

## MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

September 20, 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 and asked that if anyone had not ticked their name on the attendance register they please do so. He 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 September.

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

### GSR Introductions and Reports

Jim T., Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington - Meets Friday 8:00 at the Senior Center, Great Barrington. Last business meeting there was a motion to bring forward a suggestion that a new pamphlet be prepared by GSO to help with the transition for people relocation from one area to another.

(The general opinion of GSR's was that this was a good idea, and would be discussed under new business). Other than that, the meetings are well attended to the point of overflowing, things are good.

Bob P., I Don't have a clue, Lee – Meets seven days a week. I am still treasurer and GSR. In Sept many people take kids back to school, and people wit 2<sup>nd</sup> homes take off so attendance drops off a bit. Have plenty of cash in the bank. Attendance is down and there is chatter of people going out, but it is always a surprise when they do. Solid group.

Kale B., Thursday's Men's Group, Gt. Barrington – Had a group inventory last week 25 people turned out and it was not on a meeting night. The 12 concepts was the format and really illustrates grateful thought. Does a person have to be a member, groups are autonomous.

Stephen M., BLT, Crane Center noon M-Sat – Business meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and a problem with people showing up is getting worse. There is a group conscious tomorrow and the problem is I can't make it. This month we had a couple of zero and only \$3 collections. Hurting for money. Attendance is down.

Hedley S., Watch your step, Sunday 9am Housatonic - All's well. Discussed this past month the topic of How do we "identify". The group conscious people can identify however they wish, however if there is a non-drinker, they will be taken to an open meeting.

Joni C., GSR Lenox Big Book, Lenox – I haven't been there lately for various reasons. Well attended, have contributions for the pie chart. There is only a handful of people that come to the business meeting but that is the way it has been. Have a commitment every other month at McGee and have talked about picking up another commitment. Great meeting, prudent reserve.

John M., Sheffield 12 & 12 – Our Lady of the Valley, Wednesday at 730 pm. 12 & 12 also Living Sober. Attendance dropped for a while then picked up a bit. The Living Sober addition is doing well. Still discussing the question if will turn over the alkathon because if there is not enough members it will be a problem. We will discuss at the next business meeting.

Martha B., Thursday Women's Group, Great Barrington – Good strong core membership. There are new people. Continue to work on our assessment to see what changes can be implemented, time will tell. Good financial reserve.

Jane S., Sober on Saturday, Lee – Meetings going well, solid core of attendees. Our membership seems to be ageing it was noticed. Financially and attendance good.

Jen M., Young at Heart Monday's Dalton – there is a 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the group coming up. It is to be held on Monday, October 21. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6:30pm followed by meeting at 8 pm. There are flyers on the table. The speaker exchange will help strengthen the group. Our treasurer resigned so need a new one.

Steve H., Thursday Park Place, Lee – Everything Ok, well attended. In the booking exchange, good way to get new faces, and also get out.

## REPORTS

Mike S., Area delegate – District 5 Workshop “Attraction Through Action”

To be held at the Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Road (corner of Brookfield Road and Route 20),  
Brimfield, MA

There are copies of the 2019 report please treat this as confidential.

The App has been updated so please take a look. Besides meeting information there is daily messages.

The International Convention to take place in Detroit next year is now open for reservations on line.

They anticipate 80 thousand.

The Massachusetts State Convention committee meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month.  
There are flyers on the table. This year will be a twist with Friday night comedy, a game room, and many  
more. It will be held at the 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"

Area Fall Assembly is coming up on 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

The area delegate thought the suggestion of a pamphlet to help assist AA persons relocating was a good  
idea, and explained this is exactly the process. Ideas from a group, making a recommendation to the area  
after district discussion.

William L. Co-Chair Berkshire Intergroup – The Booking exchange was well attended and everyone felt it  
was beneficial. The last intergroup meeting was very well attended.

Had to buy a new computer.

The website has been updated.

There is planning for a trip to NYC to visit the GSO to be sometime hopefully between Oct – Dec.

Contacting local bus companies and looks like the possibility of 25-40 people depending on the bus. The  
trip will consist of leaving early morning, meeting staff, touring GSO offices, lunch, then returning home.  
This is all tentative and in the early stages of planning.

Elections will be held in December. Co-Chair, Secretary, possible treasure

Pat the office manager had to resign therefore we are looking to replace him along with needing a  
volunteer for Monday's between 1:30 and 5 pm and floating volunteers to step in for days when  
needed.

DCM- Tim M. – The fall workshop will be held Saturday, October 26, 9am to 1pm, Lenox Community  
Center. Will e mail flyers, and the information is on the Berkshire Intergroup website. The Area website  
has the information but do not know if it is posted yet. The organizing committee met tonight before  
our regular meeting and the participation and planning is fantastic. It should be very helpful to all  
concerned and informative. Please talk it up to your groups.

There followed a discussion regarding the suggestion from the Southern Berkshire group to have an AA pamphlet to assist members when relocating. Often it is a stressful time and knowledge forehand of how to keep active is AA can be instrumental in maintaining sobriety. A motion to make a formal request to the area that the subject be included as an agenda item at the next area conference was made. The motion passed and the DCM will make the written letter

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

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.