

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, September 16, 2016

Present at the meeting:

11 signed in, 8 groups represented

Handouts:

September Meeting Agenda, August District 3 Meeting Minutes, Mass State A.A. Convention Registration Forms, 2016 Final Report of the 66th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 31 Treasurer's Report September 2016

The meeting started at 7pm with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, a reading from page S26 of the A.A. Service Manual and introductions.

A summary of August's minutes was given. Minutes were accepted without discussion.

Tradition 9 and Concept 9 were read. Relevant questions from the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist were read.

DCM Report:

From Area 31:

- Archives Committee requests groups to complete a group history form. The completed form can be given to the DCM or emailed to Archives at Area 31.
- Grapevine Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke. All are welcome. You can submit your story to the Grapevine by phone. There may be a charge for the call. The number is available on the Area 31 website.
- Area alternate delegate noted that special room rates for the Mass State Convention are available until October 24th. Service volunteers are needed.
- The Area delegate disclosed two advanced agenda items for the 2017 conference: change to the AA Service Manual and revision to the short form of the 12 Concepts of A.A.
- Area 31 Committee will not hold it's regular meeting in October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16, during the Fall Assembly.
- Volunteers are needed to chair meetings through the night of the alkathon at the Mass State Convention. Contact the Area 31 alternate delegate.
- Area 31 Institutions Committee received 5 calls for Bridging the Gap.

From Berkshire Institutions Committee:

- The committee is having difficulty getting volunteers to meet the requests/commitments for meetings in local facilities.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- none

Report from Area 31 delegate:

- The Fall Assembly will be held October 15 and 16 in Holyoke. Saturday workshops will

- focus on participation in A.A. The Area 31 Committee will hold their meeting on Sunday.
- GSO keeps A.A. uniform within the Fellowship, e.g. literature, communication.

Report from Berkshire Intergroup chairperson :

- The A.A. Service Day held in September was successful.
- Berkshire Intergroup would like to work with District 3 in reaching out to “unlit” groups in Berkshire County and inviting them to participate in the A.A. service structure. There were suggestions given for contact with a group:
 - Attend their business meeting, if they have one, and invite the members to join the A.A. service structure.
 - Prepare a welcoming statement ahead of time. Attend their regular A.A. meeting, and, during the A.A. related announcements, invite the group to get involved with GSR and Intergroup meetings and encourage an A.A. service structure to keep them connected to A.A. as a whole.
 - It was suggested that two people partner in this service.

The next District 3 meeting will be Friday, October 21st.
Meeting closed at 8:00 pm with I am Responsible Pledge

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 secretary