

GSR Minutes February 2016

Erick opened the meeting with moment of silence and serenity prayer at 7:31 PM

Visiting Paul alternate delegate; Tamara – intergroup

Jenny – LCM & Sonya Co-DCM

Mike & Kara New GSR's

Rick Suffield Men's closed discussion 75 members+ Great turnout a lot of sponsorship, spirituality

Ray Men's Thurs Night BB study Group closed men's bb study Offer sponsorship; In depth

Mark Monday night Suffield Speaker end of each month

Joe Alt for Monday night

Mike – Enfield Young people's sporadic 20 -80; Sponsorship available

Josh Alt Sommersville beginners Sunday Night

John Sommersville Sunday night beginners; younger crowd; kid tolerant 20 – 40;

Brian East of the River Group. MWF Holy Trinity; Began to give out chips and give out BB to those who need it.

Wolf – Tuesday night Men's; Group Inventory – went well. Will develop a format for the chair to run the business meeting to keep things in line. A lot of sobriety and a lot of new comers. Anniversary April 17th will allow women

Kara – Women's meeting Tue Enfield St. Bernards; 30 – 35; speaker every other; daily reflections other weeks. Chips; raffle; phone list given to newcomers.

Paige – Sommersville Thursday Night BB Congregational church 15- 30 people; Read 164 pages; do some of the stories in the back. Do not give out chips.

Ed – Alano nooner meeting M-F; Need Alternate; Howard Street now bringing folks; Hope Center still attending.

Gene – Alt for

Tom – Road to Recovery Group; Sun 6 PM; 25- 35 people. Varied format; Every third week speaker; pretty steady with

Anne East Mountain Group Friday night at 7PM; Attendance steady; all positions filled; Have alternate

Sonya –

Paul – Alternate delegate; Self support; Handout Member Services & Statistics; There are ways we can help support General Service; The cost of literature would go down if contributions went up. Area

committees doing really well – Public information going out and brings literature with them. Has gone over the budget providing information

\$3437 taken in January – Great start to the year. Birthday envelopes – have stacks at intergroup; Anyone who wants to get involved; Dates of next meetings have been distributed.

Spring assembly – Dates April 2 & 3; 9 – 4:00; 2nd Congregational Church. Maple Street and Appleton Street in Holyoke GSR gets information from the group; brings it to the spring assembly; Serve on a panel; information will be given to us ahead of time. Delegate brings things to the conference. Report of that given at the Round-up.

Tamara- Intergroup helps the groups; phone coverage 24/7; It is taking several calls out to get a call returned. If groups take phone calls- be sure to honor that. If you cannot cover let them know. There is a back-up list. They just need to know that. Literature is sold at intergroup. westernma@aa.org. If you need to update any information let them know. Events, anniversaries, if you need support – contact the office. They can provide fliers and promote on the website. Available to come to the group to discuss service work; 2nd Thursday of the month Intergroup meeting. Wants to help in any way she can.

Jenny- Lead Committee Member (LCM) Reach out to groups that do not have GSR's. Role is outreach. Reaching out to registrar to verify the list is accurate. List of our attendance; Jenny will take those out. Plan is to reach out to two in February and will report monthly. Will reach out and communicate the value of sending representatives to our GSR meeting. Bring some AA Group Information Change Form

Mass State Convention – planning has started; Meet at 6PM at the old Plantation Inn parking lot found at the end of 291 across from Mass Pike exit 6.

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center 1657 Worcester Rd. Framingham, MA

Dates; 1/26/2016; 3/29/2015; 5/31/2016; 7/26/2016; 9/27/2016; 10/25/2016 @ & 7:30

Eric – District 6; Tonya ~GSR has passed; Wayne is recovering from a very serious accident

New Business

NERASSA Pre- Register up until Wednesday; www.nerassa2016; Can register at the site. Bring someone to experience it.

PI is very active; looking for support;

Accessibility Committee – In need of Services Sign-up sheet

MYSCPA – Will be held August 5, 6, 7. Jen Event in Enfield; 80 people in attendance for the meeting & dance afterwards. Monthly meeting moved to Sunday of NERASSA from 3-5 @ the hotel.

Area forming AD Hoc committee – Area Inventory produced a list of items. Those items will prioritize and address. This will probably be addressed in April.

One of the items was to add a third assembly (In addition to Spring & Fall). An idea is for the District's and the Area to work together to plan workshops – pool resources.

Pie Chart is a suggestion; Groups can decide how they want to distribute it; Area 31 is the smallest area in the country but we have more meetings than most – this leaves groups struggling. Autonomy- groups can make these decisions.

If the group is struggling- is there any help available. Suggestion is to go to the District meeting and the District can bring it to the Area. They can get the word out. Group conscience to determine what they need and get support from Intergroup office.

Area can come out to share about service.

What can we bring back to the group – NERASSA; Mass State Convention – Dates to get involved; Give monthly if possible (instead of quarterly); Phone coverage;

Ray – Concept 1The final Responsibility and Ultimate Authority

Dr. Bob & Bill turned over the authority in 1955 at the International Convention; Ties in with tradition 2. AA as a whole is the ultimate authority: GSR – DCM – Area – National.

Next Month – Chapter 8 Conference Committee Josh volunteered. March 21, 2016 next meeting.

New Business – June or July possibility for 1st workshop.

Close at 9:04 with moment of silence and ***I Am Responsible.***

Next Meeting: March 21, 2016