

District 2 – Area 31 Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016

DCM's: Janis A – 2nd year DCM –

Mark B – 1st year DCM –

Begin meeting: 7:10 pm

Attendees: 1 DCM's, 8 GSR's, 3 Alt. GSR's, Invited Guest, Area 31 Delegate, Mark N.

Janis **opened the meeting** with a moment of silence

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

Secretary's report from November read and accepted.

Service Manual – Chapter 12 – Mark B.

Grapevine

Grapevine mirrors the Fellowship by Publishing member's stories of recovery from alcoholism in print, audio and online. It was started by a group of six volunteers in June 1944 as a newsletter for A.A.s in the New York City area, but Bill W. and the editors soon saw that it had a broader potential for unifying widespread groups and letting the public know about the new program. "May its rays of hope and experience ever fall upon the current of our A.A. life and one day illumine every dark corner of this alcoholic world."

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. S87).

Concept 12 –

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the

Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. 60).

Next Month presenters: Chapter 01 – Tim G. & Tradition 01 – Joe K.

District 2 Group Topics, Concerns & Follow-Up

There are groups still reporting that they need support: Westfield Sunday night group and Holyoke Tuesday night women's meeting.

There will be no meeting Friday, December 31, 2016 at HCC. The college will be closed.

DCM Report – The Area voted to keep the reimbursement for milage at 32 cents/mile.

The Area gave a loan to an AdHoc Committee to put together the dinner to hear Bob W. the outgoing Trustee-at-Large for the U.S.

Old Business – Outgoing G.S.R.'s need to fill out a Registry Form.

New Business – None

Area 31 Delegate – Mark N.

- At the G.S.O. level, there are 2 committee member openings: Committee on Public Information has opening for a non-trustee appointed committee member.
- Also, an opening for a non-trustee appointed Committee Member for the Cooperation With the Professional community committee.
- The financial state of the North Eastern part of the U.S. is good this year.
- The G.S.O. now has an online method for sending donations.
- There is a discussion now about having a G.S.O. conference held in Canada, sometime in the future.

Anyone interested in the committee positions above or the online payment details can contact Mark N. at delegate@area31aa.org

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

Next Meeting: January 09, 2017

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as the District 2 secretary.

Minutes submitted by: *Lee M.*