

## District 2 – Area 31 Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

DCM's: Janis A – 2<sup>nd</sup> year DCM

Mark B – 1<sup>st</sup> year DCM

**Begin meeting:** 7:00 pm

**Attendees:** 2 DCM's, 8 GSR's, 4 Alt. GSR's, Invited Guest, Area 31 Chair, Sue A.

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

Jan then read the Articles of Purpose for the G.S.R.

Secretary's minutes from July read and accepted.

**Service Manual** – Chapter 8 – Rick W.

### **Conference Committees**

"Without committees, it is doubtful that any Conference would be able to function effectively. Most questions suggested for the Conference agenda are assigned to a committee, where items can be discussed in a small group before they are forwarded for discussion to the full Conference body.

Extensive background material is mailed to committee members well in advance of the actual Conference meeting. Most Conference committees work closely with a corresponding committee of the General Service Board, and the two maintain communication throughout the year and meet at the beginning of Conference week for a joint session. The joint meeting is designed to share information; no actions are taken."

The chapter goes on to discuss the Committee Meetings; Selection of Committee members; the Conference Committees and secondary Committees and how they work together for A.A.

(from A.A. Service Manual, pg. S60-62).

**Concept 8-** Suzanne L.

"The Trustees Function as the Direct Managers of Over-All Finance and Policy: Also as the Custodians but not as the Immediate Managers of the Active Service Corporations."

(from A.A. Service Manual, pg. 31)

**Next Month presenters:** Chapter 9 - Kelly G. & Concept 9 – Judy K.

### **District 2 Group Topics, Concerns & Follow-Up**

No new issues brought up at the meeting tonight.

**DCM Report** – deferred to be included in remarks by Area Chair.

### **Old Business – Workshop**

Thanks Mark B. We have speakers for the Workshop. Again, the topic and subtopics are as follows:

**Participation** is our Main Topic with 3 subtopics as follows;

1. Fellowship vs. Membership
2. Leadership: “I am Responsible”
3. Is Your Voice Heard?

#### Discussion tonight for workshop:

- We have 1 more meeting before the Workshop for last minute details.
- Bring finger foods to the Workshop if you are able (should not need refrigeration)
- There is an agenda for the Workshop (see other attachment with meeting minutes)
- Jan will make a posterboard with AA’s Legacy of Service printed on it...just a reminder of who we are and what we do.
- Mark B. will contact Archives and Grapevine to see if we can have their Boards available at our Workshop.
- Joanne S. volunteered to be the “timer” for the workshop.
- We will have a sign-in sheet for participants so we have an idea of attendance.
- Mark B. will bring water
- Lee M to secure coffee pots/tea pots for workshop from Holyoke Sober Sunday.
- Janis will shop for all other items needed for pizza and refreshments.
- Please bring sponsor, sponsees and friends to the Workshop....let’s fill the room so we can all learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous.

## **New Business –**

No new business this month.

## **Area 31 Chairperson – Sue A.**

The **Area 31 Calendar** has been redesigned. You can get a copy at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org)

**District 1** (Springfield), has moved their meeting place to the Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Their next meeting is August 18, 2016.

The **Fall Assembly** will be held October 15, 2016. Saturday will be workshops from 10 am to 4 pm. On Sunday the Area Business meeting will be held from 1 pm to 5 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

The **2016 MA State Convention** Committee still needs volunteers. The next meeting is September 27, 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham. If you are interested in being of service, Mike S. (alt. delegate) will be leaving from the old Plantation Inn parking lot – off exit 6 of the MA Pike at 5:15 or 5:30 ish... to go to Framingham. All are welcome to participate.

This year's **Intergroup Picnic** will be held Sunday, August 28, 2016, at the Moose Lodge in Chicopee beginning at 11 am. There will be food, fun and a Chinese raffle which helps to defray the costs of the picnic....

If your group/you are interested in donating a theme basket for the raffle at the picnic, please call the Intergroup Office for details.

There are **Concept meetings**, the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month and **Tradition meetings** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Both meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

If your group is interested in having a **Group Inventory**, the Area 31 members are available to help. Contact the Area Chair at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org) to make arrangements. Also, if your group would like to have Area members come to present a meeting about service, contact the Area Chair as well.

There are **large print Where & When booklets** available. See Intergroup site for details or visit the Intergroup Office.

The **Archives Committee** is in the primary stages of putting together a bus trip to the Wilson House or the House in New York. Stay tuned for further information.

The **Grapevine Committee** is involved with a project. You can record your story in a few minutes and it can be submitted to the "Grapevine" for distribution. For more details, e-mail the [grapevine@area31aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area31aa.org).

On 09/10/16 there will be a **Workshop on Sponsorship** at the Lenox Community Center....the conference times are 10 to 12 noon and 1 to 3 pm.

The next District 2 meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00. There are no changes to the contact list.

**Meeting closed at 7:50 pm with "I am responsible pledge"**

**Minutes submitted by:** *Lee M*