

## MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

Aug 16, 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 and welcomed everyone to the Berkshire county district 3 GSR meeting. He then read the statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual and introduced Joan P. Co-DCM, secretary Pete C. Joan P. Co-DCM read the tradition and concept for the month of August.

The July secretaries' minutes sent to everyone by email was accepted.

### GSR Introductions and Reports

Dan D., Alt GSR Northern Berkshire, Williamstown on Sunday and Tuesday at 730pm on Park Street – Will yield to GSR.

Chuck C., Northern Berkshire, Williamstown, open speaker meeting – Not a lot of new business, good attendance, new faces with summer visitors. Good prudent reserve, donate as per pie chart. There was a question from one member regarding the 806 challenge who was wondering what does GSO do with all the money. (The area delegate explained the full treasurer's report will be distributed)

Stephen M., BLT, Alt-GSR, Crane Center noon M-Sat – Attendance is great but the donations very low. If there are 30 people there might only be \$4/\$5. Changed from speaker meeting to 12 & 12. Only three people showed up to last business meeting. There is a group conscious tomorrow will see how that goes. Making rent and coffee but no reserve.

Lisa L., Ray of Hope – New business regarding doing a traditions workshop and reevaluating contributions as per pie chart.

John M., Sheffield 12 & 12 – Our Lady of the Valley, Wednesday at 730 pm. 12 & 12 also Living Sober. Attendance good, active members hard to find. There was a question if will turn over the alkathon to Southern Berkshire.

Hedley S., Watch your step, Sunday Housatonic – One step per month, often standing room only. Have a prudent reserve, and donate as per pie chart. Talked about changing the format to give beginners with a desire to share at end of the meeting. The format is up to the chairperson who serves for the month. Have a service commitment once a month 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.

Kale B., Thursday's Men's Group, Gt. Barrington – Continues to chug along. Planning a group inventory. By and large going good.

Rick R., Berkshire Big Book, Cheshire – Meets Wednesday, attendance slowly on the rise. Prudent reserve. The pie chart is ok. Archiving 40 years in existence. Strong group.

Jim T., Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington - Meets Friday 8:00 at the Senior Center, Great Barrington. Last business meeting well attended. Attendance at meetings good. Donations good, also had some questions on the 806 challenge.

Jen M., Young at Heart Monday's Dalton – Group attendance low but do bring in enough to donate as per pie chart quarterly. Went to GSO and saw what they do with the money. Recommend a trip to NYC and visit GSO.

Joni C., Lenox Big Book, Lenox – Attendance good, a lot of new commers. McGee commitment, donate as per pie chart and have a prudent reserve. Buying books this month. Only a handful at business meeting but that is probably standard.

Dennis T., Alt GSR I Don't have a clue, Lee – About 15/20 people sometimes around 30. A good mix of early sobriety and long term. McGee commitment Thursday night. Decided to make a change and (One Story) now will read it all. No other big changes, moving along.

Martha B., Thursday Women's Group, Great Barrington – Good strong group, not much changed. Working on reconciliation from assessment.

## REPORTS

Mike S., Area delegate – Thanked everyone for their participation. If groups want to do an inventory, they can contact the area delegate and he will get someone in contact with the GSR. If would like a visit from service reps to attend your group to discuss service call the area delegate.

Massachusetts State Convention with Al-Anon Participation. Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA

Friday, November 8, 2019 - 12:00pm to Sunday, November 10, 2019 - 12:00pm

This year's theme, "2020: A Clear Vision for You"

Registration will open September 9<sup>th</sup> for the International Convention in Detroit.

The annual report will be released soon on the website.

District 5 Workshop "Attraction Through Action"

Topics are:

Who is missing from the rooms of A.A.?

Keeping A.A. Relevant

Practicing our Principles

Food will be provided by the District

Location: Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Road (corner of Brookfield Road and Route 20), Brimfield, MA

Please park on the grass where directed.

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 10:00am to 1:00pm

The Area 31 Grapevine Committee is sponsoring a celebration in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Grapevine magazine. There will be a Potluck, AA Speakers and Live Music. Location: Becket Congregational Church Parish House, 22 YMCA Road, Becket, MA; Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Area Fall Assembly: Saturday, October 12, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM There will be an Area 31 Inventory Facilitated by Rich P Past Northeast Regional Trustee. Sunday, October 13, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM will be the Area 31 Business Meeting and Elections. Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament. 127 Holyoke Rd., Westfield, MA

DCM- Tim M. – Went to the area meeting in Holyoke and it was nice to hear that people in the area are impressed with our district. I attended the intergroup meeting on Monday and they decided to assist the district with the workshop both in participation and financially. They are financially healthy and can afford it.

The fall workshop will be held Saturday, October 26, 9am to 1pm, Lenox Community Center. We received money from the area and with intergroup help are financially sound for the workshop. The theme "Helping our Friends in the Professional Community". CPC, doctors and medical workers, clergy, lawyers, education workers, for people that deal with alcoholics. We don't promote ourselves but allow professionals to find out what AA does and does not do. Hope to have professionals and alcohol professionals along with CPC. May end up with a mini CPC in the district. There is a list of people who volunteered to be on the organizing committee and anyone else wishing to join please let me know.

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

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.