

District #3 Monthly Meeting minutes, July 10, 2013

The meeting was opened by Joan P; DCM with the Serenity Prayer; also attended by Co-DCM, Dennis B; 3 GSR's & 2 Alternate GSR's were present along with Intergroup Chair, Tony T., and 1 visiting member of AA.

Ruth D. read the Secretary's Report.

Joan read Tradition 7 & Dennis read Concept # 7

Group Reports as follows:

1. Robin - Berkshire Big Book Group doing well, no problems to report at this time. She celebrated 3 years Anniversary in June. Group is well attended. Service positions are filled. They have an outgoing speaker commitment.
2. Michael N.-GSR Northern Berkshire Group. Tues/ 7:30 p.m., St. John's Church, Williamstown& Sunday 7:30 p.m., All Saint's Church, No. Adams. He also said he had New Business to discuss with us late on this evening under New Business .
3. Phylene -Alt. GSR- Tues. Eve. Women's Step Group.Ongoing Group Inventory. Personality problem disrupting Business meeting continues, persons spoken to & Group will wait & see how Inventory keeps them hopeful that it will be resolved soon. Anniversaries: Marylou M. celebrating 19 years of continuous sobriety on last Tues. of July, at which time the closed meeting will be open that family & friends of Marylou can attend.
4. Bruce P. -GSR 6:45 a.m. - Group has \$840.00 in Bank now.
5. Bruce Men's Thu in Great Barrington at 7 pm- They have a McGee Unit commitment that is going well and also Jail commitment is going well. States lots of newcomers. Joan asked Bruce "Are Service positions filled? Bruce stated 'Yes" with confidence. Anniversaries: August 24, 2013: Mark M. with 27 years of continuous sobriety, Joe D. with 1 year, and Bob D. with 1 year.
Upcoming Event : end of August , Pot Luck Picnic to be held in Sheffield from 1 pm to 5 pm with 4 p.m. speaker.. Ongoing problem : Cigarette butts littering outside. **Group will provide Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish.** Flyers will be distributed.
6. Dan new GSR - Great Barrington Keep It Simple Group meets Mon – Sat at noon-Service positions filled, meeting well attended. Upcoming Anniversaries- Corrine with 1 year of continuous sobriety. Problems within

the group: some members chair the meeting for the month. Group will have to limit the times each person can chair per month.

Tony T. -Berkshire Intergroup meets 2nd Monday of each month @ 7 P.M. 152 North St. Pittsfield, MA. 21 people in attendance, 13 voting with 9 groups represented. General discussion: looking for volunteers to be second workers on Monday thru Friday 1:30 -5p.m. Volunteers to have 6 months of sobriety.

- ⌚ Also Volunteer needed to chair the Alkathon committee.
- ⌚ Ad Hoc Committees and /or open action items:
- ⌚ Joint committee (District 3 & BIG) to review groups that contribute and/or attend the committee meetings in order to determine groups to visit. Next meeting at BIG on Thursday, July 25th @ 6pm.
- ⌚ Group contributions continue to be down . Operating funds down to \$49.74. Motion made & accepted to continue to support the year end Alkathon.
- ⌚ Tony T. stated "Every group should have a prudent reserve to be used in cases like this need @ Berkshire Intergroup.
- ⌚ Dennis Co-DCM @ Treasurer of Dalton Young @ Heart said Dalton voted to send an extra \$ 100.00 to Berkshire Intergroup.

Old Business:

Joan P- Recent Area meeting two major items need to be address. Please ask group for opinions on the following two items.

1) Third Legacy Voting will be enacted at the Fall Assembly. It is believed that this will be a more lengthy process of voting than the previously used procedure. Question:

Should voting be held on Saturday which is the longer day of the Assembly or Sunday which is the shorter day 1-5 P.M.?

Discussion taken from notes of June 21, 2013 respectfully submitted by Robin: to read discussion, please refer to the District #3 Meeting Minutes of June 21,2013.

#2) Another Area encountered an issue when the Area Treasurer absconded with \$30,000 of the Area Treasury. Question- Should the POSITION (not the individual) of Treasurer be Bonded ? Are there any viable options to Bonding?

- ⌚ **Discussion taken from Notes of June 21,2013 respectfully submitted by Robin will not be repeated here due to the length & time it takes. so please refer to Notes of June 21,2013.Also, Looking to the Concepts-Concept XII: Specific to**

the bonding issue is Warranty 5.

- 🕒 Dalton Young at Heart Group took up a this vote at their Business meeting & decided that they wanted to vote for 3rd Legacy voting to extend meeting time for Sunday @ the Fall Assembly to 12:30 -5:30 P.M.

(2) Should the Position of Treasurer be bonded: Dalton Young at Heart voted "NO"

- 🕒 Michael suggested putting Info about Concept & Warrantees on the Area Website @ the June 21, 2013 meeting for clarification so groups/individuals can more clearly understand this important issue. And his group did not go into it @ their last Business meeting.
- 🕒 Phylene-Alt, GSR, Tues. Women's Step group agreed to table these issues for a later date.

Dennis B - Co-DCM reported on Area 31 meeting:

No new Business, Anyone who wants the Area minutes can go to area31aa.org.

Dennis skimmed through the minutes from Area.

Also Al & Michael from accessibility committed was due to give talk tonight @ District meeting but for some reason unknown to us, did not show so we can reschedule that talk. Accessibilities Committee will make a flyer for the committee; nothing in depth, just info.

WMYPA Bonfire money \$ 299.93-\$218.00 for expenses & deficit in previous function makes the Bonfire money pretty much a wash. Tom reported @ Area, on CPC and Ann-reminds us of Nov.9-11,2013 50th MA State Convention.

Christa of District # 5 DCM states that a Service Workshop in Palmer/ Ludlow will be coming up. Dennis will get flyers. No new business for area.

New Business for District # 3 as follows:

Michael said Northern Berkshire Group would like to have a Simple Picnic @ Windsor Pond/Fish Pond (a fellowship /picnic type meeting). Date: Unknown at this time but sometime in Sept. -a meet & greet type event. We need to make a Flyer about this when we get details from Michael.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 🕒 WYMPAA (Western MA Young People of AA) meet on the second Saturday of the month @ 11:30 A.M. at Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St. , Holyoke, MA

- ⌚ Area General Service meeting- 7:30 p.m. 1 st Wed. after 2nd Tues. Grace United Church (see above)
- ⌚ Western Group Picnic- August 18th, 2013 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Moose Family Center, 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee, MA,
- ⌚ Bus Trip to GSO sponsored by WYMPAA and Western MA Intergroup. Sept. 6, 2013 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.. \$35 per ticket, limited number of tickets available. See SMPAA members or Intergroup, at 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA

Fall Assembly, Oct. 12 & 13, 2013 at 395 High St. Holyoke, MA. 01040

The 2013 Round-Up Committee meeting on the Wednesday after the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6P.M. @ Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA.....**Need more participation from Berkshire County.**

- ⌚ 2013 HMB (Hudson, Mohawk, Berkshire Counties), No. 1,2 & 3 @ Hotel Utica, 102 Lafayette St., Utica, NY.
- ⌚ 2014 NERASSA Feb. 21-23.2014.. Warwick, R.I.
- ⌚ 2015 NorthEast Regional Forum, May 29-31st, 2015, Albany, N.Y.
- ⌚ 2016 NERASSA Springfield, MA.

**Closed the meeting with:
I am responsible...
When anyone, anywhere,
Reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.
And for that I am responsible.**

Respectfully submitted: Ruthie D.