

# DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 11/20/20

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

TOM READ TRADITION 4 OUT OF LANGUAGE OF THE HEART. BRIEF  
DISCUSSION FOLLOWED

## GROUP REPORTS

### **Sunday Watch Your Step - Ruth**

- The group is healthy, well attended, and has a prudent reserve in place

### **Women's Group - Eugenia**

- Group attendance has been steady at 15-22.
- There are a couple of new members

### **Southern Berkshire Group – JT**

- Nothing new to report. Group continues to celebrate group anniversaries on the last Friday of the month and has a healthy and robust business meeting

### **Ray of Hope - Caite**

- Group has a small but appropriate treasury.
- Continues to have attendance of 6-10 people, mostly regulars.
- The group will hold elections in their next meeting

### **Bushwhacker's – Maria**

- The group has moved to a church on Valentine Road and is having attendance of 17-28. The weeks that attendance has exceeded 25, group members have had the overflow go to the parking lot and have had a small meeting outside.

- The meeting is practicing social distancing and is requiring that masks be worn at all times

#### **Lenox Big Book – Glen**

- Meeting attendance is about 20-30 each week. People have been attending from CSS as well as from a local women's detox.
- AA members from outside the area have also been attending with regularity.

#### **SOS – Ruth**

- The meetings are taking place Saturday morning as well as Tuesday and Wednesday evening and are by phone

## **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **Berkshire Intergroup - William**

- There were 10 people in attendance at the last meeting.
- The intergroup has been operating at a deficit for the last several months but has enough of a prudent reserve to keep it going.
- Mike is working on a new navigation layout for the intergroup website.
- The intergroup has established a consistent Zoom meeting ID.
- An opening for Treasurer has been filled and co-chair is expected to be filled at the next meeting.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> step phone list is currently being revised. The intergroup is currently receiving about 75 calls per month, most of which are calls to acquire passwords for Zoom meetings.

#### **Lisa – DCM**

- Our Secretary has stepped down as he is no longer able to take the commitment. The position will be announced later in our meeting.
- Lisa attended the area business meeting last month, which was the annual budget meeting. Our district requested money for an in-person workshop in case we can host one later in the year.
- We are still budgeted for rent, which the area pays for.
- The district has a \$12,000 surplus. She brought up the idea to the area of investing in some technology. There is already a request from Accessibilities for a smart phone and plan.
- Jenn C will be replacing Connell M. as Institutions chair

### **Area 31 - Steve (Area Chair)**

- Sunday at 11am on Zoom the Grapevine committee will be hosting a workshop.
- Check out the Area 31 website for a calendar of all upcoming events and meetings
- The area concept meeting is open to all members. The area noticed that there has not been attendance from the Berkshires
- On December 5, 2020 District 4 is hosting a workshop on Zoom
- Starting at the same time on December 5, 2020 is the Eastern Regional Forum, formerly NERF. While there used to be 8 regional forums, this year they are being condensed into two – East and West.
- Steve is asking for specific, thought-out motions at the next area business meeting should there be any request to donate money to the GSO. He suggested that a specific dollar amount will keep the business meeting moving along and will be easier to vote on

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No groups reported bringing back the idea of excess area funds to their groups. The group had some discussion on technology and asked that groups bring the topic back to their business meetings. Some suggestions are that the district use its excess money to buy a Chromebook or laptop so that anyone taking a district position would have technology available upon request. The purchase may also be suggested to be made by the area and then made available to the area committee or districts as needed. Tom suggested that we consider this an accessibility issue when we bring the discussion to our groups.

Lisa asked that we have the discussion at our groups to see if a small technology purchase would be supported by the groups on our district.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Opening for District Secretary – No one was willing or able to stand

Motion to Close was unanimous

MEETING ENDED at 8:02PM with a Responsibility Statement