

District 3 Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2014

The meeting was held at 7PM in the Lee, MA Court House. There were 15 attendees, 11 Groups with 10 GSR's, 2 Alternate GSR's, Mark N. Area 31 Alt. Delegate, Tony T. DCM and 1 guest.

Start@ 7:00 p.m. Tony opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and read the statement on the GSR from page S26 of the Service Manual.

Tyler R. read the Tradition of the month and checklist.

Robin D. read the Concept of the month and checklist.

Jessica D. reviewed District 3 meeting highlights from last month's secretary's report.

GSR group reports:

Each GSR gave a basic group update. No major issues were reported. One new GSR from the Men's Step Group that meets on Tuesdays in Pittsfield. See BIG section for responses to suggestions and comments.

Area 31 Committee report:

Mark N. Alt. Delegate, conveyed the following: The importance of being of service and getting a service sponsor, 2015 International Convention which will be held in Atlanta, GA., Fall Assembly to be held in Holyoke, MA. In addition, shared the four areas of focus, Diversity, Safety and Respect, Safeguarding our Traditions and Inventory. He covered Safeguarding our Traditions through Technology and referenced Tradition 11 Long Form from the 12 & 12. Further, discussed was the function of the GSO and their financial structure. He also read Concept 12 Warranty 2 page 65 as it relates to charities, and giving away books/literature being more the responsibility of the sponsor than the group.

Berkshire Intergroup Report:

Berkshire Intergroup not in attendance at this District 3 meeting. Tony conveyed that Berkshire Intergroup is looking for volunteers for the Alkathon committee and if interested contact the BIG office. Also answered questions regarding BIG's financial condition, and conveyed the small amounts of groups that contribute, the no charge for the Where and When and no mark-up for literature. Encouraged attendees to attend the BIG monthly meeting.

DCM Report:

Tony T. DCM handed out Area and other A.A. info - July (G.S.C) calendar, Western Mass Intergroup Picnic and A.A. Guidelines. Tony encouraged participants to use the area website area31AAaa.org and the AA website aa.org. Also shared the importance of safeguarding our Traditions and keeping AA strong for the generations to come.

Old Business:

CoDCM service position is still open. Tony has been in touch with someone that may be interested in the position and will know by the middle of next month.

New Business:

Northern Berkshire Group will determine if they want to celebrate their 59th anniversary and couple it with a District 3/BIG workshop. District 3 could cover the costs of the rental space at the Historic Valley Campgrounds in North Adams, MA.

Motion to close:

A motion was made to close the meeting, it was seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting closed at 8:30PM with I am Responsible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Tony