

District 3 Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2014

The meeting was held at 7PM in the Lee, MA Court House. There were 9 attendees, 5 GSR's, Pattie Co-Chair for Berkshire Intergroup, Tony T DCM and 1 guest.

Tony, DCM, opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and read the statement on the GSR from page S26 of the Service Manual.

Tony briefly reviewed last month's secretary's report and pointed out the need for a Co-DCM and Secretary.

Pattie, Co-Chair, of BIG, read the Concept of the month and Tony read the Tradition of the month.

GSR group reports:

Jessica D. GSR for the Tuesday night Women's 12 step reported - rent is paid. 25-35 women attend weekly. All 9 service positions are filled. The commitment at BCHC is being fulfilled. Will announce at next business meeting a 2nd contact for the group to determine if there is a need and if there are any volunteers.

Brian L. GSR for Thursday night Big Book Lenox reported - all is well and rent is paid.

Irene R. GSR for Monday night Dalton Young at Heart reported - All is well. Rent is paid. Commitments are being filled at Jones & McGee units.

Zack N. GSR for Wednesday night Sheffield 12&12 reported - new GSR. He states: "As far as I know all is well, Will report more in-depth next month, still getting a hang of the GSR service position."

Dan R. GSR for Keep it Simple in Great Barrington reported - They voted Friday on buying a Spanish big book in case it is needed. They also voted that the chairperson for the meeting has the right to choose how to close meeting. They can choose the Lord's Prayer, Serenity Prayer, I am responsible, etc. Also there is some concern if dogs are allowed at the meeting. Not service dogs. Not sure if it's a church rule to allow or not. Dan will get back to us next District 3 meeting.

Area 31 Committee report:

No Area 31 Rep due to NERASSA this weekend in Warwick RI.

Tony spoke about Mini-Conference and Spring Assembly which will be held on Saturday April 12 from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday April 13, 2014 from 1-5 PM. Flyers were given to bring back to groups with all details listed. Tony also spoke about the 45th Area 31 Round-Up on a June 7th & 8th, and flyers were also handed out. District 3 has a meeting commitment on Saturday from 4:30 - 5:25 PM. GSR's should be a part of this commitment. The subject is: The way out, the promises of each step. Tony will print out what promises he found on Google and hand them out at our next District meeting.

If any group wants an inventory done for their group they can contact the Area 31 Chair and he will make arrangements.

Berkshire Intergroup report:

Patty Co-Chair Berkshire Intergroup reported - The Intergroup had a meeting February 10, 2014 with 8 Reps, 14 voting and 15 people total attended. Intergroup is looking to get more Reps to attend their meetings. Intergroup is willing to come in to all of our meeting and do a talk about what Intergroup does.

Patty stressed they really want more groups to get involved. Intergroup Office has an open house scheduled for Saturday May 17, 2014 at 11:30 – 2PM.

Questions or Comments from GSR's:

Irene GSR for Monday night Dalton Young at Heart asked why at the last assembly she attended was handed a number and told what conference to attend and didn't have a choice. She was told it was because she didn't pre-pick her topic.

Dan GSR for Thursday night Men's group needs a new person to bring meeting to BCHC. Brian who has been doing it wants to rotate out. He was told to contact Darren, Berkshire Intuition Committee contact at (###) ###-#### or email:*****@***.***

Brian GSR Lenox group asked why this District 3 GSR meeting is at 7:00 PM on a Friday. Tony conveyed that he is not sure why and it has been scheduled that way for years. This may contribute to low attendance. Tony & Jessica both said that when the meeting goes over an hour, it may be another reason for low attendance. Tony as new DCM is trying to keep it as close as possible to an hour and try to get more GSR's to attend.

Visitor:

Will B. attended the meeting to find out more about the Co-DCM and Secretary positions were all about. Tony explain in-depth what the requirements are. Will declined both service positions because of possible relocation due to work search. Jessica D. volunteered to be the Secretary of our District 3 meeting.

Old Business:

The need for a Co-DCM.

New Business:

No new business.

Motion to close:

Jessica D. made a motion to close the meeting and Irene second it and all were in favor. Meeting closed at 8:05 PM with I am Responsible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Jessica and Tony

