

## **AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2022**

Participants: Total 15

Chris K., 2nd year Co DCM

Kerri O, 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 12: Bill L, GSR Holyoke Group; Candie N, GSR Step Group; Mark B Alt GSR Step Group; Scott M GSR Scrambled Eggs; Joe GSR Wildcats; Steve GSR Mulberry Street Group; Joe GSR Joy of Living; Mary GSR Pioneer Valley Group; Bess GSR Easthampton Monday Night Group; Lynn S GSR Feeding Hills Big Book Step Study Group; Janet B GSR You Gotta Wanna Group; Jill F Alt GSR You Gotta Wanna Group; Zoom (failed at start of meeting).

Visitor: Steve M , Area 31 Alternate Delegate

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Each individual gave their name, home group, and service position that brought them to this meeting.

Reading from AA Service Manual - Chpt 4 Service Manual dealing with right of participation. Next month will be Chpt 5 summarized by

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

### **Home Group Business:**

Joe - Wildcats - 5th Anniversary for group on 5/16 (5-7pm). Open Mic / food. 459 Mill St. Agawam.

Steve - Mulberry St - brought concerns of participants "13th" stepping people attending meeting, and ? How to deal with this. Gp members dropping out of meeting / concerns for gp future. Suggestion: area can help gp with doing an inventory. Suggestion: gp members responsible for gp / speak to people directly. Suggestion: speak to sponsor vs speaking to someone of opposite sex. Suggestion: use yellow card / AA has no opinion on outside issues.

Bill - Holyoke - celebrating 76th Anniversary. 4/24. 6:30pm pizza / 7:30pm meeting

### **Area Announcements:**

[area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) has updates / changes - please check out the site.

The area is hosting 3 different meetings. Service Manual meeting (hybrid) - 730pm on 3rd Wednesday every month at 30 Carew St South Hadley, MA. See website for zoom id. Concepts meeting (hybrid) - 730pm first Thursday every month at 30 Carew St South Hadley, MA. See website for zoom id. Traditions Meeting (zoom only) - 7pm 2nd Sunday every month. See website for zoom id.

MA State Convention planning meetings are in odd months on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Zoom id: 833 4526 2186. Opportunity for service. Convention dates 11/11/22-11/13/22 at The Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Area Round Up 5/20/22-5/22/22 - 3pm, Friday - 12pm Sunday at 1 Bright Meadow Blvd Enfield, CT.

New area handbooks are available on the web site.

**Old Business:** n/a.

**DCM Report:**

Area Meeting later this month.

Reminder to carry message to other groups in District / not represented at this meeting. Communication to other groups may include changes in AA - preamble, possible changes to Big Book and the role of a GSR to communicate these changes.

Request to GSR's to complete form on Area 31 website to register with area / AA.

**Area Rep:**

Steve M - Asked for volunteers to help with AA MA state convention planning in Nov. Planning meetings in odd months (next is May) last Thursday of month at 7pm. Carpool meets at bowling alley at end of 291 (Burnett Rd) at 6:15.

Round Up - 5/20-5/22 - Clarion in W Sfld

General Svce Conf - 4/23 - 4/30.

Available to give GSR presentation for District.

Upcoming concerns for AA on changes to preamble / changes to 12 + 12. Groups are in charge, but do they have information?

Here is the link for topics / materials for the GSC this month. A caution here - this is the business for AA as a whole and is meant for members of AA so please use caution with printing / distributing. Also - use gmail email addresses if possible. It is a Google shared doc and gmail is the easiest way to open contents.

(Address and link removed)

**New Business:**

Lynn - treasurer for area did not have group's contributions included in report for area. Steve - possible issue with identification of group (ID num may be different).

Question asked if the district meeting should continue as hybrid or in person only meeting.

- personal feedback / human contact and interaction
- Ask accessibility committee for help since space is not H/A accessible
- being helpful to be inconvenienced
- ? Re: WI-FI availability at Al-ano club - is not available at this time
- Point that the vote should pass only with substantial unanimity (>2/3)
- Motion: that district 2 meeting should meet only as in-person meeting going fwd
- Motion passed 10 / 12 votes

2nd Motion: that district meeting should have a conference call for monthly meetings going fwd for GSR's unable to attend in person

- Meeting is not H/A accessible - would allow disabled to attend meetings
- Asked re: withdrawing motion - no
- Motion passed 10 / 12 votes
- How this will be accomplished wasn't addressed

Our Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday May 9, 2022 starting at 7:00pm in-person at Alano Club, 36 King St. Agawam

Closing "I Am Responsible" pledge

Respectfully submitted: Scott M, Secretary for The District 2 GSR Meeting