

## **AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2022**

Participants: Total 16

Chris K., 2nd year Co DCM

Unfilled, 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 14: Bill, GSR Holyoke Group; Mark B, alt-GSR Step Group; Scott M GSR Scrambled Eggs; Steve GSR Mulberry Street Group; Joe, GSR Joy of Living; Mary O, GSR Pioneer Valley Group; Joe, GSR Wildcats; Janet, GSR You Gotta Wanna; Jill, alt-GSR You Gotta Wanna; Elaine, GSR Hand in Hand; Lynn S, GSR Feeding Hills Big Book Step Study Group; Carol, GSR Daily Reflections; Debbie alt-GSR Daily Reflections; Pat, GSR Northampton Step Study Meeting.

Visitor: John, Area 31 Chair

Opening: Serenity Prayer

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

Reading on what is a GSR / GSR pre-amble.

Reading from AA Service Manual - Chpt 8 summarized by Joe (Joy of Living) on general service board make up, mission, function. Next month will be Chpt 9 summarized by Lynn S.

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

### **Home Group Business:**

Joe - Wildcats. Group is sponsoring sober event on Labor Day (sept 5th) at 459 Mill St. Agawam. Picnic, music. Outdoors.

Joe - Wildcats. Concern re: access to Al-ano club for noon time meeting / issue with key and opening door.

Lynn - annual Intergroup picnic on 8/28 in Chicopee. See [westernmassaa.org](http://westernmassaa.org) for more details.

Elaine - concern re: safety for women at meetings / predatory behavior of some men and how to deal with these situations.

- ask for support from men to talk directly to problem men
- make others aware of these behaviors
- read safety (yellow) card at meetings
- check [AA.org](http://AA.org) / pamphlets for more suggestions re: safety

### **Area Announcements:**

[area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) has updates / changes - please see documents / report from delegate on general service conference.

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. Next meeting Tuesday 7/26/22 at 7pm (Meet at Burnett Rd next to Rte 90 at 615pm). Steve is hosting a car pool to take volunteers.

Opportunity for service. Convention dates 11/11/22-11/13/22 at The Sturbridge Host Hotel.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **DCM Report:**

Area has extra money this year - discussion how to disburse ongoing.

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:**

John -

District 6 workshop on being a GSR. Mon Aug 15, 7pm, 330 Hazard Ave Enfield, CT. Food, Q&A.  
Come join!

Asked for volunteers to help with AA MA state convention planning in Nov. Planning meetings in odd months last Tuesday (sept 27) 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).

Round Up cd's available including delegates report for discount \$5.

GSO requesting stories to be included in 5th ed Big book. Deadline for submissions is 10/31/22.

Steve offered to do a presentation for District 2 on the role of the GSR / what is a GSR? Is available to do this after a district meeting if we request this.

Area is available to do outgoing commitments to groups - highlighting recovery and service.

### **New Business:**

Kerri O has stepped down as co-DCM for District 2. Lynn S has volunteered to fill co-DCM position starting in Sept. No other volunteers. Voted unanimously for Lynn 12 / 12 to fill position.

Please call if unable to attend district meeting - we can conference you in.

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

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

Our Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday September 12, 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