

District 3 Monthly Meeting  
Old Lee Courthouse Lee Town Hall

7PM, March 20, 2015  
Park St Entrance, Lee, MA

**Present at the meeting:**

16 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, DCM, BIG Chair, Secretary, 3 Visitors  
Total Groups Represented: 16 Total in attendance: 22

**Handouts:**

March Agenda, Feb Minutes, Workshop info packets for the Mini-conference, Spring Assembly flyer, Roundup flyer.

**Meeting started** at 7pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, reading from page S26 of the AA Service Manual (BM-31), and introductions.

**Summary of last month's minutes** was given, and minutes were accepted without discussion.

**Tradition 1** and relevant questions were read from the Traditions Checklist (AA Grapevine).

**Concept 1** and relevant questions were read from the Concepts Checklist ( F-91 AAWS). Particular explanation of "Right of Decision" was given by the DCM.

**DCM report:**

- MSCYPAA (Massachusetts State Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) will be held in Leominster, MA, this year Aug 7-9. To get more information, go to: [mscypaahost.com](http://mscypaahost.com)
- CPC committee reported they will focus their efforts on the judicial system. Try to meet with Judges to help them understand what AA is/isn't.
- The website committee has created a pamphlet to help increase awareness of the website. I have a mock-up here for you to look at. They'll be available at the Assembly next week.
- Our Area 31 Spring Assembly and Mini Conference will be March 28-29 It will be held at the 2nd Congregational Church 300 Appleton Street in Holyoke Ma. The mini-conference will be held Sat from 10AM-4PM. The Area 31 business meeting will be Sunday from 1-5PM.
- Mini-conference is a one day event dedicated to informing the group conscience of our General Service Conference (GSC) in April by giving GSRs an opportunity to become informed about, and discuss GSC agenda topics, and to send our perspectives on to the GSC via our Delegate. Delegates are notified of Agenda items in early February. We will be discussing them in the meetings leading up to the conference, and following the Round Up, Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 8:00am to Sunday, June 7, 2015 – 5:00pm La Quinta Inn and Suites 100 Congress Street, Springfield, MA.
- Next meeting is April 17, 2015.

**Group Wins and Concerns:**

- One group has trouble getting members to raise their hands when the format asks for "temporary sponsors." Lots of discussion and suggestions.
- What is the minimum requirements for Alt-GSR. (Up to the group. Start with suggested minimum for GSR and work back from there.)

**Circle back:**

- None on Safety.
- Some confusion about Online meetings. GSRs not sure how to answer questions like "Would online group GSRs be physically present at Area Assemblies?" At this point, the fellowship is just beginning to address these questions. All preliminary.

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**Reports:**

- MSCYPAA Bid: John reported the committee is making a bid to hold the 2016 Mass State Convention for Young People in AA somewhere in Western Mass. It hasn't been here since 1996. Springfield and Pittsfield are being considered. Fun event, get involved.
- Berkshire Intergroup: Tom reported they are hosting a Service Day on May 9<sup>th</sup> and want us to co-sponsor it. Lengthy discussion. District voted to participate, help organize and share the cost.

**Distributing mini-conference info packets:** Information packets for Finance, Grapevine, PI, Literature and Agenda committees were distributed to the district. The DCM explained how they are to be used, and that they contain confidential information, so keep them safe. All packets distributed.

**New Business:** What should our Service Day topic be?

Motion: Topic: Are we welcoming enough to all people with alcohol problems? Motion passed.

Minority heard. Passed again. DCM formed an ad hoc committee of Connell, Marianne and Thom to further define the topic for next meeting.

**Topics to bring back to your business meeting:**

- MSCYPAA bid
- Encourage participation in next week's Mini-conference by any/all AA members
- Service Day May 9
- Roundup

Meeting closed at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connell M. - DCM