

## **GSR MEETING MINUTES JULY 2014**

Attendees: Pat S. : DCM-Better Life Group, Jose R. : (observer)- Un Mundo Mejor, Ed P. : GSR-Second to None, Rogelio D. : GSR-La Luz de un milagro, Tyrone B.: GSR-Better Life Group, Michael W.: GSR-Forest Park Group, Sherri D.: GSR-When You Think You're Done..., Kim R.: (observer), When you Thin You're Done..., Kat T.: Co-DCM-Trials & Smiles, Julio C.: GSR Un Nuevo Amanecer, Anne F.: Delegate-Area 31, Launa T.: GSR-New Hope, Karl H.: WMIG.

Opened the meeting @ 7:30pm with the Serenity Prayer by Pat S. DCM.

Concept 7 Read by Sherri

Tradition 7 Read by Ed

Concept Mtg is the First Thursday of the Month

### **Area Meeting Notes:**

On 7/19 there was a service day @ The Archives to organize the Archives.

They formed an Adhoc committee to do a service manual.

On August 27 @ 7pm WMIG:

There will be a service committee to do speech to text.

This is when Accessibility meeting meets & Stenographer will be there to test the equipment.

CPC-Came to Area a few months ago for a \$200 for new Boards & went over what she asked for.

Institutions-had 14 open mtgs. Now 11 are open & mostly are Women.

WMIG- Kevin is waiting on a Heart Transplant List.

Big Book 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition is Available for \$12.

August 24<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Intergroup Picnic @ the Moose Family Center.

A Box @ the WMIG is there for Donations: Sugar, Coffee, Gifts, Gift Baskets.

If a Group wants to Donate a Gift Basket & Donate.

New format @ aa.org is more user friendly. Pamphlets addressing the paths to Spirituality.

There will be a pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality", "Circles of Love & Service"

Literature Prices are getting ready to increase. The Set price will go into effect on 10/01/14.

Planning for Mass State Convention. Next time to go out to Framingham was July 29<sup>th</sup> for the planning committee. Meet @ the former Plantation Inn @ the end of the Turnpike @ 5:30pm & 6pm. The Dates of the Convention are November 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Last Tues of odd Months.

Bridge In The Gap (B.I.G.)-Helps to gets people started from jails, institutions to meetings & on their way into recovery.

Pat S. DCM:

Voted @ Area meeting to give \$75 extra to CPC for their boards as they cost more than expected.

An Area Service person to go to St. Louis & voted to have open ended payment of expenses for him to go to St Louis.

CPC-Working with after care incarceration Program for 100 When & Where's=\$50 Vote was passed & gave them an order form.

## **REPORTS:**

Michael W.: GSR-Forest Park Group-Has Prudent Reserve. Quick to get through business meeting. No new people coming in. No A/C. Basket collections are up. Money collections are also on the increase.

Sherri: GSR-When You think you're done, start with one-Have about 30 members, 20-25 are active. Have a Howard St commitment (men & women). Donate quarterly to the pie.

Linda B.: GSR-Trials & Smiles-Doing well as a whole. Business meeting, get a lot of members to attend. Have Commitments every month. The Hope Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Pot Luck dinner every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 6:30pm for fellowship. Give to the pie. Business meetings are a little long. Money intake is up.

Julio: New Horizons- Spanish AA-BB/Speaker-Finally Finances are up...had some issues. Sent \$\$\$ to the pie this month. Have one outgoing commitment on Friday @ the Serenity Club. All the Spanish Groups Take turns to help keep the Spanish Group on Friday going. Membership is stable with few people participating to keep group open. Spanish service committee & few people participate. Hope things get better. Steve DCM in District 2 has a Workshop on Primary Purpose.

Jose: GSR-Mundo Mejor-Sunday 7-8:30pm Stp & Tradition-Rotate Service for the Spanish Commitment. Having some problems with people Not wanting to get involved or do any service work. Have a few commitments: Carlson Detox on Fridays 7p-8p, Howard St on Mondays & trying to go to Ludlow for a Spanish meeting.

