

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, January 15, 2016

Present at the meeting:

13 signed in, 7 groups represented

Handouts:

January Meeting Agenda, December District 3 Meeting Minutes, NERAASA 2016 Registration Form, Area 31 AA Accessibility Committee flier, "But we do have expenses...." flier, AA Area 31 February calendar, Western Mass Young People flier, Area 31 Western Mass Roundup flier, Self-Support green card

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 December's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Concept 1 and Tradition 1 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

Discussion on questions from Traditions Checklist.

DCM report:

From the Area:

- NERAASA will be February 26-28. Please register on line or with a registration form. NERAASA is a great service event for GSRs to attend. This is an opportunity to learn about the General Service Conference and to find out what will be happening there in 2016.
- Request from the Area 31 Registrar for updated GSR contact information so that GSO can work with accurate information.
- Area 31 Archivist asks that at year end DCM submit meeting minutes for the previous year, along with any notes on AA Service Days.
- Area 31 Institutions Committee is looking for volunteers to put on meetings at various locations.
- Western Mass Roundup Committee is making progress. The event will be held at La Quinta Hotel, Springfield.
- Western Mass Young People will put on a dance January 29, 2016, 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke.

From Berkshire Intergroup:

- Larry is stepping down as office manager for Berkshire Intergroup.
- Question on whether meetings outside of Area 31 should be included in the local meeting schedule.
- Discussion and action regarding a large monetary gift to Intergroup from a grateful member of AA.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Approaching the present AA financial issue is a delicate matter. A suggestion was made to discuss at group business meetings how to best handle this topic.
- Dalton Young at Heart has adjusted to moving their meeting. Good attendance.
- New Year's Alkathon in Great Barrington went well.
- 11th Step Group in North Adams elected group service positions in December. The group donates according to pie chart. Three North Adams meetings have combined to form this group. They have one business meeting with reps from each meeting attending and have one treasury.
- Area 31 does not financially support Berkshire Institutions Committee. Donations from groups wishing to support the local committee can be sent directly to Berkshire Institutions.
- A suggestion was made to vary donations; three months to Berkshire Institutions and Berkshire Intergroup and then three months to pie chart selections.
- Berkshire Intergroup has envelopes for "birthday" donations to GSO.

Circle Back:

No comments

Reports from Area Committee members:

- "But we do have expenses..." fliers distributed for groups to discuss or post.
- Area 31 will co-sponsor Mass State Convention 2016. There is a car pool to the committee meeting in Framingham from Exit 6 at the Plantation Inn.
- Area 31 AA Accessibility Committee is seeking to help those in need of assistance.
- Large print "Where and When" available at W.M. Intergroup.

The next District Meeting will be Friday, February 19th.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie K.