

## Area 31 – District 6 GSR Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by District 6 DCM Carl H. at 7:30pm at the Alano Club in Agawam, MA.

Present at the meeting were:

- ⌚ Carl H. – DCM
- ⌚ Wayne M. – Co-DCM
- ⌚ Wendy S. – LCM

### Invited Guests:

- ⌚ Anne F. – Area 31 Delegate
- ⌚ Eddie K. – Western Mass. Intergroup Chair
- ⌚ Joseph F. – WMYPAA co-chair

### GSRs:

- ⌚ Erick M. – Enfield Young People's Group (Enfield, CT)
- ⌚ Joey L. – Secretary / Somers Sunday Night Beginners (Somers, CT)
- ⌚ Janine L. – Suffield Monday Night Beginners Grapevine (Suffield, CT)
- ⌚ Mary E.C. – Westfield Tuesday Night (Westfield, MA)
- ⌚ Brian M. – Southwick Noon Time (Southwick, MA)
- ⌚ Don F. – Westfield Primary Purpose (Westfield, MA)
- ⌚ Don H. – It's Getting Better (Westfield, MA)
- ⌚ Clint M. – Thursday Night Big Book Study (Enfield, CT)

### Group Reports:

- ⌚ Many groups had recent elections, resulting in some new GSRs and other positions being filled.
- ⌚ Erick M. – group added raffle, proceeds to go to literature
- ⌚ Brian M. – added temporary sponsor to format, encouraging new chairs & breakdown/cleanup after meeting.
- ⌚ Don F. – changed format: now accepting incoming groups.

- ⌚ Don H. – added shepherd.

**Area Report:**

- ⌚ Carl H. – NERAASA Feb 21-23, 2014 in Warwick, RI. Main hotel full, go online for overflow.
- ⌚ Wendy S. – offered room space for women who want to attend NERAASA.
- ⌚ Anne F. – described NERAASA as conference giving information on general service, particularly for GSRs.
- ⌚ Wayne M. – District 6 could do more outreach to groups without GSRs.

**Delegate Report:** Anne H.

- ⌚ GSRs are expected to attend:
  - Spring Assembly – Apr 12-13
  - Area Roundup – June 7-8
  - MA State Convention – Nov 7-9
- ⌚ aa.org is now accepting preorders for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary replica of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Big Book for \$12+s/h.
- ⌚ 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grapevine is this year as well.
- ⌚ 2015 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AA, the International Convention will be held July 2-5 in Atlanta, GA.
- ⌚ GSO has put out information on anonymity online.
- ⌚ Public Information is looking for video submissions from young people.

**Intergroup Report:** Eddie K.

- ⌚ westernmassaa.org has the latest updates.
- ⌚ Preorder 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Replica of 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Big Book at Intergroup office for discounts.
- ⌚ New When & Where anticipated Jan 24.
- ⌚ Intergroup meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, bookie meeting at 7pm.
- ⌚ Looking for people for the backup list for the hotline – they will tailor to your schedule.
- ⌚ Officers available to come to meeting for a service commitment.
- ⌚ You can now order online via PayPal.

**WMYPAA:** Joseph F.

- ⌚ Had elections in January.
- ⌚ WMYPAA meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:30am.

**LCM:** Wendy S.

- ⌚ Wants to attend business meetings without GSRs for outreach.
- ⌚ Workshop topic for District 6 at 2014 Area Roundup is “Lifting the Burden.” – Schedule to be released. Carl H. will ask what that means at the next Area 31 meeting.

**New Business:**

- ⌚ Erick M. – bring a friend to the GSR meeting!
- ⌚ Carl H. – summarized chapter 2 from the Service Manual: The Group and it's GSR.
- ⌚ Brian M. – volunteered to summarize concept 1 at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Feb 17, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Alano Club in Agawam, MA.

The Responsibility Pledge was read and the meeting was adjourned.