

AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES May 9, 2022

Participants: Total 16

Chris K., 2nd year Co DCM

Kerri O, 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 13: Bill L, GSR Holyoke Group; Candie N, 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; 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; Carol GSR Daily Reflections; Debbie Alt GSR Daily Reflections; Elaine GSR Hand in Hand Group.

Visitor: John G, Area 31 Area Chair

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 by Candie - Chpt 5 Service Manual discussing Area committee members / positions and responsibilities. Next month will be Chpt 6 summarized by Lynn S.

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.

Bill - Holyoke Gp - asked about how other groups handle costs for food, expenses related to anniversaries, memorials for members, other expenses.

- groups are autonomous as far as how contributions are utilized
- extra collections / passing basket twice in a meeting
- members asked to contribute more to cover costs / business meeting collection among members / group members have sign up sheet for food for anniversary
- utilizing prudent reserve

Mary - Pioneer Valley Group celebrating group anniversary 5/30.

Candie - Step Group - asked about why are groups being asked to make donations to raffle for the Round Up

- raffle helps pay for expenses of the Round Up
- round up not sponsored by area / does not receive funds
- scholarships are available for members who can't afford registration \$20 cost

Other ?s on Round Up

- is there a balance sheet for round up?
- is the round up accountable / cover costs for event?
- is there a financial report available for the round up post event available?

Scott - Scrambled Eggs Step meeting is now a hybrid meeting (zoom and in person). Also there is an in-person speaker meeting Sunday at MiraVista (former Providence Hospital) sundays at 1030am.

Joe - area web site isn't updated re: District 2 meeting only meeting in person now and going fwd.

Area Announcements:

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 Thursday 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.

Old Business:

Prior Motion re: conference call for members unable to attend District 2 meeting in person addressed below.

DCM Report:

Area Meeting in 2 days.

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.

6/3/22 - Springfield young peoples hosting a game night at Alano club at 7pm. \$2 suggested donation.

7/16/22 - social event at Alano club at 7pm. Details coming for this event.

District 2 is hosting a round table meeting at the round up (time TBA) on Step 6 and D 7. Lynn volunteered to help with the meeting.

Area Rep:

John G - Thanked District 2 for hosting mini conf / spr assembly in March.

Round Up - 5/20-5/22. At Clarion Hotel in W Springfield. Please come attend and support delegate (Mike B) at this weekend event. Registration \$20 for attending events.

Asked for volunteers to help with AA MA state convention planning in Nov. Planning meetings in odd months (May 26) last Thursday of month at 7pm at Sturbridge Host Hotel. Carpool meets at bowling alley at end of 291 (Burnett Rd) at 6:00 with Steve M (alt delegate).

Area will do commitments to other groups - speaker meetings emphasizing recovery and service. Please contact John directly to schedule (areachair@area31.org)

John can help coordinate groups to do a group inventory. Email him directly.

New Business:

Lynn - motion for DCMs to ask area for explanation on why the area isn't sponsoring the round up / has a budget for this event (\$20 registration cost for members), and why the event is being held at the Clarion Hotel vs a church. Area business is being discussed and is not a free event for members.

- Delegate willing to go to any group to give his report on the general service conference
- report will be made available to the area for members unable to attend round up
- no banquet, no dance
- workshops / delegates report

Motion passed - 7 / 11 - DCMs to bring this question to Area

Candie - motion for DCMs to ask Area why Area business is being discussed at an event that is not being sponsored by the area.

- other areas have free events for presenting delegates report
- is this limiting accessibility to area business for members

Motion passed - 9 / 11 - DCMs to bring this question to Area

Prior Motion (from April): that district meeting should have a conference call for monthly meetings going fwd for GSR's unable to attend in person. Call contacts below to be connected.

Please call if unable to attend:

Chris K (DCM) ###-###-####

Kerri O (Co-DCM) ###-###-####

Scott M (secretary) ###-###-####

Our Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday June 13, 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