

The meeting met as usual in the Lee, MA Court House @ 7 p.m.

Present were Joan P. (DCM), Dennis B. (Co-DCM), Ruthie D. (District # 3 Secretary), Mark(Area 31 Chair), Tony T. (Berkshire Intergroup Chair), and 6 GSRs & 1 Visitor.

Joan P. opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by *The Serenity Prayer*.

Joan P. read the statement on GSR from Page S26 of the AA Service Manual

Secretary's report was read by Ruthie D.

Group Reports as follows:

- ⌚ Ruthie D. (GSR) of Dalton Young @ Heart Group that meets Mondays @ 8:00 p.m. @ Grace Episcopal Church , Main St. Dalton

Ruth rotating out of group office as GSR., Dennis B. is rotating out as Treasurer,. Jen is rotating out as General Chair. We take volunteers to chair our Weekly meetings for one month at a time. This group maintains pretty much 40-50 people in attendance weekly with Group Members numbering about 10 at Business Meetings once a month. We contribute monies according to the P.I.E. Chart. No problems at this time. Elections will be held at next Business meeting on Nov. 18, 2013. Jim F. is celebrating 28 years on Nov. 25.

We were presented with Intergroup Rep, Irene R., who asked if our group would consider using/presenting the Green Card about Finances in our format? We, as a group decided that the Intergroup Rep. would raise his/her hand at announcement time & make a short announcement about Finances at Intergroup.

- ⌚ Dan _Keep It Simple Group Meets @ noontime @ First Congregational Church, Main St. Great Barrington, MA. , Contributes according to the P.I.E Chart , business meeting today, Nov. 15th with 17 people n attendance.. That's because we've been
- ⌚ announcing that we want to amend the closing prayer of our meeting instead of *The Lord's Prayer* we would change it to your choice of prayer....the vote =8 for & 7 against but we decided that it was not 2/3 of the majority vote so it was voted down so we will continue with it as it is & maybe we'll get it changed to the *I am Responsible Pledge*. *We'll see at next Business Meeting*.

Matt: (GSR) New Way of Life Group., meets @ Noontime on Sunday @ Soldier On Group West Housatonic St; Pittsfield, MA.

- ⌚ has about 40 regular strong last month, business meetings get about 6 members, No problems to report , a couple of positions open to be filled, but that's all.
- ⌚ Rick R. (Alt. GSR) Berkshire Big Book Group, meets @ North American Martyr's Church, in Berkshire Village, Lanesboro, MA.
- ⌚ meets @ 7:30 Wed. Nights weekly, our group is doing great Strong. have 1 celebrant with 12 years= Todd T. last Wed. open to all invited .

Katie L. (newly elected GSR) Sober At Sunrise , Meets 7 a.m. daily @ George Crane Memorial Center on Linden St. Pittsfield.

- ⌚ attendance 25 to 30 strong 1 celebrant= Michael P. with 17 years sobriety last Sat., Nov 16th. No problems with this group @ this time. We also have a 3rd year Group Anniversary Next Sat., the 23rd.It's a Pot Luck right after the meeting.

Michael L(GSR) Northern Berkshire Groups that meet on Sunday in No.Adams @ All Saints Church & Tues. Nights in Williamstown, MA @ St. John's Church reports attendance is o.k. & treasury is o.k.

1. Doing booker meetings, lots of discussion
2. Taking meetings by individuals to Barton's Crossing or Jones.. Usually the Group does not take these commitments, but it happens only on individual basis.

Marianne Y. (GSR) Southern Berkshire Group. Senior Center, Great Barrington @ 8p.m. Friday Nights weekly, Big meeting, good meeting, Speaker meeting every Friday Night, had a business meeting last

week. Group members are very committed. Talked about [PIE](#). Chart & decided that a little more money is going to go to Berkshire Intergroup & a little less money is going to go to Western MA Intergroup, We talked about the inventory we did last July over the summer so we brought those points & are focusing in on the points listed as things we need to focus on and the 1st one is " the newcomer & carrying the message through the outworks group". Because it's a large group; we decided years ago we would keep it on the last Friday & group members only & there was lots of discussion & resentments flew. We have been the 1st Wed. Month @ the jail and Megan M. has stepped up to take on that commitment to get speakers for the Berkshire County House of Correction/ Women's Pod. We will continue with every other Tues. of the Month a commitment to McGee Unit. This was a rather lengthy business meeting with subjects anywhere from the light @ the sign @ the end of the driveway, but the Senior Center is becoming more & more specific about little things, i.e. where things are put away & the point person is being scolded, so we try to take care of our own but there are not the same people that put away things consistently every week.

