

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, June 17, 2016

Present at the meeting:

13 signed in, 8 groups represented

Handouts:

June Meeting Agenda, May District 3 Meeting Minutes, 2016 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations, Berkshire Intergroup/District 3 Service Day flier, MSCYPAA flier, Area 31 Treasurer's Report June 2016

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

Tradition 6 and Concept 6 were read. Relevant questions from the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist were read.

DCM Report:

From Area 31:

- The Area treasurer reports that contributions increased this month compared to the same period last year.
- Less than one in four groups have a history form in place. Please have your group submit a history form to Area 31 Archive Committee. If interested, Area 31 Archive boards can be set up at your group's anniversary. Grapevine display boards are also available for group anniversaries.
- The revised Area 31 Handbook and Guidelines has not been printed yet.

From Berkshire Intergroup:

- September 10, 2016, AA Service Day topics will be Sponsorship, presented by BIG, and The Importance of Home Group, presented by District 3.

From Western Mass Intergroup:

- The new Area 31 When and Where listings are now available.

From MYSCPAA:

- Ninety one campers attended the sober campout in Dorset, VT. Fliers are available for the July bonfire event and August convention.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Dalton Young at Heart GSR will represent District 3 at the July Berkshire Intergroup Meeting.
- Dalton Young at Heart meeting will start at 8:30pm on Monday, June 27th. This time change is only for this one meeting.
- Dalton Young at Heart will discuss the importance of service rotation and singleness of purpose at their next business meeting.
- Sheffield 12 & 12 celebrated it's 41st anniversary in June. The anniversary meeting had Al-Anon participation.

- The LCM visited AA groups and helped one with pie chart/donation information. She has suggested that the group elect a GSR and participate in the District meeting.

Circle Back:

- No comments.

Report from Berkshire Institutions Committee:

- The committee oversees 55 meetings a month.
- Institution meetings are suffering.
- The meeting at the homeless shelter has been dropped due to lack of AA volunteers to chair the meeting. The shelter is now allowing occupants to attend outside meetings.
- There has been a low attendance at the Institutions Committee meeting. It is important for groups to send a rep to the IC meeting if they sponsor a meeting.
- There have been no calls for Bridging the Gap for four months.
- Open commitments:
 - Jones, 5th Sunday of the month, 10am.
 - House of Corrections Bound Overs meeting. This meeting is held for people waiting to be sentenced. 2nd and 5th Monday of the month, 6:30pm.
 - Hillcrest Commons, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm.
 - McGee, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday of the month, 7pm. The Institutions Committee is waiting for a decision from a group to sponsor this opening.
 - The Phoenix House has had no AA meetings. Openings 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Thursday, 6:30pm.
- The Institutions Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm, at the Intergroup Office, Pittsfield. The chairperson has been in his position for five years and would like to train a co-chair.

Report from Area 31 delegate:

- There will be new Class A (non alcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) trustees elected after the 2017 General Service Conference. Class B trustee must be nominated by their Area.
- All 6 districts in Area 31 are having workshops.
- AA service is important. A sponsor can suggest service to the people they work with.
- A new pamphlet will be published, Young People in AA. Submit a 300 word story to the Literature Committee at GSO.

An election was held for a new co-DCM for District 3. The GSR from the Sheffield 12 & 12 meeting was elected. Congratulations!

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

Meeting closed at 8:32 pm with I am Responsible pledge

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 secretary