

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting  
Lee, MA

Friday, November 20, 2015

Present at the meeting:

16 signed in, 13 groups represented

Handouts:

November Meeting Agenda, October District 3 Meeting Minutes, Berkshire Institutions Flier, NERAASA 2016 Flier, NERAASA 2016 Registration Form, Area 31 Calendar Nov/Dec, Group History Form, 2015 Final Report of the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous

The meeting started at 7pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, a reading from page S26 of the AA Service Manual and introductions.

A summary of October minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Concept 11 and Tradition 11 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

Discussion on a situation involving anonymity at an AA meeting. Security cameras are in use in the building that is rented by that AA group.

Discussion on attraction rather than promotion. PI Committee member shared how information is presented in different public settings such as high school, jail, hospital.

DCM report:

- Findings from the Fall Assembly Inventory will be put into action at the Spring Assembly.
- Elections were held at the end of the business meeting on Sunday, at the Fall Assembly.
- Only 16 of the 68 groups in District 3 have contributed to the Area. Please put group name, town, and number on the check sent for donation.
- The Archives Committee is looking for group histories.
- Advisory Actions passed at the last GSC and future considerations for the next GSC are available in the Final Report for 2015.

From the Area:

- Contributions continue to be low at the Area level. Please renew efforts to inspire AA members and groups to contribute more to AA.
- A motion was made by District 3 for the Area Committee to put together a list of services that the Area is involved with. This information will be brought back to the groups in District 3 to demonstrate the need for additional monetary support for the Area. The motion passed.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- The Institutions Committee needs help with outside meetings. These include Barton's

- Crossing, Berk House of Corrections, Hillcrest Commons, Jones II.
- Discussion about an incarcerated person receiving AA literature at the Berk House of Corrections.
  - The Institutions Committee helped a group with a situation involving a person from a local institution attending that meeting.

Circle Back:

- A group issue involving principles over personalities that was discussed at a prior District 3 meeting was settled and the group was able to move on from it.

Reports from the Area:

- NERAASA 2016 will be Feb 26-Feb 28.
- District 6 workshop will be November 21.
- The Area Committee will consider recommendations from the Fall Assembly.
- PI representative suggested that PI information from the Final Report of the GSC 2015 on pg 8 and pg 74 be discussed within groups.

Elections:

- Third Legacy procedure was used for the District elections.
- Eileen M., elected Co-DCM
- Michal S., elected LCM
- Michael L., will become DCM.
- Connell M., will rotate out of the DCM position. On behalf on District 3, thank you!!!! We sincerely appreciate your service to AA.

Topics to bring back to groups:

- Next District meeting will have information on the AA survey
- Final Report 2015 information
- Group History forms
- Motion that passed at the District meeting for a bullet list of Area services to be brought back to District 3 for group considerations.
- Elections

The next District meeting will be Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie K.