

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, August 19, 2016

Present at the meeting:

10 signed in, 7 groups represented

Handouts:

August Meeting Agenda, July District 3 Meeting Minutes, Mass State AA Convention Registration Forms, Area 31 Treasurer's Report August 2016, Berkshire Intergroup/District 3 AA Service Day Flier, Institutions Committee Open Meeting List, Western Mass Intergroup Family Picnic Flier, Map of Western Mass Districts in Area 31

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

Tradition 8 and Concept 8 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 in July compared to the same period last year. YTD contributions are up over 2015.
- There is a large print When and Where available for our area at Western Mass Intergroup. The Accessibility Committee needs support from AA members to carry the message to deaf, hard-of-hearing and housebound alcoholics.
- Archives Committee is considering an update to the archive boards. Only about 20% of groups have a history form in the Area 31 archive.
- Grapevine Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke. All are welcome. The Grapevine display boards are available for group anniversaries.
- The Area delegate is available to meet with individuals and discuss/explain the 12 Concepts of AA.
- Area alt. delegate reports that progress is good on organizing the Mass State Convention. Registration forms are available.
- DCMs and GSRs are invited to the next Area 31 service commitment, Sunday, August 21, 7:30pm, Providence Hospital, 1233 Main St, Holyoke. The Area hotline needs volunteers.

From Berkshire Intergroup:

- The committee is purchasing a new copy machine for the office.
- Berkshire Intergroup/District 3 AA Service Day, Saturday, September 10, 9am-3pm, Lenox Community Center, Walker St., Lenox, MA.

From Berkshire Institutions Committee:

- The Institutions Committee chairperson is looking for a co-chair so he can rotate out of his service position.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Keep it Simple, Gt Barrington. The GSR brought up a situation involving rotation of service in that group. Discussion on the importance of rotation of service in AA.

Report from alternate delegate:

- Mass State Convention will be Nov. 11,12,13. Registration forms are available. Trustee at large will give a presentation at the convention. Western Mass Young People will have more involvement with the convention.
- Many new GSRs start their service position on January 1st. The Area has a GSR presentation available for them.
- GSRs are encouraged to attend the Fall Area 31 Assembly on Oct 15th and 16th in Holyoke.
- The new Area 31 Service Handbook will be available soon.

The next District meeting will be Friday, September 16th.
Meeting closed at 7:58 pm with I am Responsible Pledge

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 secretary