

District 2 - Area 31 Meeting Minutes

DCM's: Tim G. - 2nd year DCM

Suzanne L- 1st year Co-DCM

Attendees: 15 GSRs, Area Chair, DCM and co-DCM

Tradition Summary 8 : Dan

Chapter Summary 8 : Scott

Secretary's Report: read and accepted

Group Concerns:

Mulberry St.- Long timers had left the group leaving positions open. The group is now righting itself, attendance is improving and people are starting to come back and are glad to be there.

Holyoke Tuesday Night- their anniversary went well.

Next month's presenters:

Tradition Summary 9: April

Chapter Summary 9: Ed

DCM report:

- The beta version of the AA app is not available as of yet
- The meeting guide app is very helpful in finding meetings in any area that you are in
- The area chair discussed the flier "\$8.06 by 8/6". This did not come from GSO but was a suggestion from an area in Oregon. The question came up as to whether this was against the 7th tradition where each individual can donate what they can.
- GSO donations are up significantly! Individuals can now donate electronically via AA.org and checking the donation box.
- Fall Assembly:
 - October 12-13th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Church 127 Holyoke Rd. Westfield, MA (close to the Pike.

- Saturday hours are 10am to 4pm and a group inventory will be held that day
- Sunday hours are 1pm to 5pm and elections will be held that day.
 - If you are interested in standing for a position, it is important that you be there.
- Area 48 (Hudson, Mohawk, Berkshire) has been asked to drop Berkshire from their to avoid confusion with our Berkshire area.

Suzanne reports that a letter was sent out from GSR Greg T. stating that there has been an update to the system AA.org. It is on Netsuite systems and has an on-line bookstore, an area for contributions. Separate communications have been sent out to people with recurring contributions and that they need to re-enter their information. REfer any problems to Awilva Ravera. All the new information is available and Sue C. will send the letter with the minutes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Some GSRs are reporting that they are not getting the minutes-Sue C will take care of this issue
- Registration for the 2020 International convention in Detroit Michigan open on 9/9/2019
 - The convention will be held from July 2-July 5th.
- District 2 Workshop topic will be held at a date to be determined
- Volunteers are needed for the committee to determine a date and whether or not to combine with another district to do a joint workshop
 - Ann R, April, Judy G and David has all volunteered
 - The workshop is based on GSO subtitles
 - This is a 1 day event on a Saturday or Sunday for 3-4 hours
 - It is the responsibility of the district to get experienced speakers, usually 3 to speak for an allotted time then have time for discussion.
 - Food choices are the responsibility of the committee.
 - This helps people to get active/ invite your sponsees
 - A worksheet will be handed out for all tasks to be completed
 - The workshop helps prepare our delegate for the GSO conference in New York.
 - The workshop topic will be “attraction through action”
 - The next area meeting is 8/14-someone should plan to attend to get together with other districts.
- The intergroup picnic will be held on 8/25 at the Moose Lodge Family Center, Fuller Rd. in Chicopee

- The Topic for the general service conference next year will be “20/20: A clear vision for you.

Invited Guests:

Mike, Are Chair:

- Mike can be reached at Areachair@area31AA.org
- 9/21 District 5 workshop 10am-1pm at Hitchcock Accademy in Brimfield
Topic: “Who is missing from our rooms?”
- 9/24 Grapevine Workshop celebrating 75 years of the Grapevine
12pm-4pm Pot luck lunch
22 YMCA Rd. Becket, MA
- 12/7/19 District 4 workshop
- 9/28? District 3 workshop
- At the area assembly the following positions will be open for elections
 - Delegate, Alteternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasured and Area Chair
- The Archives Bus trip to New York has been cancelled
- Mass State convention will be held on November 8-10th at the Sheraton in Framingham, MA
 - The registration is open at massstateconvention.org

Respectfully submitted,
Sue C.