

# AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES

## August 9, 2021

**Participants:** 12 ( 6 in-person and 6 via zoom)

Anne M., 2<sup>nd</sup> year Co DCM

Chris K., 1<sup>st</sup> year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = **9**: Kerri O. GSR, Carol GSR, Peg C. GSR, Gina D. GSR, Diedre M GSR, Paula D GSR, Megan G. GSR, Evan C GSR, Joe I Alt GSR,

Guest = **1**: Steve M. Area 31 Chair

**Opening:** Serenity Prayer

**Secretary Report:** Motion to accept secretary's report unanimous.

**Concept 6:** Summary was prepared by Bill L., Alt GSR for Holyoke Group. In Bill's absence at the meeting, it was read by Peg C., GSR for Holyoke Group.

Volunteer to summarize Concept 9 during the September 2021 District 2 meeting is Megan G.

**Home Group Business:**

Megan G's home group, Hand in Hand, voted not to change the preamble from men and women to people." They will bring this up at next business meeting.

Joe I let the group know that at his group, The Wildcats, there was a concerning incident when one of the clients that had been brought to the meeting by one of the group homes drank one of the bottles of hand sanitizer. The group decided to only have hand sanitizer available at the table where the meeting chair sits. They will remove it from the restrooms and any other locations during their meeting. This was shared so that GSR's, whose groups meet in-person can pass the word to be very careful of this very real possibility.

**DCM Report:**

Chris stepped in for Anne M. at the July Area 31 Committee Meeting. it was the first hybrid format and said it went well, reported having the members come up to the camera so the members on Zoom could see the person speaking. An ADHOC for Area 31 is searching for a new location for the area to call home. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Encourage new members to go on the website [are31.org](http://are31.org) there is a plethora of information.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Visitor:** Steve M. Area 31 Chair

Concept Meeting is every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month and it's held hybrid format. [area31.org](http://area31.org).

Service Manual Meeting is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month the format is also hybrid, and both meet at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke.

*The Fall Assembly is a mandatory event for GSR's. If the GSR cannot be present both days then, the Alternate GSR is supposed to stand in for their homegroup. If neither the GSR or Alternate attend the Area Business portion of the Fall Assembly then that homegroup forfeits having a vote.* The Fall Assembly is 10am-4pm on Saturday, October 16 & 17 it's being held at the Brimfield Academy. Saturday will be a daylong workshop on Concepts. Pizza for lunch 12pm-1pm. Sunday 1pm-5pm Area Business meeting and Area elections.

NERRASSA 2022 will be held in Pittsburgh on February 25 – 27. Registration information usually comes out in the fall.

Intergroup Family Picnic is being held August 22, 2021, at the Moose Lodge in Chicopee. Be sure to announce at all groups and encourage everyone to attend.

The General Service Office (GSO) level deadline for any items that groups may want to submit to the next conference has been moved up this year to September 15, 2021 (from the former date in December).

MA State Convention will be a virtual event on November 13 and 14, 2021.

Area Committee has an outgoing commitment to the Florence Eye Opener on August 16, via Zoom starting at 7:00am. If any group wishes to have members of the Area Committee to be a visiting commitment, contact Steve M. at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)  
The Area also offers help to any home group wishing to put on a group inventory. Reach out to Steve M., who can put you in contact with a past delegate who can assist with this.

The 2025 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. It's not too soon to start announcing this at your group in case any AA member wishes to attend but, may have issues from their past that need to get cleaned up in order to be allowed entry into Canada. NOTE for example that Canada takes driving under the influence much more serious than USA.

**Closing** "I Am Responsible" \_

The next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday September 13, 2021 starting at 7:00pm. The format will be hybrid. Members may wish to attend either in-person at the church 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke or via zoom ID: 884 1126 9312 Password: 1e5Dje

Respectfully submitted: Paula D., Secretary for The District 2 in Area 31 GSR Meeting