

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, February 19, 2016

Present at the meeting:

12 signed in, 11 groups represented

Handouts:

February meeting agenda, January District 3 meeting minutes, AA Area 31 March calendar

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

Concept 2 and Tradition 2 were read. Relevant questions from the Concepts Checklist and Traditions Checklist were read.

DCM report:

From the Area:

- NERAASA will be February 26-28. There is still time to register on line. 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.
- Area 31 Mini-Conference and Spring Assembly will be held April 2-3, at the 2nd Congregational Church, corner of Maple St and Appleton St, Holyoke, MA. Saturday, 9am-3pm. Sunday, 12noon – 5pm. This is the opportunity for AA groups to inform the delegate how they feel about the 2016 General Service Conference agenda items.
- Area Accessibility Committee is facilitating NERAASA events with ASL interpreters, English/Spanish translators, and providing hearing assistance devices.
- Area Grapevine Committee will have display boards at NERAASA. They are seeking volunteers for the display tables.
- Western Mass Roundup Committee is making progress. The event will be held at La Quinta Hotel, Springfield, on May 20,21,22. Registration is \$10.00. Saturday night dinner is \$25.00.
- Area 31 is considering a Grapevine page on the website. They are looking for suggestions from the groups.
- Area CPC is presenting on substance abuse at Baystate Medical Center. There is also a DUI commitment scheduled at Umass, Amherst.
- The Area chairperson presented the Area 31 Inventory highlights from the October assembly. An ad hoc committee will review the list and make suggestions back to the Area.

From Berkshire Intergroup:

- Intergroup chairperson asked attendees to visit the groups that are not represented and encourage their participation.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Pittsfield Women's Step group brings a meeting to Hillcrest Commons.

- The GB Senior Center appreciates the responsibility that the So. Berkshire group shows in taking care of their meeting space.
- Soldier On needs a general chairperson for the group. The group also needs support.
- Keep It Simple group will have a Traditions board displayed at their meeting.
- Thursday Men's group in GB is expanding. They have two greeters present at the meeting and feel that this is helping
- Dalton Young at Heart is using a microphone to help with the acoustics in the new meeting space.
- Sheffield 12 and 12 has all service positions filled. Attendance is consistent.
- The Berkshire group has three new members. The group's coffee and Intergroup commitments are filled.

Circle Back:

No comments

Reports from Area Committee members:

Sue, Area chair:

- 25th anniversary of NERAASA will be in Area 31, February 26-28. It has never been held here before.
- The GSR is the link between a group and GSO in New York. They let GSO know what is happening in their group. Responsibilities for a GSR include the District meeting, Roundup, Spring and Fall Assemblies and NERAASA.
- There is a lot of information on the Area 31 website.
- The Roundup will be May 20,21,22. The Area delegate will present information from the 2016 General Service Conference on Saturday, May 21.
- The Spring Assembly will be April 2 and 3. On Saturday, April 2, GSRs will have the opportunity to pass along information from their groups to the Area delegate to bring to the General Service Conference in New York.
- There is a Traditions meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month and a Concept meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month. Both are held at 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, both at 7:30pm.
- The Area Committee is available for Service Commitment meetings. Send any questions to the Areachair@Area31.AA.org
- Some discussion has started on the information gathered at the Fall 2015 Area inventory. It has been suggested that districts in Area 31 consider combining their AA Service Day workshops at a place convenient for the districts involved. CPC and PI could also be included.
- A suggestion to help with attendance at the District meeting: LCM can reach out and invite groups to attend.

The next District meeting will be Friday, March 18th.

Meeting closed at 8:06pm with I am Responsible Pledge

Respectfully submitted,
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