

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, March 18, 2016

Present at the meeting:

15 signed in, 8 groups represented

Handouts:

March Meeting Agenda, February District 3 Meeting Minutes, Spring Assembly Agenda Items

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

Concept 3 was read.

DCM report:

From Area 31:

- Alternate Delegate Paul H. is stepping down immediately from his service position due to personal reasons.
- Expense slips for those who attended NERASSA can be submitted to Mary M., Area 31 treasurer, at the Spring Assembly. Slips should be in an envelope marked clearly with name, address, and phone number.
- A complete record of NERAASA activity is being compiled and will possibly be completed for display at the Spring Assembly.
- Western Mass PI Committee meeting attended by 30 AAs. It is not necessary to be representing a group to attend.
- Western Mass Intergroup will produce fliers for groups to announce group anniversaries.
- Western Mass Young People is planning a sober camp out in June.
- District 1 will present a workshop on Sponsorship and Singleness of Purpose/Primary Purpose. It will be held April 9th, 1:00 pm, Serenity Club, Springfield.
- Area delegate suggested that when reporting back to your home group, about NERAASA for example, better results may be obtained by sharing personal experience about the event rather than presenting in terms of educating group members.
- Mass State Convention planning committee meets on March 29th, Framingham Sheraton Hotel. All AAs are welcome to participate. Carpool available.
- Alternate delegate position needs to be filled. There is an immediate responsibility for the position to chair the GSR presentations at the Spring Assembly, Sunday, April 3rd.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- North Adams Sunday 11th Step reports everything is ok.
- Sheffield 12 & 12 is planning their group anniversary meeting.
- A New Way of Life, Pittsfield, needs a general chairperson for the group.
- Keep It Simple, GB, now has Step and Tradition shades at their meeting. The group worked through a process to agree on purchasing these.

- Men's 12 Step group in Pittsfield has strong attendance at their meeting and business meeting. They have a jail commitment. Everything is going good.
- Dalton Young at Heart's new location is working out. 7th Tradition is good. Attendance is good. Microphone use is going pretty good.
- Lenox Big Book Step reports things are going ok. The group's GSR attended NERAASA and wants to bring pertinent information back to the group.
- In Focus Step group, Cheshire, has service positions filled.
- Happy, Joyous and Free, Wednesday morning meeting, Lee, is now making regular contributions.
- Sober on Saturday, Lee, reported that someone shared about his experience in dealing with a person that went into alcohol withdrawal during an AA meeting he was attending. Suggestions: 1- Call 911. 2- GSR can take the initiative to have a group discussion on safety in AA. Talk about how the group would handle this kind of situation or any emergency. Make a plan as to how to respond. Do group members know name and exact location of the building their meeting is held so correct information can be given to emergency responders?

Circle Back:

No comments

Report from Berkshire Intergroup:

- There will be an AA Service Day held in September at the Lenox Community Center. Berkshire Intergroup would like to partner with District 3 on this. Intergroup's topic will be Sponsorship and their panel will consist of three people: female sponsor, male sponsor, and service sponsor.

Report from Area 31 delegate:

- Discussion on Concept 3 "Right of Decision". The delegate will use this, if necessary, at the General Service Conference in New York.
- After 2017, literature prices will go up. Area is looking for new ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses.
- 41% of registered groups donate to AA as a whole.
- 49% of Area 31 groups donate to AA as a whole. This is an increase from 2015.
- There will be a GSR presentation at the Spring Assembly from 9-9:45am, Saturday, April 2nd.

New Business: Suggestions for District 3's topic for AA Service Day, September, 2016.

The next District meeting will be Friday, April 15th.

Meeting closed at 7:56 pm with I am Responsible Pledge

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie K.