

February 20, 2014 GSR Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Kat T.-Co-DCM, Linda B. GSR-Trials & Smiles, Michael W. GSR-Forest Park Group, Laurel L. (Former) GSR-Original Downtown Grp., Ed P., GSR- Second to None, Tyrone B. , GSR- A Better Life Group, Launa T., GSR-New Hope Group, David S., GSR-All About We, Eddie-Intergroup Guest, Paul-Area Guest.

Kat opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer @ 7:32pm.

Tradition 2 read by Michael W.

Concept 2 Read by David S.

Kat Spoke about the Area Meeting. Secretary- ??? to reimburse Area to Attend NERAASA.

Treasurer-Read Report-Trying to update GSO Directory.

Bobbie-Area Archivist updating Archives Boards Workshop

Webmaster-Increased activity on webpage

Accessibilities-Hearing impaired equipment is updated. Call 413-214 2365 if needed.

CPC-Piecing together Boards for Display.

PI-To go to Radio Show, Driver's Ed in Palmer, W. Springfield, Westfield & Springfield. Security Certificate to be purchased.

Round Up-W. Mass Round up- waiting to get forms for Round up. To be @ La Quinta Inn, in Springfield, MA

Al Anon & Hispanic Community to do meetings. Dates are June 7th & 8th

We have the Spring Assembly Coming up on April 12 & 13th in Holyoke & The Round up in June @ the La Quinta Inn Downtown Springfield June 7 & 8th. We will be doing a service commitment for the Round up more details as the time comes closer.

Institutions- Had 2 Bridge-In-The-Gap Calls

WMIG-Funds from Donations & Literature help Greatly to keep the Cost of Literature down. The 75th Edition of the Big Book is coming out in April. Give your order to the Intergroup now to Kevin, the office mng'r & you'll save \$12 on shipping & handling. Call 413-237-6667. Or go online @ westernmassaa.org with any group changes.

WMYPAA-Stepping Stones, GSO Bus Trip, St Patrick's Day Dinner.

MYSTPAA-? Conference: To WMAS "we are Not of One Lot"

Delegate-Gave Remarks

AA Conference Committee-Plan to meet every last Tues of the ODD Months @ The Framingham Shariton. Will Meet @ the Location of Old Plantation Inn @ 5:30 & 6pm to carpool across from the Turnpike @ end of I291

Motion-for \$50 for Bobbie for NERAASA. Would Like ALL Boards @ The Mini Conference.

Reports:

Linda B., GSR- Trials & Smiles- Attendance has been great. Has Pot Luck Dinner every 3rd Friday of the Month. Finances have been good & are contributing to the Pie. Have had a lot of new members, well attended. Business mtgs uneventful. Commitment once a month. Just had their elections.

Michael W., GSR- Forest Park Group- Attendance has been down somewhat for the past couple months, as are the collections. 'Afloat enough to make it for another month'. Had their 63rd Anniversary last Month on Feb 21st & didn't get as many attending as usual. Have lost a few members but two newcomers joined last month. New members will not go to outgoing commitments. So far up to date on Rent. Detox 2x/mo. @ Carlson & Providence. Outgoing when they can as they've had 5 Bookies in 6 months.

Laurel L., GSR(Filling in) Original Downtown Group-Here for Deb-Healing from surgery. The Group is now current on rent. The Treasurer & Secretary positions have been filled as well as the Chairperson. There are a few active group members, 5-6 peak, but only a couple of them drive & rely on others to get the other group members there, thus it's stressful on the other group members with vehicles if they aren't able to come, but they are managing. They will donate to the Pie once their prudent reserve is built up. Have an outgoing Commitment once a month. Detox Commitment 3rd Mon/month. Group Conscience bring up to call things what they are to make more clear communications.

