

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, December 18, 2015

Present at the meeting:

11 signed in, 9 groups represented

Handouts:

December Meeting Agenda, November District 3 Meeting Minutes, NERAASA 2016 Registration Form, Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey

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 November minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Concept 12 and Tradition 12 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

Discussion on question from Traditions Checklist: Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its purpose? What is my part? Suggestions included reaching out to newcomers and visitors. A greeter can introduce a newcomer to others and make sure they have a meeting schedule and other AA literature. Make sure that the room is clean after the meeting and doors and windows are closed and locked.

Discussion on question from the Concepts Checklist: Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all AA members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others? The importance of rotation in all service positions in AA,

DCM report:

- NERAASA will be February 26-28. Please register on line or with a registration form. District 3 has been asked to chair a meeting from 7-8am on Feb 27th. It will be a topic meeting. The ground work will be provided. NERAASA is a great service event for GSRs to attend.

From the Area:

- Contributions continue to be low at the Area level. The Area is not receiving enough from the groups to fulfill its many efforts to carry the message. Please renew efforts to inspire AA members and groups to contribute more to the Area.
- The GSR handbook revisions were completed. The new handbooks will be available in 2016,

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Christmas and New Years A^thons, United Methodist Church, Pittsfield. From 5pm Christmas Eve and New Years Eve to 5pm Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Circle Back: No
comments

Reports from Area Committee members:

- GSO needs financial help.
- There is a \$220,000.00 deficit from the convention in Atlanta.

AA 2014 Membership Survey pamphlet was discussed. In August 2014, 4 or 5 groups in each Area were selected to participate. There were 4 chosen in Area 31. Members in attendance at the meeting the day selected were asked to complete the survey. GSO compiled the information.

Topics to bring back to groups:

- 2014 Survey pamphlet
- Financial help needed for Area and GSO
- NERAASA
- The importance of reaching out to newcomers.

The next District meeting will be Friday, January 15th.
Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie K.