

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

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

After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the meeting was opened and chaired by the DCM, Tim M. 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, secretary Pete C.

The tradition and concept for the month of October was read by Kale B.

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

GSR Introductions and Reports (due to discussing the final workshop preparations it was suggested to keep reports to a minimum if possible.)

Jim T., Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington - Meets Friday 8:00 at the Senior Center, Great Barrington.

At the business meeting everyone was very delighted about the support for a pamphlet on "Relocating in Sobriety". Attendance good, everything in order, speakers good

Bob P., I Don't have a clue, Lee – Meets seven days a week. Seasons change people with 2nd homes moved out, about 25% gone. At the business meeting 3 to 4 people run the meeting, 10% show up. Have McGee commitment, sometimes ask other groups. Members change 3 to 4 people from detox. Group glad to have a GSR. People read the information I put out. Looking forward to the workshop, season changing.

Kale B., Thursday's Men's Group, Gt. Barrington – doing good, just great with house of corrections, donating to pie chart.

John M., Sheffield 12 & 12 – Our Lady of the Valley, Wednesday at 730 pm. Attendance up and down but that is normal. Have decided to turn over the alkathon organization to So. Berkshire but we will continue to participate. We just don't have the membership to organize.

Pat P., Alt GSR Watch Your Step, Housitonic – Some weeks have an over flow of people. Have our commitment to Jones 2. The after meeting is running longer which shows growth.

Stephen M., BLT, Crane Center noon M-Sat – Better donations this month than last. Positions falling on the wayside. Hurting for positions, there are some people very new in recovery so not sure if can handle positions.

Dan D., Alt GSR Northern Berkshire will defer to GSR.

Chuck C., GSR Northern Berkshire, Williamstown – Tuesday and Sunday at 730pm. Attendance decent, going along pretty well, donate to pie chart, have speaker commitments. The intergroup booking is great. Some are lined up through April. A couple of new members, sidewalk time is good.

Jane S., Sober on Saturday – I have been out of town lately and assume all is well because I sent out asking for information. Business meeting good, commitment to Jones 2, contribute to pie chart.

Martha B., Thursday Women's Group, Great Barrington – Not much has changed, contribute as per pie chart.

Jen M., Young at Heart Monday's Dalton – the 49th anniversary of the group this Monday. This will be a pot luck with meeting after. Active in the booking exchange, contribute as per pie chart, stable participation, but the group has shrunk.

Dave, Thursday Park Place – Doing reasonably well. 6 to 7 staying sober. Like it when people come from out of town. Booking exchange brings in people. Decent sobriety 2 to 3 people with 40 years.

Lisa L., Ray of Hope – Not a lot of new things, an issue voted on time limit, some concern that all issues are not getting covered.

Rick R., Berkshire Big Book, Cheshire – Meets Wednesday, attendance increasing, donated as per pie chart this month. Same issues with BB, some people talk longer, but a great group.

Jeff R., Keep it Simple – meet six days, core group, good attendance, service positions filled, contributions good, give what we can to pie chart.

REPORTS

Mike S., Area delegate – The Fall Assembly was held last weekend. If groups are interested in service and wish to have someone talk to their group, they can contact me. Like wise for groups interested in group inventory.

There are a couple of district workshops coming up. December 7 district 4, What level of safety, there will be speakers. December 14 districts 1 & 2 are holding a workshop, but the topics have not been nailed down yet.

And of course, your workshop this week.

The Massachusetts State Convention 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"

William L. Co-Chair Berkshire Intergroup – Holding elections next month, Secretary, Co-Chair, office manager. The elections will be held 2nd Monday in November, all are welcome.

Need to fill two positions for office coverage Monday and Tuesday 130pm to 5pm. There is a parking place if this would help. Also need back up coverage in case regular people cannot make it.

Alkathon committee for Xmass/NY being formed. Contact Mike at intergroup. Hopefully a phone for sign up by Dec 1 (snacks, coffee, etc)

DCM- Tim M. – Attended the Fall Assembly and the area conducted an inventory. Broke off into groups then all came back together. There is visible and strong sobriety in our area, and the area as a whole is doing what it's supposed to do.

The elections were held: Paul H. new delegate; Steve area chair; Ray M. new treasurer; Rainee secretary.

It is now official "Berkshire" has been removed from Hudson, Mohawk area. It will now be "Hudson, Mohawk, Adirondacks".

The proposal suggested by Southern Berkshire group to have a pamphlet for Relocating in Sobriety has been formally prepared and sent to the area and it was well received. Copies with background information are on the table. This will be included in New Business at the Spring Assembly.

The fall CPC workshop will be held a week from tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, 9am to 1pm, Lenox Community Center. There are flyers on the table. It should be very helpful to all concerned and informative. This is a chance for professional people in our community to discover more of what AA does to help. Please talk it up to your groups.

Next month (Nov) district meeting will be elections for Co-DCM (Joan will rotate into DCM), LCM, and Secretary.

There was discussion regarding having a district CPC committee. A motion was made and was passed to start a new committee. It was unclear as to when this committee would convene and where leaving this information to be confirmed at a later date.

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

Respectfully submitted

Pete C.