

AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2021

Participants: 10 Total

Anne M., 2nd year Co DCM

Chris K., 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 6: Peg C, GSR Holyoke Group; Kerri O, GSR Wildcats; Candie C, GSR Step Group; Steve A, GSR Mulberry Street; Mary B, GSR Pioneer Valley; Kate G, GSR Holyoke Sober Sunday

Tara, Visitor

Paul H, Area 31 Delegate

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Each individual gave their name, home group, and service position that brought them to this meeting. Tara was a visitor, who was warmly welcomed.

Reading from AA Service Manual (pg S26) The General Service Representative (GSR)

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

Area Financials Reports: e-mailed prior to meeting. GSR's asked to share with their groups.

Home Group Business:

Peg C. The Holyoke Group has moved to their new location starting November 18, 2021. The Holyoke Group meets on Sunday and Thursday evenings at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center on Main St. in Holyoke. The meeting room is located on the third floor of the Catherine Horan Building rather than in the main part of the hospital. There are greeters at the entrance to provide directions. The space is working well.

Kerri O. The Wild Cats group is flourishing ... attendance has been increasingly growing and includes many newcomers, as well as members with various lengths of sobriety. It is a very active and healthy group.

GSR's were asked to be sure their groups are NOT directing members to either the When & Where booklets OR the GSO Meeting App (the blue dot with a white chair app). Both of those resources are useless right now for meetings in Western MA and Berkshires. Instead make sure to let everyone know that the most accurate, up-to-date listings for both in-person and virtual meetings in this area is the website:

www.westernmassaa.org

NECYPAA XXXI - Freedom from FEAR

Join Us Dec. 31st, Jan 1st & 2nd

click on the image to download the flyer.

go to: necypaahost.org(link is external) for registration and more information.

Location:

The Sturbridge Host Hotel

366 Main St.
Sturbridge, MA

Dates:

Friday, December 31, 2021 - 3:00pm to Monday, January 31, 2022 - 12:00pm

Old Business: Gina, who had been elected the 1st year co-DCM during our September District 2 meeting, provided notice that she is unable to take the position starting in January 2022.

Kerri O., who had also stood for the position at the September meeting, was nominated to fill the position by Kate G. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of Kerri being the new 1st year co-DCM starting in January 2022. Kerri accepted.

New Business: There was discussion about staying at the church or consider change of location for the district 2 monthly in-person part of the meeting. Options that will be checked out include: The Alano Club in Agawam, MiraVista in Holyoke, and possibly the church in South Hadley where Area 31 moved to. (Note: The church in South Hadley is not located in the boundaries of District 2. But there is no policy that states a district meeting must meet within the district towns.) Discussion was tabled until the January 2022 meeting.

All were in agreement about continuing the zoom part of the hybrid format.

The January 10, 2022 meeting will be held in-person at the current location (474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke) and on the same zoom account.

Kerri O. mentioned that the Alano Club will be hosting a fundraiser on January 22, 2022 (flyers were available to take back to homegroups)

DCM Report:

The Area has a New Archivist – Carl. He replaced Bobbi Padden, who served as out Area Archivist for the past 14-years.

NECYPAA 31 – Freedom from Fear (New England Committee of Young People in AA) In-Person Conference will be December 31, January 1 & 2 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Main Street in Sturbridge, MA. Registration is \$25 For information and registration ... there is a link on the Area31aa.org website or the direct address is necypaahost.org

NERASSA 2022 (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) – Registration is Open. It will be held in Pittsburg, PA the weekend of Friday February 25 thru Sunday February 27. More information is available online @ www.nerassa.org

There will be information at the January Area Committee Meeting about a van for Area 31 members, who wish to car pool to NERASSA.

From the Registrar – Our new Area Registrar, Sally, has added a very cool feature to the area31aa.org website. Go to Documents tab ... then click on Registrar ... towards the bottom of the page are links to the GSO GSR Kit. It includes links to tons of current, up to date information ... including many pamphlets and the Brand NEW Service Manual. The print versions of the Service Manual ought to be available for purchase at the Western MA Intergroup Office very soon.

Round Up Committee – Needs members. Please, announce at your home group this service opportunity to help plan and host the in-person Round Up at the Fairfield Inn, Enfield next May 20, 21, and 22, 20022.

WMA Intergroup announced they will be hosting the 24-hour in-person Christmas Alcathon at @ 474 Pleasant Street starting at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve straight thru to 6:00pm on Christmas Day. If folks want to donate food / treats they will be gratefully accepted.

Berkshire Intergroup will also be sponsoring a Christmas Alcathon. There's will be in-person starting on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm until midnight at St Charles Catholic Church, 89 Briggs Avenue in Pittsfield. Then, they will switch to zoom from Midnight to 7:00am (check on the berkshireintergroup.org webpage) For the zoom part in the nighttime, they will use the same format as Western MASS Intergroup used last year where each hour will be a different zoom account ... owned by the group or individual leading the meeting each hour. Then, they will go back to in-person at the church from 8:00am – Noon.

As of this morning, they still need leads for the zoom meetings at 1:am, 2:am, 4:am, and 5:am. Need to own a zoom account and be willing for the ID and password to be published on their website.

Visitor: Paul H. Area 31 Delegate

As of December 1st, most Area 31 Committee meetings (previously held at 474 Pleasant St. in Holyoke) have moved to 30 Carew St. in South Hadley. **Two notable exceptions** are **Institutions** and **District 2**, both of which will continue at their same locations.

****The Area WebsiteCalendar has been updated to reflect the new locations.****

Paul brought paper booklets The 2021 GSO Conference Report. All present took a copy. He also offered to mail a copy to any Area 31 AA member, if they send their name and home address to him via an email to Delegate@area31aa.org. The same address can be used to contact Paul if anyone wants him to send an electronic version of the new Service Manual.

News from GSO included: most of the GSO staffs are back to working in the office in New York City. Grapevine offers a Podcast – new recording every Monday – format is a conversation typical of the before or after meeting type. Check it out! Also, GSO has already started working on the agenda items for the 2022 conference. As information becomes available, GSR's will be hearing more information about this soon so they can bring the proposed agenda items back to groups to collect feedback for the new 2022 Area Delegate – Mike.

There are Big Book CD sets available now from aa.org. It is well known that many AA members either don't have reading skills or just prefer to listen to information. So, this is another great way for members to access the Big Book.

And, the address to send contributions to GSO is going to change from Box 459. The new address is PO Box 2407

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News from the State Convention Planning Committee. They have now contracted with the Sturbridge Host Hotel to hold the in-person convention in 2022. The Planning Committee needs volunteers. Planning meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month and will be offered as a hybrid format ... with the in-person being at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and the zoom information being available on the area calendar.

Our Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday January 10, 2022 starting at 7:00pm – same choices for attendance: either in-person at 474 Pleasant St. in Holyoke or on Zoom (ID is 884 1126 9312 AND Password is 1e5Dje)

Closing "I Am Responsible" pledge

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