

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

April 19, 2019, Lee, Ma, 7:00pm

The meeting was opened and chaired by DCM, Tim M. After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, he introduced himself, Jenn B. LCM, secretary Pete C., and welcomed everyone. He then gave a brief summary explaining Area 31 and the district geographical divisions along with what is a GSR. There followed the statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual. The March secretaries' minutes sent to everyone by email was accepted.

The tradition and concept for the month of February was read.

GSR Introductions and Reports

Bob P. I don't have a Clue – Lee; Meets seven days a week at 6:45am with well over 40 years of being in existence. Currently having quite a few new commers. Financially contributing to the pie chart. The issue of inappropriate comments seems to have calmed a bit. Attendance can fluctuate to a low approximately 15 to 30-35 for a larger meeting. Everything seems to be good and the McGee commitment continues.

Steve H., Thursday Park Place, Lee; Finances good, getting people in from out of town. May 9th celebrating fifty years as a group at 7:30pm.

Dan D. Northern Berkshire Group, Williamstown; Alt GSR differed to Chuck C.

Chuck C., Northern Berkshire Group, Williamstown; Meets Sunday and Tuesday at 7:30pm, well attended averages between 15 and 20 people. Doing commitments, last business meeting donated to pie chart \$30 each. Welcomed new members the past month.

John M. Sheffield 12&12, Sheffield; Around 14 -15 people attended the last business meeting. An person who identified as an addict was asked to leave by another person which should be a group conscious decision in my opinion. There is only one NA meeting in south county and many come to AA for help. We have the responsibility pledge and I do understand the singleness of purpose however I could never ask someone to leave.

At this point the DCM spoke about the issue of asking an addict to leave, and suggested next month a discussion should be held to assist groups is how they individually handle such an issue as a group and not as an individual.

Rick R. Berkshire Big Book – Cheshire; Attendance on the rise with the better weather. Have a reserve after six months of not having one. There was a motion to do away with the Lords Prayer but it didn't get much ground. Trying to incorporate discussion to limit time sharing. This is an on going problem. Donating more to the pie chart.

Steve M., BLT, Pittsfield; Around 30-45 per day with lots of new commers but the donations are not there not all positions are filled. Hopefully the basket will improve.

Shenna C., Continue to report for two groups; Women's 12 Step, & The Berkshire Group, Pittsfield; Women's Step, 6:30pm Tues. The attendance is getting better and now positions are filled. The business meeting is overwhelming and stressful, some people are overbearing. The reserves are good. Donated as per pie chart tis month, had one anniversary past month, and now have institutions rep.

The Berkshire Group, Wednesday, Pittsfield – attendance strong, getting new commers and collections good giving more to the pie chart this month. People have been in positions a long time now.

Martha B., Thursday Women's Group, Great Barrington; Good strong core. Donating as per pie chart. Trying to get a group organized for a group inventory which is difficult. The group has good fellowship.

Janice, Alt GSR Thursday Lennox Big Book – attendance 25-30, prudent reserve and donate as per pie chart however gave a larger percent this month to intergroup and institutions. Fulfilling commitments, a very small attendance at business meeting, but a solid group.

REPORTS

Area Delegate, Mike B.; Service manual and Concept meeting in Holyoake will try and do a video link. This has been talked about for a long time, and are about ready to try it.

The Mini-Conference in Pittsfield at BCC is almost upon us. There are about 72 agenda items listed for the main conference later in the year, however only can accommodate 15 items in Pittsfield. Packets detailing these agenda items were given out last month to discuss with your groups and to bring feedback to the mini-conference. There were still packets available if anyone wants one. After discussing with your group, you as GSR after listening to other comments have the “Right of Decision” to change what your group discussed after listening to comments at the mini-conference. This is the same at the national level. The comments of the mini-conference can be modified by the delegate with the “Right of Decision” after hearing comments from other delegates.

The meeting guide app is up and running, and can be found where people acquire their apps.

Berkshire Intergroup, Mike M.; The intergroup monthly meeting is the 2nd Monday in Pittsfield at the Intergroup office. If your group doesn’t have an intergroup rep it would be a good idea to try to get one. Financially doing ok, and wonder if groups sending to Area 31 intergroup or Berkshire intergroup. The organizing of a group speaker exchange is progressing. Please come to the monthly meeting to find out more.

We are still looking to register subs to be available to fill in for people who cannot make their assigned office commitment on a particular time.

DCM Report, Tim M.; If you know if a meeting has gone under please let intergroup know. The group speaker exchange is a great way to organize and plan, now is the time to get it set up. There is a lot of good service opportunities available between intergroup, Area, and district, everyone is always welcome.

LCM, Jenn B.; Possibly try to bring someone along to the mini-conference, it can help engage people in service. An alt GSR is also a good way to help guide people in service. It’s important to show people what goes on.

Also reporting tonight for:

New Way of Life, Pittsfield; Attendance good, few new members, filling positions, New GSR couldn’t make it tonight. Have a new secretary, but need to confirm.

Friday Night Lanesboro; Attendance good, had two celebrants past month. McGee commitment steady, pie chart donations good. Will check to see if donation going to Berkshire intergroup.

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

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.