

Area 31- District 6 GSR Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2015

Erik DCM

Wayne DCM

Joey L LCM

Jenny A Somersville BB GSR /Secretary

Joe D Suffield Mens GSR

Laura O Enfield Womens GSR

Jodie B Hazardville Sat night GSR

Joey D Somersville Sunday night GSR

Tim S Sat Night Holy Family Enfield GSR

Tonya B Its getting better group Westfield GSR

Brian M Southwick Nooner GSR

Ed L Alano GSR

Joe B Westfield primary purpose GSR

Jeff L Enfield YP

GSR Reports-

Jenny- group voted on participating with PI new information rack in a facility.

Ed-No new business

Joe- Mens meeting, they have outgoing commitments, fill intergroup phone slots when available

Joe Westfield BB step 1-12/ foundation 1-3 new GSR

Laura Enfield Womens no new business; things going well

Jodie Enfield Saturday 190 elections in May

Joey Somervilles beginners meeting, new GSR

Wolf –Enfield YP, new visitors from instate and outstate, incoming and outgoing speaking commitments, going well

Tim- Saturday Enfield 7-8 and 815-9 new GSR group hasn't had GSR in a long time.

Bryan Southwick Nooner; celebrating anniv this sat, didn't announce as space is limited this Sunday@ 2, Little concern about cross talk other than that, running smoothly

Tanya- Its getting better, open speaker at 730. Everything is going well, nothing new, had elections, fowler unit monthly commitment-they are needed up there providing when and where's, and bb to the units, when they get out they are coming to the meeting

Todd- Granville Mondays, speaking commitments, elections coming up, regular attendance, everything going well

Visitors Jeff, Ken, John

**** New GSRs to fill out new forms****

-Guests

Anne F-Delegate

Eddie K-Intergroup

Carl-Ad Hoc Committee

Anne-

Welcomed new GSRs as its where her service started.

End of this month board weekend trustees getting together. Where conference agenda items are set and will be informed shortly after and that will be shared with us at the area mini conference

Spring Assembly March 28th 10am-4pm and March 29th 1-5pm to vote on behalf of group on area business

June at 7th at round up; report back from general service conference

Fall assembly 3rd weekend of October

NERAARSA event not required strongly encouraged to attend for GSR, share same service job, learn more about conference agenda items Somerset NJ Feb20-22

Next year 2016 Western MA will host NERAASA, if you would like to be of service all are welcome to attend committee meeting

-Area meeting notes

Eric-attended first area meeting

Modifications are being made to area handbook, archives working on going digital, Mark our PI chair is looking for people during the days to go into schools must have 6 mths sharing the message at schools- see Eric for more info, area committee can be reached at www.area31aa.org

-Carl

Ad Hoc

Redistricting committee/ looking into if its necessary to redistricting, district 3 is geographically large for example, some districts have a lot of grounds to cover and its tough for LCMs and DCMs to get out to those groups to have a GSR for attendance, possibly to increase participations of GSRs. Committee looking to see if districts have any ideas for redistricting. Looking for input over next month or two. Ea district has a page in website. 40-60 groups in each district. Fall assembly in our service manual it says an ideal size of 8-20 groups in a district. If there's 45 groups in district 6 how do we encourage more participation, if there was a smaller distance within a district would it increase participation? DCM has a list of groups in the district of number of groups. Structure of area 31 is different as it's smaller than others areas.

Joe- noted that many GSRs tonight are from the CT. Noted that there is an attitude of service for increase in attendance.

Wolf- Through sponsorship to get involved with service to service meetings. Service begins with sponsorship that helps build foundation

Jenny- How to engage the groups within to the district, possibly have more workshops to service understanding

Joey- redistricting, how do we reach out to the groups with such large distance, difficult to reach out to these groups with just a few people, 2 DCMs and 1 LCM of 25-30 groups in our district that need to be reached.

Anne- Not a rule that just DCM and LCM to connect with groups; other districts utilize GSR's to help make a plan to reach out.

Carl, thanked us for our feedback and would like to keep coming back, sharing the message of how service has enhanced each other's sobriety. Next ad hoc meeting is unknown.

-Eddie-Intergoup

75th Anniv BB are out. Joy is exploring possibly of ordering more. Anniv bb will only be avail until July

New when and where's avail

Big thank you to Joey L for keeping intergroup web site updated!!

westernmaa.org- PayPal is set up as office cannot take credit cards. Office will ship as well.

Phone coverage each month is very important for groups to help with when a group has a intergroup rep. Back up list w/out inter rep-work from phone as back up for phone to help someone get to a meeting.

1st holiday party was a huge success! Many kids enjoyed. A member dressed up as Santa, left over items/gifts went to a family in the program in need.

Alcathon- went well, all groups that signed up/ showed up. Donations were great to cover seed money. 5-10am breakfast was served.

Intergroup officers are avail to come into a home group as an incoming speaking commitment.

Joey L

WMYPAA, struggling, next meeting is Feb 14th 11:30am 474 pleasant holding elections could use some support.

LCM report- Last year the district tried to get reach out to our district. This year, this district to attend group's business meetings, for updated contact info and encourage attendance for new possible GSRs. More to be discussed how to roll this out.

New Business

Eric- area committee avail to come into groups to do group inv and area committee speaking opportunities

Noted that as a district we could attend the groups to encourage attendance. We could do an outgoing group to help attend.

Wayne-collecting info from area registrar on districts

Workshops for 2015, GSR to pick date and location. Last one was 10/2014. Next meeting think about a new workshop. Think about 3 topics to discuss next month to start planning a workshop.

Pick a date by knowing that other area events going on to not conflict with district planning. Also a tool for GSR's to know upcoming yearly service.

Motion pass to table a discussion on planning the next district workshop.

Wayne-Read Mark V's summary of p S1-S14 of service manual

Then next meeting is February 16th

Joe D- Chapter 11 from service manual at next meeting