Area Committees

Mark (Area Chair) Area 31

Date of Events to remember:

- 🕒 1st Thursday of the month -Concept meeting @ 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA
- 🕒 Area persons will come to your Home Group
- 🕒 GSR most important job in A A
- 🕒 Mark gave Rick R. info about Dennis as DCM is available to everyone
- 🕒 Nov. 24th, Archives will be open @ 474 Pleasant St. , Holyoke, MA from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 🕒 Nov. 20th, 2013 @ 7 p.m. is the 1st planning committee for NERASSA 2016.
- 🕒 Round-up June 7-8, 2014 @ LaQuinta , Springfield, MA.

Berkshire Intergroup Highlights from Nov.11, 2012 committee meeting:

B.I.G. always wants to thank the area and district for attending our committee meetings and helping to keep us informed and providing some guidance.

Date, Time and Attendance:

Meet second Monday of each month at 7 pm., @ 152 North St. , Pittsfield, MA
16 people in attendance, 11 voting with 7 groups represented.

General Overview:

- 🕒 Group and individual contributions increased in October. Operating fund \$ 1031.24. Still need support from other groups.
- 🕒 Elections have been completed. Patti S. is the new Co-Chair and Katrina the new Secretary. 5th Holiday Alkathon location will be at the First Methodist Church witch is on 55 Fenn St. Pittsfield, MA. Groups can reserve slots for meetings on 11/25/13 at 12 Noon...Call 413-464-4521
- 🕒 Gratitude Month Flyer-- send \$ 1.00 for each year of sobriety.
- 🕒 P.I.E. Chart under modifications--Adding the 7th Tradition of Self-Support
- 🕒 Institutions Committee looking for volunteers at the Barton's Crossing 1st and 5th Sunday...McGee Unit =4th Saturday and Sweetbrook Nursing Home in Williamstown, MA any day. Contact Darren M. @ 413-448-1845
- 🕒 Joan P. suggested each group should have a Rep to go to Intergroup meeting. --Joan P. suggested guidelines come from our area. and that for new GSR's Marianne had a good specific example about how we can change % of how much money goes to Intergroup & you can take the P.I.E. chart pamphlet to your groups & have some discussion @ your business meetings. It really

is up to the groups. Katie was inquiring about how a group gets to change that if they want to. Dennis said that the pamphlet is only a suggestion about how it splits up.

- ⌚ Brian was there. P.I.E. chart will be the same as area and green card as well. The % is exactly the same for Area or Intergroup. Mark highly recommended going to NERASSA if you've never been. It will Spice up your service program/
- ⌚ He gave specific examples. Say a member of your group wants to know a question about a service position. It is important that GSR's read & understand all the literature that they can to inform their groups & keep them abreast of new happenings within GSO and bring that back to their groups. Mark closes with that statement.

- ⌚ General discussions about % of monies sent to Intergroup brought up by Michael from Northern Berkshire Group
- ⌚ Marianne said \$1.00 for each year of sobriety was started in her group years ago in Rhode Island & it is a suggestion only. Some think it's a very good idea.

- ⌚ Katie wanted to know if she took those pamphlets would she ask the Group Conscience about it?
- ⌚ Joan--"As far as...?"
- ⌚ Katie " Or should I just announce it @ announcement time.
- ⌚ Joan "You don't have to remember all this , you will receive the minutes & take that back to your group."
- ⌚ Tony.. Discussion on monies .

Area Meeting Report: Dennis B.

There were no meeting reports, & no committee reports & no arguing..."Very Disappointing".
General Service Office Packet for your Group about contributions to take back to your Home Group.
Please review it.

Marianne said her group wants to know what % of groups in Berkshire County contributes to the P.I. E.
Chart & Intergroup?

Mark said we do have it listed in the back of GSO's Annual Report 2012

District Elections:

According to Third Legacy Voting:

Mark read page 27 of Western MA General Service Structure Area 32 Handbook & Guidelines

Tony T. was elected to Co-DCM of District # 3

No one stood for District # 3 Secretary

Irene R. made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Rick R.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted, Ruthie D.