

Minutes

Area 31 – District 6

GSR Meeting

February 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by District 6 DCM, Jim S. at 7:30 PM at the Alano Club in Agawam, MA.

Present at the meeting were:

Invited Guests:

Anne F.-Area 31 Alternate Delegate

Co DCM's

Jim S.

Carl H.

Secretary

Peter C.

GSR's

Clint M.-Thursday Men's Big Book-Enfield, CT

Tom S.-Observer

Aaron G.-Think Group-Southwick, MA

Wayne M.-It's Getting Better Group-Westfield, MA

Wendy S.-Westfield Tuesday Night Group-Westfield, MA

Tara P.-Saturday Women's Meeting-Westfield, MA

Paul G.-Suffield Men's Discussion Meeting-Suffield, CT

Erick M.-Enfield Young People's Group-Enfield, Ct

Peter C.-East Mountain Group-Westfield, MA

Group Reports: All GSR's gave reports on news from the groups they represent. Included in the announcements of upcoming Group Events was the Suffield Men's Discussion Meeting's 41st anniversary meeting on April 14, 2013. Food and fellowship from 5-7 PM followed by a two speaker (AA & Al-Anon) meeting. All are welcome.

The Saturday Women's Meeting in Westfield will be celebrating its one year anniversary. The meeting continues to grow.

Issues for discussion from the group reports included low attendance at business meetings, lower donations, and conflict between older and newer members of a home group. This last topic was discussed by all later in the meeting.

DCM Report: the DCM Report on the February Area Meeting was given by Carl H. Carl reported on upcoming events including:

NERAASA-February 22-24, 2013. Lancaster, PA

Area 31 Archives Open House-March 23, 2013. 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA

Area 31 Mini-Conference and Spring Assembly-April 13-14, 2013. 395 High St. Holyoke, MA

Area 31 Round Up-May 18-19, 2013. Clarion Hotel. West Springfield, MA

Jim S. pointed out that GSR's are supposed to attend the Spring and Fall Assemblies and the Round-Up. A discussion about what these events are followed but were cut short so that we could proceed to the Area Alternate Delegate's presentation which would include these topics.

District 6 will be responsible for two workshops at the Round-Up; Sponsorship and Step 1. We will discuss our plans in March.

Alternate-Delegates Report: Anne F Gave the Power Point presentation on the GSR. Much discussion followed as newer GSR's had many questions

Anne also displayed and discussed the Area 31 Website; area31aa.org.

Old Business: We will continue to consider sponsoring a workshop in the summer.

New Business: DCM will start to send meeting minutes to the Area 31 Webmaster for inclusion on the web site.

Erick M. volunteered to summarize Concept 2 at the March district Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM with the reading of the Responsibility Pledge.