

Minutes GSR Meeting

June 20, 2016

Sonya opened meeting at 7:33 with moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Visiting: Sue – Area Chair

Jenny – LCM & Chair of MSCYPAA

Rick, Mark, Brian, Josh, John, Jenny, Elaine, Erica, Wolf, Ray, Anne

Secretary's Report – Read and Accepted

Group Concerns/Successes ~

Whip City Nooner – people who are identifying as addicts who chair/speak at meetings. Some folks take issue with this and it can be a problem.

Feedback: Can be handled at the group level at a business meeting – all groups are autonomous; GSR is the protector of the traditions – Our Primary Purpose; Can read the Blue Card (open – meeting); Can pull the person aside and have a conversation about how they identify themselves; Can request a group inventory from the area to help work out some of the kinks. Problems Other than Alcohol.

Women's Fellowship Westfield (Elaine) – Court ordered; Closed meetings must have a desire to stop drinking; Those who are doing research, family members, etc. cannot attend a close meeting.

Sunday Somersville (Josh); Old timer who cross talks, group members are concerned about cross talking; Shared Box 459 – Addressing Cross Talk "Direct Comment to Someone's share"

Enfield Group (Sat) Anniversary September 10th 6:00 PM

Eric– Area Committee Meeting

- Meeting of the DCM's (DCM's, past DCM's) Role of the DCM; Challenges and Opportunities around the District; Erick as D
- ASL friendly meeting at Serenity club; Need help with accessibilities – contact Sonya at (###)###-####
- PI groups can sponsor literature rack. Ad hoc committee getting anonymity presentation together
- Intergroup – phone coverage; Picnic at Moose Club; Basket Donations (second collection – so as not to interfere with Tradition 7)
- Berkshires Institution needs help

Supporting our Future ~

Jenny – LCM: Asking GSR's interested in visiting a group and update contact information. See Jenny outreach plan

Sue – Each month Concept Meeting 1st Thursday Traditions (3rd Wed – June will be the 29th instead); Area is doing a group commitment on June 25th in Enfield. Area meeting to see what the service committees are doing; think in terms of representing the group in various committees.

July 26 @ 7:30 Planning Meeting for Mass State Convention; Mike will be leaving from Plantation Inn promptly at 6:00. Contact alternatedelegate@area31aa.org.

Contact any area member at area31aa.org. Past delegates are available to go out and conduct a group inventory. areachair@area31aa.org

Groups who want to sign up for marathon meetings let Jenny know. www.msccypaa.com or WESTERNMASSMSCYPAA@gmail.com Rooms available \$109.00 each night.

Old Business – \$200.00

Workshop:

Pizza will be provided;

Erick & Sue Newsprint

Ask it Basket

Mark – Chips

Josh – Baked Goods

John D – 5 Liter's of Soda

Erica – Cookies

Jenny – Desserts

Anne – Dessert

Ray – Zitti

Sonya – Salad

New Business – Website Committee to come and do a presentation about using the Website.

Next Month – Starter Packets

Mark Read Concept 8

Brian will read Chapter 12 – The AA Grapevine

Bring Back:

- District 6 Workshop (See Flyer)
- Donations for Baskets (Picnic in August) Take up second collection; We can make a donation of cash or put together a basket for the raffle.
- Group Inventory – It's like a 4th step for our group. Someone from the area comes out and helps the group take an inventory. Are we interested?

- MSCYPAA Aug 5-7 Is in Springfield for the first time in 20 years.
- Area website – area31aa.org