

## **MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING**

December 20, 2019, Lee, Ma, 7:00pm

There was a holiday atmosphere with refreshments brought in by several members.

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 November secretaries' minutes sent to everyone by email was accepted.

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

A new GSR Maria C. from Ray of Hope was introduced.

### GSR Reports

Bob P., GSR- I Don't have a clue, Lee – Meets every day 645 am to 745 am. The group has been around continuous since early 90's. Transit largely but 8-10 regular people. Reading from BB and 12&12 then open discussion. Early morning meeting attracts certain type of people. Lose some, but new commers come in. McGee weekly commitment. Have a good business meeting with a GSR book with information but hardly read. Full service, my favorite group.

Jen M., GSR Dalton Young at Heart – Meets Monday Methodist Church. Till the end of the month will continue to meet at 8 pm then first Monday in January the time will move to 7 pm. The group has shrunk and hopefully this move will help. Contribute as per pie chart.

Chuck C., Northern Berkshire, Williamstown - open speaker meeting Sunday and Tuesday. Attendance good and steady, fluctuates some seasonally. Donate as per pie chart and active in the speaker exchange program. Have exchanged with Dalton Young at Heart, and Stockbridge. Seeing a couple of new faces, and continue having anniversaries, last week had someone with 33 years. Things going great.

Dan D., Alt GSR Northern Berkshire, Agree with everything the GSR said and will add that one night there were five generations of sponsors/sponsees, kind of neat.

Kale B., Thursday's Men's Group, Gt. Barrington – Caffeine, sugar, and testosterone meeting stays kinda the same. Have several people from Mountainside.

Joni C., Lenox Thurs Big Book/step, Lenox – 7 pm Thursday. GSR for one month, then elections. Contribute per pie chart. McGee commitment, attendance good. Have a reserve. Normally less than 4 people at business meeting. I am moving so won't be at the group.

Jim T., Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington - Meets Friday 8:00 at the Senior Center, Great Barrington. Business meeting last week was well attended. There was a discussion on size, the room is overflowing. Everything going good, positions filled and there is a prudent reserve. There was discussion on changing intergroup donations. Participate in speaker exchange. Things great.

Lisa L., Ray of Hope – Meet in Lee, Tuesday. This is a Big Book meeting. Had elections, all positions filled. Attendance good, have two new commers but lost one person. Over the holidays will continue to meet on Christmas and New Year Eves. New GSR Maria C. introduced herself again.

Jane S., Sober on Saturday, Lee 8 am – Doing well, status que. There are people with years and years. Have new members, but not new to AA. Finances good and donating as per pie chart with a prudent reserve. Continue to have Jones commitment. Had to postpone last business meeting because of weather. Had a short meeting because no heat. Long term sobriety, with years and

years of attendance. All positions filled elections next month, I will no longer be GSR due to conflict of time.

#### Other reports

Mike S., Area delegate –I will be rotating out end of the month, this is last commitment.

The GSO is making DVD's of the Big Book for the deaf and blind. This will be both spoken and written.

Bob W. is executive consultant with GSO, there are a lot of non AA members working for GSO. If in contact with GSO the Communication Service Dept Desk will forward comms to the right place.

I will be Chair of Mass State Convention in November. The first planning meeting will be held Jan 28. There is car pooling if anyone interested in attending. This will be informative and good to get involved.

NERASSA will be held February 21-23. The primary hotel normally sells out but there are other local hotels in the area.

The Concept meeting is coming to the Berkshires and will be held Jan 2 at the intergroup office in Pittsfield. The format is to set up a link with Holyoke.

He thanked everyone for all the support he has received, saying it has been a pleasure to serve, and that everyone made it all the more enjoyable.

Mike M., Chair Berkshire Intergroup – Will be rolling out however will remain an intergroup rep. Has seen a lot of excellence and enthusiasm for AA in the area. Proud to have been part of the speaker exchange. Jan 15 will be the next exchange at 6 pm one hour before the Intergroup Committee meeting. Intergroup meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 152 North Street, Suite 30C, Pittsfield at 7 pm.

DCM- Tim M. – As most people know the elections were held last month and Joan P. our Co-DCM will roll into the position of DCM, with Lisa L. stepping into the position of Co-DCM. Our new LCM is Joni C.

Encouraged everyone's home group to continue to support district 3 GSR meetings. Most people don't know about this service, who knows we just might have a future delegate come around for a visit. Don't have to be a GSR, the door is open to everyone. He added my sponsor told me "it doesn't matter if you like it, do it". Encourage an alternate to come along. The S. Berkshire idea of new pamphlet on relocating looks like it will be an agenda item.

He thanked everyone for all the help and interest shown. Will be looking into service on the new CPC committee.

Co-DCM- Joan P.- There were only four people at the intergroup CPC meeting, but it was productive. Watched DVD from GSO, and it was agreed that to stick with CPC concentrating on it first. There will be continued discussion in the meetings to come. Will meet in January but no date set yet. Will get the word out.

Under New Business there was a discussion how agenda items are raised, and if it would be possible for them to be distributed more in advance of the spring assembly than in the past. It was felt that by the time GSR's receive the items it is usually too late to get back to the groups and have a proper discussion.

An agenda item can come from anyone, and all that need be done is send it in writing. Once they gain traction, they might make it to the agenda. So far there are 29 items, and there will be many more. The committees get these items and discuss. For instance, there is discussion on BB changes. It's important to have a GSR at the spring assembly as this is where these things are voted on. The last couple of years there have been between 774 to 1200 pages. The delegate will ask at end of February who would like a copy. This is confidential therefor will not be emailed but distributed on thumb drive.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Pete C.