

Minutes

Area 31 – District 6

GSR Meeting

March 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:

Mark N.-Area Chairman

Karl H.- Intergroup Chairman

Co DCM's

Jim S.

Carl H.

Secretary

Peter C.

GSR's

Tom S.-Enfield Group-Holy Family- Enfield, CT

Aaron G.-Think Group-Southwick, MA

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

Wendy S.-Westfield Tuesday Night Group-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

Ann L.-Tuesday Women's Meeting-Enfield, CT

Al C.-Southwick Noon Meeting-Southwick, 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.

Issues for discussion from the group reports included how well we welcome the newcomer at their first meeting, attendance that dwindles in the summer, the struggle to get group members active in group affairs, and arguments at business meetings.

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

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

Service Workshop-April 6, 2013, Lennox, 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

GSO Road Show June 7, 2013 at the Crown Plaza in Cromwell, CT

Carl reported that 150 people attended the WMYPAA Spaghetti Dinner

Jim S. pointed out again that GSR's are supposed to attend the Spring and Fall Assemblies and the Round-Up. Jim also reported that the District 6 GSR Meeting Minutes have been forwarded to the Area 31 Website to be included in the District News section.

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

Area Chair's Report: Mark N. reviewed GSR responsibilities, gave a report on NERASSA including a comment about diluting the message that led to much spirited discussion.

Intergroup Chair's Report: Karl reported that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to review Intergroup Guidelines and revise if deemed necessary. He also reported that Chip and coin prices will be increasing.

Old Business: We discussed our workshop topics for the Round-Up and GSR's began to volunteer for specific topics. We will continue to consider sponsoring a workshop in the summer.

New Business: We discussed the topics that came out of the GSR reports.

Erick M. Summarized Concept 2.

Al C. Volunteered to summarize Chapter 7 out of the Service Manual

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