

AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2022

Participants: 12

Chris K., 2nd year Co DCM

Lynn S, 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 9: : Bill L, GSR Holyoke Group; Candie N, GSR Step Group; Mark B, alt-GSR Step Group; Steve A, GSR Mulberry Street Group; Joe, GSR Joy of Living; Mary O, GSR Pioneer Valley Group; Joe, Agawam Wildcats Group; Janet, GSR You Gotta Wanna; Lisa GSR Feeding Hills Big Book Step Study Group.

Visitor: Steve M, Alt Delegate

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 10 summarized by Janet (GSR You Gotta Wanna) Chapter focuses on the GSO who's two main purpose's are The Grapevine and AA World Services, they also handle functions that are more difficult for the groups, districts or area's to handle in the US and Canada. When needed they will help another country that doesn't have a GSO to guide or give suggestions. The GSO is financed through the groups and individual donations and publishing. GSO is self-supporting and there are limits to giving: Individual one time or in memory of an individual is Not To Exceed 5K ; An estate NTE 10K. Less than 50% of groups listed give to GSO. All policies are in the respective GSO boards purview.

Next month will be Chpt 11 summarized by Jill.

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

Home Group Business:

Joe, Agawam Wildcats is hosting a Halloween Party October 31st 4-7pm, costumes, food and music 459 Mill Street in Agawam.

They are also placing a bid to have the WMYPAA conference in Western MA. They are having a meeting at noon on the 15th of October for this committee, Steve requested WMYP to send a rep to the area meeting.

Joe, Joy of Living, Commitment to the Opportunity House was cancelled due to a Covid outbreak, he suggests that you call prior to any house commitments.

Candi, Step Group, Looking to see where the spending of the 40K is going to go.

Area Announcements:

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 committee meeting on 10/25 at 7pm (last planning meeting before convention). Can car pool (Meet at Burnett Rd next to Rte 90 at 615pm). Zoom id: 833 4526 2186. Opportunity for service. Convention dates 11/11/22-11/13/22 at The Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Old Business:

None.

DCM Report: Chris

Motion to fully fund the delegate at next years service conference 8K total. Area committee will fully fund anyone from the area DCM's, CO's alternates to attend NERAASA in Albany.

No Area Meeting because of the Fall Assembly

Area Rep:

Steve M, Alt Delegate –

MA State Convention there will be a banquet on Saturday with choice of chicken / fish / vegetarian.

Breakfast both days for a fee of \$20.00 per day, Convention Registration: Early bird only \$25 thru Oct 15; \$30 thereafter. Mailed registrations & checks must be received by Oct 31st.

There are lots of service opportunities for the convention.

Steve said that the feedback from the past conventions was heard and that this years convention will be centered around recovery not so much on service.

There will be a dance on Saturday and musical bingo.

Steve then showed us a new District #2 power point presentation on the GSR.

During the question and answer period it was brought up that new GSR's had not received packets. Steve Lynn and Chris said to make sure they filled out the information form and to contact the registrar directly. Registrar@area31.org. Janet had a question on LCM's as it concerned re-sizing districts.

Asked for volunteers to help with AA MA state convention planning in Nov. Planning meetings in odd months last Tuesday of month at 7pm at Sturbridge Host Hotel. Carpool meets at bowling alley at end of 291 (Burnett Rd) at 6:00. Convention is 11/11-11/13.

Fall Assembly for Area 10/15-10/16 (required for GSRs).
10/15 – 9am-3pm. Service Workshop. Lunch will be served.
10/16 – 12-4pm. Area Business Meeting.

New Business:

Joe, Wildcats, Is there a motion for the GSO to add a concordance or dictionary at the back of the new Big Book, Steve M – said that area's don't decide agenda items but he will certainly bring it up.

Lynn, Co-DCM, AA bus trips Area World Service in NY is back if anyone wants to get bus trips together see Lynn.

Chris, DCM, He will be rolling out of the DCM position and Lynn will rolling in so he asked if anyone would consider standing for Co-DCM.

*** Chris, DCM - there will be elections at November district meeting for Co-DCM position (Nov 14).

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 November 14, 2022 starting at 7:00pm in-person at Alano Club, 36 King St. Agawam

Closing "I Am Responsible" pledge

Respectfully submitted: Mark B, Alt-Secretary for The District 2 GSR Meeting