

District 2 – Area 31 Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

DCM's: Janis A – 2nd year DCM -

Mark B – 1st year DCM –

Begin meeting: 7:00 pm

Attendees: 1 DCM's, 8 GSR's, 2 Alt. GSR's, Invited Guest, Area 31 Chair, Sue A. and Chair of Intergroup, Tamara P.

Mark B. **opened the meeting** with a moment of silence

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

Secretary's report from October read and accepted.

Service Manual – Chapter 11 – Rick W.

The General Service Office

The General Service Office of A.A. (G.S.O.'s) and the Grapevine are located at 475 Riverside Drive in New York City. G.S.O. serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada, and also offers services to A.A. overseers, especially in countries where there is no service structure. While many other countries have their own G.S.O.'s .S./Canada General Service Office, the earliest to be established, is generally regarded as the "senior" office. It serves as a clearinghouse and exchange point for the wealth of .A/ experience accumulated over the years, coordinates a wide array of activities and services, and oversees the publication, all translations of, and distribution of A.A. Conference-approved literature and service materials.

Visitors to New York are invited to take a guided tour of the G.S.O. and Grapevine offices, and to attend the A.A. meeting that takes place every Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room.

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. S79).

Concept 11 – Suzanne L.

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these

underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. 46).

Next Month presenters: Chapter 12 – Mark B. & Concept 12 – Bill S.

District 2 Group Topics, Concerns & Follow-Up

- Some of the groups reported that their group will be having elections this month.
- One member expressed a positive outcome in their business meeting because of using Robert’s Rules. It helped a great deal to make issues clear and easier to deal with.

DCM Report – None

Old Business –

- Church at 474 Pleasant St. Clean-up was again discussed. No motions or voting pertaining to the issue.
 - Suggested it should be brought to the Area 31 meeting
 - Some members were opposed without consent from the church liaison
 - Someone asked: “are we crossing a line by coming in and cleaning their church?”
 - Do we have a lease with the church and if we do, who is responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the church?

New Business –

- **Update of Registry**
 - Those who will be rolling out of the G.S.R. position for their group are asked to fill out the registry form either this month or next month.
 - This registry helps to keep track of current G.S.R.s in the Area that they serve.

Area 31 Chairperson – Sue A.

- Tradition Meeting for November will be held Wednesday, 11/16/16 at the Church, at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke.
- The Concepts Meeting will be held in the same place on Thursday, 12/01/16. Both meetings begin at 7:30 pm.
- If your group would like to have a Service Committee incoming meeting, or if your group is looking to have a Group Inventory please write to the chairperson of Area 31, at area31aa.org for more information or to make arrangements.
- See Flyer included with the minutes for the January 14, 2016 dinner to be held at the East Mountain Country Club where attendees will hear from Bob Wilcox, the current Trustee at Large – U.S. whose current term will end in April, 2017.

Invited Guest – Tamara P. from the Intergroup Committee

- 3rd annual Children’s Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 17, 2016 from 1 pm to 3 pm at 474 Pleasant St. please bring children to see and talk with Santa and get a gift.
- Annual Alkathon meetings will be held from 6 pm on Christmas eve through 6 pm on Christmas night. Assignments were done on Thursday at the regular Intergroup meeting.

District 2 – Elections

- Co-DCM – Rick W.
- LCM – none
- District 2 secretary - none

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm with “I am responsible pledge”

Minutes submitted by: *Lee M*

Next Meeting: December 12, 2016