

MINUTES DISTRICT 3 GSR MONTHLY MEETING

January 20, 2020, Lee, Ma, 7:00pm

After a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, the meeting was opened and chaired by the DCM, Joan P. She introduced herself, welcomed everyone to the Berkshire county district 3 GSR meeting and explained what we do and where we do it. She introduced Lisa L. the Co-DCM, Joni C. the LCM, and Pete C. secretary. She asked that if anyone had not ticked their name on the attendance register, they please do so. She read the statement of GSR duties and responsibilities from page S26 of the AA Service Manual.

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

The tradition and concept for the month of January was read by Co-DCM Lisa L.

New GSRs Eugenia H., from the Great Barrington Women's meeting; Pat P. from Watch Your Step; and Diego G. ALT-GSR from South Berkshire were introduced and welcomed.

GSR Reports

Pat P., GSR Watch Your Step, Housatonic – Meets Sunday 9am. A very vibrant group, attendance overflowing sometimes people on the floor. Prudent reserve and contribute as per pie chart. Agreed on a format change for person chairing. All positions filled and have an alt GSR.

John M. Sheffield 12&12 – 730 Wednesdays at Our Lady of the Valley, Attendance good with around 24 people. Running smooth. There was a situation where a group member lost a sibling and only three people went to the service. Felt they didn't get much support. Could be no one knew the last name. would like to discuss more about this later in the meeting.

Jim T., Southern Berkshire, Great Barrington – 8pm at the senior center on Friday. Discussed the alkathon at last business meeting. Donated \$100 for use of the facility. Attendance is high 100 plus people per week. Booking exchange active. Discussed what it's like to be member of the group. Big news, new coffee pot, have extensive literature rack.

Chuck C., Northern Berkshire, Williamstown - open speaker meeting Sunday and Tuesday. 730 pm Park. One speaker Sunday and two on Tuesday. Next Sunday will have our annual winter pot luck dinner. Followed by a shotgun meeting. Dinner at 630 with meeting at 730. The meeting will last until everyone has had a chance to share. No one however will get locked in if they need to leave by 8pm. Speaker exchange going great, tonight we have speakers in Great Barrington at the Southern Berkshire meeting. Donate as per pie chart and all positions filled.

Steve H., Thursday Park Place, Lee – Attendance a little under but could be from the weather. Been my home group for 14 years. Not contributing as per pie chart just scraping by to pay rent. Everyone is welcome. Participating in speaker exchange which brings new people in. Have people with long term sobriety.

Maria C., Ray of Hope – Strong vibrant group. Had a 7year anniversary. Had a commitment at the Pittsfield Alkathon. Have a 30 min limit on the business meeting. Any thoughts on this for discussion later in meeting.

Other reports

Mike S., Alternate delegate - The Area 31 Service Committee is presenting a speaker on the duties of the GSR and a speaker on the duties of the DCM. Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 12:30pm to 3:30pm at the Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St. (Please use the side entrance), Holyoke, MA. The Concept meeting was held at the Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke and linked with the Berkshire intergroup. This was a lot of fun and very useful. The Concept Study repeats every month on the first Thursday at 730, and will continue with the link. I will be Co-Chair of Mass State Convention in November. Come get involved with the planning

meetings which will be held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center 1657 Worcester Road Framingham, MA. The meetings will be in January, March, May, July, September on the last Tuesday at 730pm. If you want to carpool, we will be meeting at 6pm at the old Plantation Inn parking lot found at the end of 291 across from Mass Pike exit 6. NERAASA 2020 will be held in Nashua, NH, Friday, February 21, 2020 - 12:00pm to Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 12:00pm. The main designated hotel is full however there are hotels nearby still available. Some groups do offer financial support for attendance at events such as this. William, Chair Berkshire Intergroup – The two alkathons over Christmas and New Year were a success. Financially there is \$152.76 and it has been suggested to donate back to the church however not confirmed till voted on.

The intergroup website is up and running, and groups can download group change forms and mail them in if necessary. The site has been updated. We are still looking for part/full time office help. Contact Gary.

DCM- Joan P. – Lisa L. and I will be attending NERAASA next month therefore there will not be a district meeting in February. The concept meeting was definitely good, as previously mentioned. It was nice to go around the room and have impute. The district CPC meeting was held on December 21 in Stockbridge Town Hall and the next meeting will be tomorrow in Stockbridge Town Hall. This is in the police station area downstairs by the cafeteria.

Under New Business there was a discussion from the GSR reports on limiting business meetings to 30 minutes. Some people felt it is like sharing limits which is all down to the individual groups. It might work with small groups, but with big groups might be cutting it short. Many people have commitments and cannot be there for a long period. Some meetings can drag on if time limit not set, however in the end it's the individual group to decide.

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

Respectfully submitted
Pete C.