

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting  
Lee, MA

Friday, May 20, 2016

Present at the meeting:

12 signed in, 9 groups represented

Handouts:

May Meeting Agenda, April District 3 Meeting Minutes, WMYPAA flier, MSCYPAA flier, W Mass Intergroup picnic 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 April's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Tradition 5 and Concept 5 were read. Relevant questions from the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist were read. Discussion on Tradition Five.

DCM Report:

From Area 31:

- The Area treasurer reports that contributions increased this month compared to the same period last year.
- The registrar shared that the national directory of group listings is going to the printer soon.
- The Area webmaster invites groups to submit fliers for posting on the Area website. If sending meeting minutes, please remove any personal email addresses, phone numbers, and names to protect anonymity.
- The Accessibility Committee has arranged ASL interpreters to translate at the Roundup.
- CPC has a poster on Area 31 website home page inviting professionals to a CPC presentation at the Roundup.
- The Website Committee will have a noon meeting, Saturday, at the Roundup. The topic will be "Carrying the AA Message Online". Area 31 Handbook and Guideline is going to be available on the Area website when the final draft is submitted.
- There will be several bi-lingual meetings, English and Spanish, at the Roundup. Both will be translated as people share. Also, no one will be turned away from the Roundup if they do not have the registration fee.
- Area 31 delegate expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as our representative at the GSC. He will give his report at the Roundup.
- Area chairperson stressed the importance of co-DCMs attending Area meetings. They will be informed of what's happening and prepare for the DCM service position. They also have a vote.
- DCMs will meet at 6:30pm, before the regular Area 31 business meeting, on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

From Berkshire Intergroup:

- The website berkshireaaintergroup.org is up and running. The exact date for the September Service Day is still not set.

From Western Mass Young People:

- They will host a movie "Smashed" about AA recovery. Fliers available.

From MYSCPA:

- There will be a sober campout in Dorset, Vt. Fliers available.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- No comments.

Circle Back:

- No comments.

Report from Area 31 chairperson:

- The delegate report from the General Service Conference will be presented on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Roundup.
- The next meeting of the Mass State Convention Planning Committee will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, in Framingham. There is a car pool to Framingham that leaves at 6pm from the Plantation Inn, Springfield, MA. The committee meets every other month.
- Area Committee is available to present their experience with service in AA. Contact Area31 through the website.
- The Area meeting is open to all.
- "Dark Groups" are now called "Unlit Groups".
- The Area treasurer can determine if donations are being made. Contact the treasurer through the Area 31 website. If no group number was put on the check sent for donation, the funds go into a general pool. Groups can donate any way they want. Monthly donations are encouraged for consistency.

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

- A motion was made to participate in the upcoming Service Day and present the topic "The Importance of the Home Group". A discussion followed. The vote was unanimous with 10 people voting yes. The DCM will contact Berkshire Intergroup with this decision.

The next District meeting will be Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm with I am Responsible pledge

Respectfully submitted,  
District 3 secretary