Ed P., GSR- Second to None-Group is Stable/Had 6-7 new members & 1 has stayed. Having a bit of an issue with patrons of the meeting standing outside on the ramp talking. Have spoken to them several times & cont. to monitor the area. Have told them their card will not be signed if they're not in the meeting. The group has 1 outgoing commitment, outgoing commitment is meeting the night of this meeting. Attendance is stable. Finances are stable.

Tyrone B., GSR- Better Life Group- Attendance has been down a bit, but stable. Noise level on the ramp is a bit of an issue. Have spoken to the patrons & have a group member monitoring the area. Finances are good. Donating to the pie. Have an outgoing commitment once a month & @ Detox. Group is good.

Kat-Passed out Group info Change forms & we all agreed to go out to one or more groups to find out contact information & update forms before next month's meeting. Also to continue to announce the GSR meeting & give a 'Plug' for GSR meeting.

David S., GSR-All About We, Big Book-'Dating Game has Moved on from our meeting'. Attendance has been down. Twenty People instead of fifty, although the \$\$\$ did not seem to drop much in relation to drop in attendance. A Lot on Interest in the 75th Anniversary BB. Took on an Institution commitment @ Providence Detox. No One Showed except Institutions Rep & ½ members voted to take the commitment.

Eddie, Intergroup-Thank you for Donating to the Pied Chart. Donations & Literature keep the IG Running. Takes \$3,000/mo. to run the IG. Monthly IG mtg. is the 3rd Thurs of the Month @ 7:30 with the Bookie just prior to that @ 7pm. The Hotline is one of the most important things we do. Phone coverage. If you

want to fill in or volunteer, please call the office & give them your # & times of availability. Answering service is \$700/mo. down \$200/mo. Gave Report on What the Intergroup Is doing with 75th Edition book orders. Give your name to the office & your \$\$\$ of \$12/book...no S & H of \$10 as when you order it online.

One Year now since Pay Pal has been in place. Order books & ship to house.

Monthly newsletter & FYI-Use for Group Anniversaries to promote it.

westernmassaa.org- for meeting list & Northern CT-New Where & When is Red Covered.

If we know of a meeting that is no longer meeting or is defunct, please let them know. It has to be the Chairperson of the group or the GSR to confirm the status before they can take them off the list.

Officers staff Committee members for Service or Service info Meeting.

Ad hoc committee re guidelines for the Intergroup.

Also, he rolled back in as the IG Secretary. Gave IG Treasury report to show where the \$\$\$ goes. Group Donations are VERY important to the Survival of the IG & the Running of the IG. New Books are coming. For the First time the IG meeting was canceled due to weather in Feb.

Paul-Area-Commended the people that are here @ this meeting & thanked us for our Service. The Area Committee will come out to our group to do a Service Commitment & talk about Service in Recovery. Passed out form with all emails of Area Committee members. If Group is having an Inventory he has past Delegates that will come out to our group to do the meeting for us. Gave Report on the Importance of Being in Service & going to the Concepts meeting. Concepts are the Mortar that holds the Bricks(Steps & Traditions) together. First Thursday of the Month @ 7pm @ IG office. The Steps Are Important for Personal Recovery, Traditions Hold AA together & Concepts Are What Hold AA together on A Service Level. Please Get to Know them. Read from the concept pamphlet.

Spring Assembly April 12th & 13th .

Miniconference-Actual situations that will come up in NY.

GSR-Most Critical Component give Feedback.

???-How much \$\$\$ can someone Donate to AA when they Die?-LIMIT>\$3,000.00

Round Up-June 7th & 8th – Business Meeting ALL GSRs Should be @ this Business Meeting!!! Delegate>NY & gives his update of what happened @ Round Up.

MA State Convention-November-Next Planning meeting on 3/23 will leave @ 5:30 & Paul leaves @ 6.

Gave out Area Handbook & Guidelines

NERAASA was February 12 & 13th .

We closed the meeting @ 8:32pm with the “I am Responsible” Pledge.

Launa T.