

District 2 – Area 31 Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016

DCM's: Janis A – 2nd year DCM

Mark B – 1st year DCM

Begin meeting: 7:00 pm

Attendees: 2 DCM's, 12, GSR's, 3 Alt. GSR's, Invited Guest, Delegate Mark N., Intergroup Chair, Tamara P. and MSCYPAA rep Jon S.

Jan A. **Opened the meeting** with a moment of silence

Jan then read the responsibilities of the G.S.R.

Service Manual – Chapter 6 – Bridget was ill tonight

Concept 5- Lin unavailable tonight

Next Month presenters: Chapter 7 Summary – Mark B. & Concept 7 – Joanne S.

District 2 Group Topics, Concerns & Follow-Up

No new issues brought up at the meeting tonight.

DCM Report – Mark B chaired and spoke along with Suzanne who also spoke briefly at the Round-Up meeting. Meeting went well. Busy Round-Up...many good topics and presentations including Mark N. our delegate who gave the report from the April G.S.O. Conference.

Old Business – Workshop topic-Committee met to discuss the workshop for District 2 on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am. In attendance, Susanne L., Lee M. and Janis A..

See attached documents for details that each of the attendees received from past and present delegates.

Sue A. is working toward a date for us for our Workshop either in September or October. If we can, we will try to hold the workshop at the 474 Pleasant St. meeting room either a morning or an afternoon workshop.

Our tentative topics for our Workshop were voted to be:

1. How we can attract new G.S.R.s
2. A.A. Finance, the History and structure

New Business –

Motion to Have One Topic for the Workshop with 2 or 3 subtopics

- Vote 13 agree, 1 opposed
- Minority spoke
- Re-voted with 8 agree and 5 opposed

Motion not passed because not a 2/3 majority vote

Discussion: Maybe use Contributions with 2 or 3 subtopics

- Vote 10 agree, 3 opposed, 1 abstained
- Minority spoke
- Re-voted with 7 agree and 7 opposed

Discussion about how we want to proceed so as not to get a stalemate again. Mark, the delegate suggested that we might want to look at the 2017 topics presented at the General Service Conference in April. The Conference Topic for 2017 is “Supporting Our Future” with subtopics of Growth, Participation and Contributions. These subtopics with broken down further and we decided to look at voting to use one of the subtopics for our Workshop. We voted to eliminate each topic and use the one that was favored by most of the voters. We will use Participation as our Topic with the 3 subtopics as follows: Fellowship v s. Membership; Leadership: “I am Responsible...”; and Is Your Voice Heard?.

The vote was 10 in favor of Participation, 2 in favor of Growth and 1 in favor of Contributions. By majority vote Participation was voted in.

We will hold at least 1 more meeting before our next District 2 meeting in order to put together suggestions for the flyer, workshop format suggestions, suggestions for speakers and date and time for workshop with the dates that will be available....

Area 31 Delegate – Mark N.

A pamphlet is being put together to attract more young people in AA. If you would like to contribute your story or know of someone who is young who could contribute, have them write to Mark N. for more details. His e-mail is on the Area 31 website: www.area31aa.org. The deadline for submitting your story is 12-30-16.

There will be a vacancy for a class A trustee (non-alcoholic) to serve beginning 04-2017. This person should be familiar with AA and acquainted with the GSO structure and operation or in business at a leadership level.

There will be a vacancy for a class B trustee (alcoholic) to serve. The candidate should have a strong service background. Voting will take place at the Fall Assembly.

Intergroup Chair – Tamara P.

1. The new Where and When's are out...bright yellow cover.
2. The AA picnic for Area 31 will be August 28, 2016 at the Moose Lodge in Chicopee from 11 am to 6 pm. If you want to donate to the raffle, either a basket, or money, you can contact Bobbi P. (Area 31 Archivist) or Suggestion: Please don't use group funds to donate to the picnic.
3. Phone coverage is again being discussed so as to be sure that we have coverage for the callers who are looking for help. Be sure if your group has phone coverage the "sheet of members volunteering" is at the Intergroup the WEDNESDAY BEFORE YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR COVERAGE.

MSCYPAA Rep – Jon S.

- WMYPAA is a service committee that's part of area 31. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 6pm upstairs at 474 pleasant st. Before the intergroup meeting. We need some support!! Come join us there is something for everyone!
- MSCYPAA Massachusetts state convention for young people in AA is happening August 5-7 at the Springfield Sheraton Hotel in Springfield, MA. Hotel rooms and pre-registration are available online at mscypaa.com.
- Our coming events are July 9th; A Resentment Bonfire at 117 Pleasant St. Southampton MA. Come join us for a resentment meeting and some 'smores. Right down your resentments and throw them in the resentment box and watch them go up in flames when we toss the box on the fire!
- If anyone has any questions or a meeting filled with young people let me know so we can reach out to your meeting
- Our recent camping trip was amazing don't miss out on our next adventure!
Next meeting Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00. There are no changes to the Contact List so

I will not send it with these minutes.

The attachments are from contacts with past and present delegates suggestions for our workshop.

Meeting closed at 8:20 pm

Minutes submitted by: *Lee M*