

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

November 15, 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 Joan P. and secretary Pete C.

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

The tradition and concept for the month of November was read by Co-DCM Joan P.

There were no new GSR's for introduction therefore went direct to GSR Reports

Bob P., I Don't have a clue, Lee – Meets seven days a week 645 am to 745 am. The group is stable which means income good. Do a McGee commitment. At last business meeting there was no desire to give according to the pie chart. There is a feeling if the group is strong new commers will benefit more. Our coffee and rent expenses are high therefore people feel it is important to have a reserve. Get several new commers that don't stay around so need to keep the lights on, have around ten solid for decades. Meet every day and get just so many people. A typical functioning AA group.

Lisa L., Ray of Hope – Meet in Lee, Tuesday. Contribute as per pie chart quarterly. Attendance solid but can vary this time of year. We will be holding elections next month.

Steve H., Thursday Park Place, Lee – Good solid group of seven or eight of us. Attendance is good apart from our core. Joined the exchange, we're going to Springfield and a group from Holyoke coming next week. This will actually help financially our group.

Chuck C., Northern Berkshire, Williamstown - open speaker meeting Sunday and Tuesday. Exchanged with a good group from Stockbridge and do so with Dalton Young at Heart next month. Lots of interchanges. Continue to pie chart and donated to the Bennington Thanksgiving Alkathon as many of our group members attend there. Two celebrations one of one year and one of thirty-two years which is a pretty good gap. Nothing crazy to report.

Dan D., Alt GSR Northern Berkshire, Williamstown on Sunday and Tuesday at 730pm on Park Street – Agree with everything the GSR said and will add that we continue with our McGee commitment.

Joni C., Lenox Thurs Big Book, Lenox – Good attendance old timers and new commers. Donate to pie chart quarterly. All set with rent and have a prudent reserve of three months. McGee commitment, and will have elections next month. Unfortunately, the same five people at the business meeting always have the positions.

John M., Sheffield 12 & 12 – Our Lady of the Valley, Wednesday at 730 pm. 12 & 12 also Living Sober. Attendance good a few new people. Donate as per pie chart. This month we have an intergroup rep so now everyone has a position. We had to give up our commitment but if can get strong again will try to pick it up.

Jane S., Sober on Saturday, Lee 8 am – Doing well, not much changes. Financially doing well and positions filed. We had the most active business meeting I've seen. Have had new commers attending and celebrations last of the month of one to two years, and thirty-seven years, a wide variety.

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Mike M., Chair Berkshire Intergroup – Elections were held with lots of enthusiasm. We have a new Co-Chair and I will be rotating out in one month.

The Alklathan committee is set up, and anyone wishing to participate can join. There will be a dedicated telephone number from December 7 for groups wishing to book slots in the schedule. The first committee meeting will be held on November 27 at 1:30pm, anyone wishing to join the committee will be welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The exchange booking meeting is doing well. It is held at 6pm at the Intergroup office before the monthly Intergroup meeting. The next meeting is Monday January 13th, 2020

The Intergroup will be celebrating thirty years in January. This is the oldest continuous intergroup in the country.

Intergroup meets every 2nd Monday, 152 North Street, Suite 30C, Pittsfield.

Mike S., Area delegate – will only be serving six weeks more. There isn't much to report.

Groups wishing to have an inventory or would like committee members to discuss service with your group can contact me.

There are a couple of district workshops coming up.

District 4 - A workshop on physical and emotional safety in AA

93 Chapman Street

Greenfield, MA.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Districts 1 & 2 - Practicing These Principles in all our Affairs *and* Keeping AA Relevant

Providence Hospital

1233 Main Street

Holyoke, MA

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 11:00am to 1:00pm

There was discussion with Ray of Hope of doing a workshop on the Traditions and it would be helpful if district would get involved with Intergroup. This would be a good spring workshop topic.

DCM- Tim M. – Attended the area committee with alt DCM Joan P and Intergroup chair Mike. This was a budget meeting where funds get distributed around the area.

District 3 did get the new business introduced for the Spring Assembly of discussing a new pamphlet for Relocating in AA.

With elections I would like to propose that we elect two LCM's. This is because of the distance within the county.

Co-DCM- Joan P.- There was good turnout for the CPC workshop, and a lot of interest in a permanent Intergroup CPC committee. There will be a meeting to discuss starting a CPC Committee in Berkshire County Monday December 9th, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Berkshire Intergroup office. This first meeting will be to decide on the structure, format, and all relevant ideas for a new CPC committee.

Elections- Mike S. officiated the elections by reading the duties and responsibilities from the Service Manual. The following are the results.

DCM – Joan P. automatically rotates from Co-DCM for a term of one year.

Co-DCM – Lisa L. for a term of one year then rotates to DCM for a one year term.

LCM – Joni C. for a term of one year.

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

Respectfully submitted
Pete C.