Rogelio: GSR-La Luz de un Milagro-122 Clyde St Sat Night-This Group is Struggling & has THREE active group members that are keeping the group going & we rotate frequently. ALL money goes to club when we take Friday Commitment @ Serenity Club. We donate to the Pie quarterly.

Ed: GSR- Second to None- Doing Pretty good. Attendance doubled in August. A lot of new people. Many from the Salvation Army. Able to give to Pie. In Sept/Oct someone from WMIG will be coming out to do a service commitment for our group. New group members. Well attended.

Tyrone: GSR- Better Life Group- Two meetings @ the same time: A Beginner's meeting & Speaker meeting due to over population in the speaker meeting. Detox commitment on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month. Treasury is doing good. Donate to the Pie every 2-3 months. Group members are pretty active & help to set up.

Launa T.: GSR- New Hope Group- Beginner's Attendance dropped drastically ~ 1/2 of usual. Speaker meeting attendance dropped ~1/3 of it's usual attendance. The treasury has also dropped accordingly. Still donations to the Pie are being made Bi-monthly. Carlson Detox is the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month & we continue with incoming & outgoing commitments monthly. Groupwise are cooperative. Business meetings go pretty smoothly. I was told by the chairperson NOT to make Announcements that our group needed support via text...due to she was afraid that people would get the idea that our group was closing! Have since stopped making the announcements. Clear to me that she/group are uninformed as to the support that the WMIG & What We do for each other as Groups in 'The Body' to Support Each other. Because When I was making announcements about other groups that weren't doing well that needed support THEY are Flourishing Now!!! Granted I didn't Do this Single handed...we were all helping...but this IS WHAT WE DO!!!! Help a Group in need BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND! Metaphorically...if you're dehydrated you drink some water,...You DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD & THEN TAKE A DRINK OF WATER!!! There have been Many Groups that have closed! And In NO WAY did I Imply that the group was Closing....JUST THAT WE needed Some Support. I'm NOT feeling Supported by my Chairperson OR MY GROUP at Present. Mainly, I just don't think they know or understand how the SERVICE STRUCTURE OF AA Works & What the Purpose is & HOW IT WORKS TO SUPPORT ITSELF & THE AA GROUPS WORDWIDE for our PRIMARY PURPOSE TO BE THERE FOR THE NEWCOMER THAT COMES IN OFF THE STREET!!! I'M JUST FEELING VERY FRUSTRATED CUZ I LOVE MY GROUP BUT I DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON THERE!!! JUST SAYIN'!!!

Anne: **AREA DELEGATE**- In CT Rompiendos Bonderos: Bilingual Spanish/English

Three Different Service Related Topics:

General Service Conference: Every Piece of Literature needs to be available in 3 languages. Here we need 2 languages. Spanish Population is Underrepresented in service because we don't have anything written in Spanish.

Spanish Committee was to form a link 8-9 years ago @ the Area Office.

Carl- WMIG – Co-Chair Accessibility: on August 27<sup>th</sup> putting on a mtg C.A.R.T. For the hearing impaired. Stenographer with real time speech to text.

Karl- **WMIG**- August 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Annual WMIG Family Picnic. FREE DONATIONS PLEASE!!!

GSO Bus Trip- WMYP- Tickets can be bought for \$35 @ WMIG the Trip is September 19<sup>th</sup> & will leave @ 6am from Kmart in Holyoke

Webmaster- Group changes- Please pray for Kevin. He's on the Heart Transplant list

Phone Coverage-Please be sure to cover your group time. Call for backup list.

THANK YOU FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PIE!!!

THE MORE THE DONATIONS THE LOWER THE LITERATURE PRICES.

Has been an Adhoc committee reviewing staff guidelines, etc.

Tyrone made a motion to close

Closed The meeting with the Responsibility Pledge @ 8:50pm

cc: Launa T. It's a Pleasure to Serve all of you! :-) 08/12/14