

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting Lee,
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Friday, July 15, 2016

Present at the meeting:

8 signed in, 7 groups represented

Handouts:

July Meeting Agenda, June District 3 Meeting Minutes, MSCYPAA flier, Area 31 Treasurer's Report July 2016, Berkshire Intergroup/District 3 Service Day flier, Area 31 District 4 Service Day flier, August Area 31 General Service Committee 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 June's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Tradition 7 and Concept 7 were read. Relevant questions from the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist were read.

DCM Report:

From Area 31:

- The Area treasurer reported that contributions increased again this month compared to the same period last year.
- If you are a new GSR and haven't received a packet of materials from GSO, contact the Area registrar and he will get a status report on that mailing.
- There is a large print When and Where available for our area.
- CPC display boards are available for group events.
 - You may submit your AA story to the Grapevine by telephone (up to 7 minutes). There may be a phone charge.
 - Area PI Committee needs daytime volunteers for commitments. If interested, contact them. There may also be a need to help on the alcoholism recovery radio show that is aired on Sunday morning in the Springfield area.
- Western Mass Intergroup is willing to present a service meeting if your group is interested.
- District 4 Service Day is August 13th. Fliers are available.
 - There will be an Area 31 service commitment August 12th in District 6 at Western Mass Hospital, E. Mountain Rd, Westfield, 6-7pm.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Dalton Young at Heart reports that things are going good.
- Women's Step, Pittsfield, meets at 6:30pm instead of 7pm on Tuesday night at St Mark's Church. A cell phone issue was settled by the group. They will now ask, in their format, that phones be turned off during the meeting. They have started an activity group for AA fellowship movies, etc.
- Sheffield 12 & 12 is a strong, well attended meeting. A 1, 2, 3 Step meeting is held during the regular meeting. They also sponsor a Living Sober meeting, Friday, 6:30pm at the Senior Center in Gt Barrington. The group is in need of a new GSR.

- Ray of Hope, Lee, reported a cell phone issue. The chairperson diffused the situation. Southern Berkshire, Gt Barrington, has a healthy group with regular business meetings. Their AA meeting is well attended.
- Lenox Big Book Step Study took the McGee institution commitment twice a month. Also, the group had a cell phone issue. The situation was discussed at their business meeting. They added a reminder in their format to turn off cell phones during the meeting. Group members rotate chairing this meeting.
- Keep it Simple, Gt Barrington, has a cell phone issue at their meeting. They are dealing with the situation at their business meeting. The group is announcing elections for rotation of group service positions.
- North Adams 11th Step reported that all three of their meetings support AA as a whole.

A motion was made for a GSR to go to the monthly Intergroup meeting and discuss ideas for the AA Service Day on Sept 10th. The GSR from Dalton Young at Heart will go. District 3 ideas were discussed.

Report from Area 31 chairperson:

- Please include group name and number on any checks sent for donation to GSO, Area, etc.
- Monthly donations, instead of quarterly, to Area 31 would be appreciated.
- Traditions meeting July 20th. What a Concept, Aug 4th. Both are at 7:30pm, Holyoke.
 - Mass State Convention will be Nov. 11,12,13. If interested, the planning committee has a car pool from the Plantation Inn, Chicopee, to the Framingham Sheratan at 5:15pm on July 26*.
 - Area 31 Committee is available to groups for service meetings. Contact the Area chairperson.
 - Past delegates are available for group inventories. Contact Area 31 chairperson for information.
- The Fall Area 31 Assembly will be Oct 15th and 16th in Holyoke.
- All Area 31 information can be found on the website Area3 IAA.org.

The next District meeting will be Friday, August 19th.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm with I am Responsible Pledge

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 secretary