month of rent paid in advance, plus the group has 4 months of reserve??

Neal: Here and Now Group, East Longmeadow, St Marks Wednesday 8:30

Group is still struggling financially, member are helping out, purchasing supplies. Groups 41st anniversary June 7, 2017. Questioned other groups on how much rent they are paying.

Phil: Do or Die Group, Wednesday Night, St Paul's E Longmeadow

Pastor went to the government counsel for the church, about the group having to get liability insurance.

Was able to get it waived. The group does not have to have the liability insurance.

Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday Night 7:30 corner of Sewall & Hubbard St.

No issues at this time.

Enrique: Belchertown Saturday Night. No issues

Susan: Belchertown Friday Night, Upcoming anniversary August 5th. Checking with the group if they need any Grapevines and Books. There was a flood in the basement for now they are using the 3rd floor.

Visitor Mike Alternate Delegate:

Great to see the enthusiasm within the GSR meetings.

He went with Mark to New York for the first weekend of the Conference. He was very impressed and inspired by his visit. He was able to meet with some of the Trustees.

Trustees are classified as Class A trustees, 7 trustees make up this class, which are non-alcoholics, along with the other Trustees. Part of the make up of the Class A Trustee are Federal Judge, Doctor, and other professional people.

He also shared he meet people from all over the country, and how in Alaska they depend on snow mobiles, and dog sleds to get to meeting.

Talked about the Round Up that was coming up the weekend of June 9, 10, and 11th.

Theme for 2018 Conference is "AA a Solutions for all Generations.

New Business:

Rene shared upcoming events:

August 26th Grapevine

District 1 Workshop July 29th Sacred Heart Church, Springfield

District 3 Berkshire will be having a workshop in September, more information to come

District 4 Greenfield is also having a workshop in September.

Planning meeting for the State Convention. Rene is the Chair of the West.

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Reading for July: Concept 11 Jerry and Tradition 7 Russ

Discuss about Workshop for November, Susan suggested Safty

Closed the meeting at 8:56 with I am responsible.