

Minutes of the District # 3 Meeting
Friday, February 15, 2013

Nineteen people in attendance with 6 AA Groups Represented

Dennis B., Co- DCM, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and then read the statement on the GSR from pages S26 of the AA Service Manual, and the Second Concept.

The abbreviated version of the Secretary's Report from Jan. was read by Ruthie D.

GSRs introduced themselves, and in consideration of time to give to the GSR Power Point Presentation, gave a brief report on info about their groups as follows:

Charlie-GSR Berkshire Big Book, Berkshire Village, Lanesboro meets weekly Wed. Evenings @ 7:30 p.m.

- ⌚ Met for the 1st time as an Speaker Exchange Commitment @ Great Barrington, Friday night @ Southern Berkshire Friday Night Group on Feb. 1st, 3 speakers shared their experience , strength & hope & there was a good turnout.
- ⌚ Charlie offered to any group that the Berkshire Big Book would come to speak to their group. Charlie thanked Dennis for the shout-out for Charlie's group. He reports his group is doing well.

Lauren A, Alt. GSR for Tues. Women's Step Meeting: Tues @7 p.m. at St. Mark's, Fr. Lenard Hall

- ⌚ Is a Closed Step Meeting
- ⌚ All Positions Filled
- ⌚ Commitments to Jail Fulfilled
- ⌚ Donates according to the P.I.E. Chart

Michael-Northern Berkshire Group: 7:30 Tues. Eve., St. John's Church

- ⌚ Received letter asking for more contributions to G.S.O.
- ⌚ Working through Group Inventory...Dennis B. (DCM gave praise to Michael to send back to his group. Dennis talked about how just like taking your own inventory, there's a sense of Spirituality that you get from that and there's an awakening from that & your group as a group can get that awakening together.

Eric-Keep It Simple Group- meets Mon-Sat. Noon meeting in Gr. Barrington

- ⌚ ~ Had questions about P.I.E. Chart answered by GSR's experience with it.
- ⌚ ~Started Institution's Commitment @ Barton's Crossing

Bruce-I Don't Have a Clue Group -6:45 a.m. in Lee

~ House of Corrections Commitment (Women's) fulfilled

~McGee Commitment fulfilled

~ Group doing well, \$350.00 Rent paid & \$350.00 in bank

WMYPA mtg. on 2/14/2013 at 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke

~Lauren A. reported they are going to finish up elections & Bob (past Delegate) is helping them with that.

Tony T.-Berkshire Intergroup Highlights for Feb. 11, 2013 committee mtg:

~ attendance was 11 people with seven groups represented.

~ Ad Hoc Committees and / or action items:

~~Review of last years operating expenses and recalculation of the prudent reserve

~~Reiew of Hotline Volunteer List to determine if names are still valid.

~~Develop an info flyer about IG's purpose and thanks for their support out to group.

~~District # 3 and BIG Service Workshop scheduled for April 6, 2013

~~Write a Mission Statement, which will be incorporated into the BIG's By-Laws

~~ Modify P.I.E. Chart to add correct BIG's address

Action Items Completed:

~ The review and the clarification of BIG's By-Laws.

Motions / Approvals:

1) \$300.00 to cover half of the costs for the April 6,2013 Workshop

2) Renewal of Grapevine Subscriptions for three schools.

Mark-(Area Chair) said Archives Open House-on March 26th is 11-2p.m. and NERRASSA is coming up next week 22nd-24th in Lancaster, PA. and folks can still register. Mass State Convention Committee@ The Sheraton in Framingham for upcoming event in Nov. There's a convoy of cars that meet in Holyoke to go down. Please get in touch with Mark if you can participate.

Reminder that Apr.13th & 14th ,2013 is Mini-Conference , all GSR's required to attend. Delegates will take info to vote @ GSO and Panels issue can be signed up for now. Clipboard with Issues passed around for GSR's to sign up for a panel and the Issues info can be sent to you if you sign up tonight or see Mark @ another time. The 14th is when GSR's get to vote so Brian (our Delegate) can take informed decision to G.S.O. Conference and we will get the results @ the Round-Up.~

Issues brought forth:

1) Third Legacy of voting for the Area?

2) Make Webmaster an Officer of the Area Committee?

Mark also reminded us that the Area Committee is available for Group Speaking Commitments.

Dennis_ We need Volunteers to join the AD Hoc Committee 7 p.m. for Service workshop in April. We meet at Berkshire Intergroup Office on Tuesday evenings. Please come.

OLD BUSINESS: Program Chair- for round up & tickets are available for Round-Up for \$10 & \$10 for the dance. No Dinner Buffet this year- dinner on your own.

NEW BUSINESS:

GSR Power Point Presentation:

An Ad Hoc Committee was created:

PURPOSE: To introduce the role of GSR & How it works for GSR's. Ann (Alt. Area 31 Delegate) presented on projection screen for us & shared her experiences. Most important job in AA, she said: The strength of the whole AA Service structure starts with GSR's. We can talk about out groups among each other, have District meetings. Huge part of job is to be educated & to educate the group so when my group has questions they can come to the GSR. It is:

- 1) The Right of Participation (Concept # 4)
 - 2) Right of Decision (Concept # 3)
 - 3) Right of Appeal (Concept # 5)
 - 4) Third Legacy Procedure (Electing Officers) 2/3rds of vote m Hoe decisions are made in AA
- Questions by GSR's =

Ann then talked about the Website actually came about by using lines drawn by meetings in each district meeting and she gave the History on how that came about. Then she talked about an Ad Hoc Committee formed to revise Area Handbook (update it).

Mark added the Area Committee also votes as well as the GSR's. Mark clarified voting & transparency.

Voting on Area Registrar = Sat. March 23rd @ 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Archives, Grapevine Boards can be requested to go to your Home Group Meetings. There was much interest in the Archive & lot of discussion about Home Group Histories & how to contact Area31.org and the links that are available on that website. 1375 hits on the Web Page last month.

Ed-visitor- shared about meetings having a statement-Please turn off all electronic devices-would take care of people texting being distracting during meetings.

Dennis thanked everyone for coming, & giving their input & encouraged all to come again & explained about receiving the info in the mail to be able to look it over before the panels begin. Also that during the Area #31 meeting this week, there was \$300.00 approved also for the service workshop in April, so far we have a total of \$ 600.00 for the service workshop in April.

Meeting was closed & seconded & in the usual manner with the: I am Responsible Pledge.