

Minutes

Area 31 – District 6

GSR Meeting

April 15, 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:

Brian O. - Area Delegate

Co DCM's

Jim S.

Carl H.

Secretary

Peter C.

GSR's

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

Clint M.-Hazardville Men's Big Book

Tara P. – Westfield Women's Fellowship

Julie B.-Monday Night Grapevine

Matt D. -190 Group

Group Reports: All GSR's gave reports on news from the groups they represent.

Issues for discussion from the group reports included new group members who make changes to a meeting, groups that have a large number of members but only a few members at business meetings, contributions to GSO, Area not listed in reports, what should be included in Newcomer Packages, the difference between a Group Conscience and a Group Inventory, what does it mean when a GSR says, "All their positions are filled?", the role of sponsorship in getting those positions filled.

DCM Report: the DCM Report on the April Area Meeting/Spring Assembly was given by Carl H. Carl reported on upcoming events including:

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

Hot dog and bean Social June 6 at Intergroup sponsored by WMYPAA

Carl reported that two items were voted on and approved at the Spring Assembly: to make the Webmaster a non-rotating, non-voting officer of the Area Committee, and a motion that laid out the process for 3rd legacy voting at the next fall assembly. That process is:

- A. All members off the assembly stand
- B. Qualifications for the position are read
- C. Any who do not meet that qualification sit down.
- D. When all qualifications have been read, the names of all those that remain standing are placed on a board for voting.

District 6 will be responsible for two workshops at the Round-Up; Sponsorship and Step 1.

Jim S. Reported that a representative of WMYPAA would be attending the May District Meeting to give a report. Also, a second part of the GSR presentation would be upcoming.

Delegate's Report: Brian reported that he will be leaving for the General Service Conference in New York. He also gave a preview of the upcoming Round-up, and pointed out that those interested in attending the NERF should register on-line

Old Business: We discussed our workshop topics for the Round-Up. We will continue to consider sponsoring a workshop in the summer.

New Business: We discussed the topics that came out of the GSR reports. Most revolved around having a group inventory. Brian help answer questions as to how to arrange for a group inventory and how they are usually conducted.

A motion was made to allow a GSR to bring their child to a District Meeting as long as the child does not disturb the meeting. If a disturbance occurs, the DCM will ask that the

child be removed. After much spirited discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Al C. volunteered to summarize Chapter 8 of the Service Manual in May.

The Responsibility pledge was read and the Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next District 6 Meeting will be held on May 20, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

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.