

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

January 18, 2019, Lee, Ma, 7:00pm

The meeting was opened and chaired by the DCM, Tim M. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, he introduced himself, Co-DCM Joan P., LCM Jenn B., and secretary Pete C.

The statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual was forgone due to the PowerPoint presentation "How the GSR Participates in AA" to be given by Alt Delegate Paul H.

The secretaries report for the previous December meeting was accepted with the change that should read; The Great Barrington Men's group would not "make any changes for a year" opposed to "have a business meeting for a year" as reported.

The tradition and concept for the month of January was read followed by new GSR's introducing themselves, and their groups:

Dan D., Alt GSR Northern Berkshire, Williamstown

Chuck C., GSR Northern Berkshire, Williamstown

Ruthe D., Alt GSR Berkshire Big Book, Cheshire

Jane S., GSR Sober at Sunrise (SOS), Lee

Jim T., GSR Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington

John M., GSR Sheffield 12 & 12, Sheffield

Pat P., Alt GSR, Watch your Step, Housatonic

Current GSR Reports

Jen M., GSR Dalton Young at Heart, Attendance down, difficulty with service positions, no coffee maker but people are stepping up.

Steve M., Alt GSR Better Life Today (BLT), Meets noon Mon to Sat, Need to fill service positions – no GSR, attendance around 30-40, money is tight but cover rent and coffee, in the hole a wee bit but manage, over all going good.

Glenn B., GSR Lenox Big Book, Well attended, contribute to pie chart, have commitment which gets covered, anniversaries coming up

Steve H., GSR Thursday Park Place, Meeting usually runs smooth, don't have a business meeting every month, haven't had one for a long time.

Kale B., Great Barrington Men's, Rock solid, new people and long-time sobriety, moving right along, changed the business meeting to after the meeting.

Martha B., Thursday Women's Group, 45-50 in attendance, sometime not enough chairs or space, had elections and all positions filled including an intergroup rep, service commitment, and contribute to pie chart.

Reports

Paul H., Area Alt Delegate gave a PowerPoint presentation "How the GSR Participates in AA" which was an introduction for new GSR's, and Alt GSR's of the benefits of the service position. It stressed the importance of everyone's voice in AA being heard (The inverted pyramid approach). It was also an opportunity for existing GSR's and alternate GSR to become reacquainted to the position.

Mike M. Berkshire Intergroup Chair, the hotline is manned 1:30- 5 pm, the monthly intergroup meeting is held the 2nd Monday of every month at the office 150 North Street, Pittsfield. Everyone is welcome. Please try to get an intergroup rep, donations are good, there is now a co-chair which helps spread the service load, there is a new 'when and where' app coming out for area, there is also a new email address for district. berkshireint@area31aa.org, there is a need for more phone volunteers.

Tim M., DCM, Attended the area meeting and there is a copy of the treasures' report on the table, the GSR/DCM workshop is to be held Saturday, 230pm, February 2, at the Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke

We are trying to update the GSR database and list of group business meetings so please provide the information.

Some upcoming events are NERAASA, Hunt Valley, MD. 2/22-2/24, 2019.

The Area 31 Spring Assembly will tentatively be held in Berkshire county 27/28 April. This will put us on the map and will require some organization and service participation from our district. More to follow on that. The Round up in Springfield will be six weeks later. There is also an attempt to make the GSR monthly district meetings meaningful and informative, Your suggestions will be welcomed.

Joan P., Co-DCM, please be sure to put your business meeting on the sign-up sheet. If your having problems filling positions possibly a good idea to contact new people before the business meeting and suggest they get active.

Jen B., LCM, Knowing the business meetings will help when scheduling group visits.

There was a question as to what participation would be required to host the spring assembly, and it was explained hospitality, registration, and general assistance. There will be further information announced once everything is firmed up.

There being no other business there was a motion to close and the meeting adjourned with the Responsibility pledge at approximately 8pm.

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.