

Minutes for District 3 Monthly Meeting
Lee, MA

Friday, November 18, 2016

Present at the meeting:

11 signed in, 10 groups represented

Handouts:

November Meeting Agenda, 2016 Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations, Map of Western Massachusetts Districts in Area 31, Trustee at Large US dinner flier, Berkshire Institutions Committee flier

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 report on the October District 3 Meeting was given.

Tradition 11 and Concept 11 were read. Relevant questions from the Traditions Checklist and Concepts Checklist were read.

DCM Report:

From Area 31:

- The Area 31 treasurer disbursed funds to cover District 3 expenses incurred at the September A.A. Service Day in Lenox. The treasurer asked the DCMs for 2017 budget requests. The amount requested for our district was \$300.00.

Report from Berkshire Institutions Committee:

The committee elected new officers; chair, co-chair, liaison for the McGee Unit.

- Berkshire Institutions Committee gets all literature from Area 31. It is then distributed to institutions in Berkshire County. Berkshire County groups can support Area 31 Institutions with pie chart donations.
- A committee involving women interested in service work at the women's prison in Chicopee is being developed. If interested contact Berkshire Institutions co-chair.
- There are still meetings that need to be covered in Berkshire County. They include: Jones II 3rd and 4th Sunday, 10am, McGee Unit 1st and 4th Saturday, 7pm, Berk County House of Corrections male chairperson for several Monday night meetings, Hillcrest Commons, 4th Wed, 7pm, CCC Phoenix House, Monday 12:30, 2nd and 5th Thursday, 6:30.
- The Berkshire Institutions Committee meets every third Wednesday at 7:30pm at Berkshire Intergroup, 152 North St, 3rd Floor, Suite 30C.

Group Wins and Concerns:

- Watch Your Step, Housatonic. The group is 8 years old and has good attendance, lots of tourists.
- Keep it Simple, Gt Barrington. The group is working on group history form.
- Thursday Men's, Gt Barrington. The group had a discussion on the pie chart.
- Central Berkshire Group, Pittsfield. The group is mixing their format. Speaker meeting one week, discussion one week. Started hosting "in coming" groups. Great reception.
- Lenox Big Book Step changed their format to include The Doctor's Opinion as part of Step

One.

- Friday Night Lanesboro group has a new GSR.
- New Way of Life, Pittsfield, has a new GSR.
- Southern Berkshire Group, Gt Barrington, "out going" commitments are going great. The group was started in 1955. They are discussing a group anniversary.

Report from Area 31 chairperson:

- GSR is an important service position that communicates information from the group to the Area and back.
- Service commitments are available contact the Area chair. Past delegates are available for group inventory. Usually requires 3-4 hours in an afternoon.
- February 2017 NERAASA, Framingham, Ma.
- Groups are donating more to the Area.

Report from Berkshire Intergroup chairperson :

- There was a good turn out for the November Intergroup meeting.
- Intergroup is in need of a co-chair, 2 year commitment, and a treasurer, 2 year commitment.
- Contributions are up.

There will be elections at the December District 3 Meeting. DCM and co-DCM are needed.

The next District 3 meeting will be Friday, December 16.
Meeting closed at 8:30pm with I am Responsible Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
District 3 secretary