

District 6

Minutes May, 16, 2016

Erick opened meeting at 7:30 with a moment of Silence

Anne – Secretaries report read and accepted

Group Reports: New GSR – Steve representing Whip City Nooner;

Rick – Alt GSR (Wolf recuperating from Survey) Suffield Men's 60 – 80 people; Emphasis on sponsorship and helping the newcomer.

Ray – Thursday Night Men's BB Closed meeting (30 – 40) A lot of newcomers; give BB to newcomers. Very in depth discussion. Emphasis on sponsorship.

Mark – Monday night Grapevine meeting; Read article and discuss. Alt resigned

Brian – East of the River Group; Had anniversary; Well attended; Excellent AA & Alanon

John – Sunday Night Sommersville Beginner Meeting; Younger crowd (about 40 people in attendance)

Mike – Alternate Delegate

Steve- Whip City Nooner; Meet 5 days a week; BB, Daily Reflections, Speaker, implementing Step meeting (35-55) people. Welcome the newcomer; Donate to pie chart

Tom – Road to Recovery Group; Everything is status quo; Alternate GSR

Anne – East Mt. Group; (2)

Enfield – Old Way Group: Brainyard Rd. United Methodist Church; Tues- Traditions & Thursday - Daily Reflections; New Meeting – needs some support

Sonja Area DCM Report ~

Donations to the Pie Chart please do monthly rather than quarterly; Donations from some groups have increased significantly;

Recovery High School has been added to the Institutions Committee

District 1 - Serenity Club has gone through a major clean-up both physical site and membership

District 5 – Great workshop;

Reminder to GSR – Concept meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month & Traditions Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday; Can be beneficial

Ad hoc committee on the area – they are listening to what people are putting down; solution based committee; Identify assets and challenges. Will make recommendations to the area; for example streamlining process (agenda)

Eric has Area Directory Contact information. If you need anyone's info, contact – Erick ###-###-####.

Mike – Alternate Delegate; Round-up starts Friday Night: CPC reaches out to professionals who will come in contact with. GSR presentation available – reach out to [altdelegate@area31aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area31aa.org) ###-###-####. Delegate brings back the report from the national conference.

Mass State Convention Planning– May 31<sup>st</sup>; Framingham; Carpool 5:30 – 5:45 to leave from Plantation Inn at 6:00pm. Good way to expand. GSR's are the guardians of the traditions strongly suggest attendance at the tradition meeting.

**District 6 commitment at Round-up Alkathon; Saturday -8:00am Carrying the Message**

Old Business – **District 6 Workshop**: January 25<sup>th</sup> Western Mass Hospital, Westfield 1 -4 PM

**Flier Available (attached) Please get the word out**

Area Committee – Will deliver presentation; What service has done for them; Commitment style; Ask it Basket

Looking for a GSR to volunteer to speak about what service has done for them

Why can't we fill service positions in my home group? Facilitated Discussion ~ Anne volunteered to facilitate; Time commitment; Been there done that, etc.

What is a Service Sponsor? DCM's, Past Delegates, Committee Chairs; Panel to speak on Service Sponsorship. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Mark's report will be available in written format

Requesting GSR's volunteer to bring desserts to the Workshop on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: GSR presentation – August 15<sup>th</sup> Mike will deliver the presentation at our August workshop.

Area 31 Handbook is being reprinted; the old one is available on the web site in the interim; Service Manual is available; 12 Concepts; Give detailed descriptions about the various service positions.

**GSR's will submit a brief description of their group and submit to the group Secretary. The secretary will prepare a handout containing all the information about the groups in order to streamline GSR meeting. The group reports will focus on changes and or problems.**

Concept 7 ~ General Service Board & The Conference – practical power of the conference is superior to the legal power of the board

Concept 8~ Mark will review and present for June

Bring Back

- Recovery School
- Donations & Pie Chart distribution monthly vs. quarterly
- District 6 Workshop
- Serenity Club

Close at 9PM with I am Responsible      Next Meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30