

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

February 17, 2017, Lee, Ma

17 in attendance

Meeting was opened and chaired by Robin D. Co-DCM. She read from page S26 of the AA service manual.

Attendees went around the room introducing themselves and giving their service positions.

The draft minutes of the January 20 meeting was read and accepted by the group.

Terry R. read Tradition 2, and Rick R. Concept 2 Checklist.

Co-DCM Robin D. report:

1. Attended DCM workshop facilitated by Area chair.
2. Invited to "host" 1-2 Area Concept and Tradition Studies over the next year. GSR or group members would present and/or share about a selected Concept or Tradition in Holyoke the 1st Thursday, and 3rd Wednesday of each month.
3. Attended the Area Committee Meeting.
4. There was a discussion and explanation as she perceives here job, and that is to gain enthusiasm and pass it in both directions.
5. NERAASA the following week which would be an excellent opportunity to gain valuable insight to service.
6. Detailed report was distributed.

L.C.M. Mark B. report:

Continuing to attend meetings to promote GSRs position to groups. There were new people at tonight's meeting therefore hope it's working.

There was discussion regarding the confusion surrounding the separation of Berkshire Institutions and Western Mass Institutions and how donations and literature are distributed and accepted. Further clarification will be made as to how it will be made to work.

Groups Wins and Concerns:

Kevin B., GSR Dalton Y@H - Not much new, received letter from GSO confirming and thanking group for donation.

Terry R., Alt GSR Lanesboro Fri. Night - Justin is new GSR and have alternate, Donations as per pie chart.

Kate H., GSR Keep It Simple Great Barrington – Business meeting well attended, new treasurer, secretary. A newcomer made a commitment which they are all happy about.

Nick M., GSR Lenox Big Book – Completed group history.

Bill S., Alt GSR Central Berkshire Pittsfield – First time as GSR, they are responsible for information at Crane Center.

Mary E., GSR Watch your Step Housatonic – Described where meeting is which is an art gallery and a nice place, read Step & Tradition of the month, decided not to rotate this month's chair.

Lisa L., GSR Ray of Hope Lee Big Book meeting - attendance good, have intergroup rep Institutions.

Rick R., GSR Berkshire Big Book Lanesboro – Steady flow of people (25-35), Keep bare prudent reserve, donate as per pie chart, all offices filled which is a hard thing as people move on, would like to do group inventory.

Will H., GSR Sheffield 12&12, Did a group inventory with nothing ground breaking but good to see, then shifted positions.

Larry B., GSR In Focus Step Cheshire – Donate as per pie chart, received confirmation in mail, Coffee maker picks chair each week which seems to work well, good attendance.

Krista M., GSR Berkshire Group Pittsfield – Donate as per pie chart, new people in positions, treasurer prints out monthly report, things going ok, attendance good.

Mike B., GSR Men's 12 & 12 Pittsfield – attendance 20 to 30 people, two commitments (Howard St. & Berkshire Co. Jail), Donate as per pie chart , secretary and treasurer new, donations up, reading blue card.

Pete C., Northern Berkshire Williamstown, received confirmation from GSO regarding donations, have a presentation arranged from the institutions co-chairs regarding future service commitments.

Circle back to Last Months Meeting

To avoid confusion and possible errors in a previous month's minutes a draft copy will be distributed prior to the meeting. The group will have an opportunity to suggest any corrections to errors.

Area Chair Sue A.

The Intergroup meeting discusses topics such as: Round-up, Intuitions, Accessibilities, Archive, Website, Grapevine and the two meetings per month on Traditions and Concepts.

It is a good idea to have a group inventory which is much the same as an individual 4th step. To see what the group is doing. A delegate goes through questions to see how effective the group is in areas such as Service, Welcoming, Passing the message, getting all to participate. Is the group clear on traditions and concepts or just a place to hear the message?

Her e-mail is areachair@area31AA.org. The website area31AA.org has all information presented. GSRs can print out flyers to take to the group.

The last weekend in Feb. will be NERAASA, need to be an informed GSR, Mass state convention in November, Round-up delegates share in NY, Spring Assembly in April.

There was a motion to close, and the meeting ended.

Submitted by Pete C.