

## District 2 - Area 31 Meeting minutes

**DCM's:** Suzanne L - 2nd year DCM

**Anne M.- 1st year CO DCM**

**Attendees:** 13, 1 DCM 1 CO DCM 1 SEC 6 GSR 3 ALT GSR

**Chapter Summary:** Anne read Chapter 2 Service Manual

**Concept :** February Chris concept 1

**Secretary's report:** read and accepted

**Group Concerns/Anniversaries:** Sunday morning group alano club king st Agawam ma Feb 9<sup>th</sup> breakfast 8:30 meeting 9-10 all welcome.

Discussed resolve of bullies and/or 13 steppers at a meeting.(yellow card)

### **SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS**

#### **Suggested Statement on Safety**

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

**Service Material from the General Service Office**

Encouragement to have a safe meeting for all in attendance of meeting.

Chairperson can change format for a quick break of meeting to distract from disruption or ask people to change seats.

Threats should involve police.

3 strikes rule per meeting always welcomed back but escorted out of meeting after 3 strikes welcomed back next meeting.

Daily Reflections deferred movement of meeting until vote end of January to be the deciding vote.

### **DCM Report:**

District Committee Member - DCM - "is the vital link between the group's GSR and the Area service structure. By maintaining active contact, both with the groups in the district and the Delegate, the DCM is the key link in ensuring that all the A.A groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services."

The Area 31 Service Committee is presenting a speaker on the duties of the GSR and a speaker on the duties of the DCM.

● There will be coffee and beverages as well as Pizza for lunch. ● Please use the side entrance. ● Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 12:30pm to 3:30pm ● Grace United Church 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA

**NERAASA** - February 21-23, 2020 - Nashua, NH 2020 General Service Conference Theme - 2020: A Clear Vision For You. Pre-registration deadline- Must be postmarked by 2/4/20. On-line Pre-registration deadline: February 6, 2020. [www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org) NERAASA registration \$25.00 Concepts meeting - Thursday - Feb. 6, 2020 7:30p - 74 Pleasant St, Holyoke AA Service Manual Meeting - Wednesday Jan. 15, 2020 7:30p - 74 Pleasant St, Holyoke

**Area Treasurer's Report** - ● Beginning November Balance: \$ 4,387.77 ● Group Contributions: \$ 3,025.10 ● Total Area Expenses: \$ 2,576.73 ● Closing November Balance: \$ 4,836.14 3 Plus - Prudent Reserve: \$ 8,500.00 Total Funds Available: \$ 13,336.14 ● ● Contributions in November 2019 have increased by \$530.65 from contributions in November 2018. ● There were 38 contributions made in November 2019. ● Contributions 2019 YTD have increased by \$6,057.67 from contributions 2018 YTD. Area 31 Secretary's Report - Delegate's Remarks:

● AA World Services is working on the release of the book "The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" in American Sign Language format on DVD that will include spoken word and subtitles. ● Registration is open for the International convention in Detroit in 2020 ● The former Trustee at Large, Bob Wilcox - Area 31, was hired as a consultant to the General Service Office. ● The January Concept meeting will

be teleconferenced with the Berkshires Alternate Delegate's Remarks: The agenda topics are still being developed but here are some items as a sample of what will be coming:

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- Consider an amendment to the title of the booklet, Living Sober, to read Living Sober: How to not take the first drink.
- That literature be developed sharing experience, strength and hope on meditation.
- That the conference considers creating a 5th addition of the big book and remove chapters "to the wife's", "The family afterward" and "To employers".
- Consider an individualized workbook to accompany the Big Book (carried over from last year).

**AREA 31 OLD BUSINESS:** The committee was presented with 3 budgets for consideration:

- Budget A would be \$900 less than the current budget
- Budget B would equal the current budget
- Budget C would be a \$500 increase over the current budget

A motion was made to adopt Budget C and it passed unanimously

**AREA 31 NEW BUSINESS:**

- 200 copies of the Area Handbook will be printed and they will be available in January.

There was a motion made to raise the travel reimbursement rate for the Area officers from \$.32 per mile to \$.50 per mile

- The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. A motion was made to table the motion on increasing the reimbursement rate, that motion passed, the dissenting opinion was heard and opinions changed.
- A second vote was taken and the minority opinion won meaning the original motion was back on the floor.
- More discussion ensued, the question was called and a vote was taken

The vote ended in a tie - ● The deciding vote IN FAVOR of increasing the reimbursement rate being made by the Area Chairperson.

**Old Business:** New format for new year rolled in

**New Business:** box 459 copies for GSR meeting

**Invited Guests:** Mike Area chair GSR presentation

Thank you!

Gratefully your secretary,

Dan G