

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 1/15/21

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM with the Serenity Prayer

TOM READ TRADITION 1 OUT OF LANGUAGE OF THE HEART.

MIKE B. opened the meeting with a presentation for GSR's about the service structure and GSR role.

Please find the presentation attached to this email. Only the GSR portion was given.

GROUP REPORTS

Southern Berkshire Group - Ilene - The group has been piloting a role for the last 3 months that welcomes newcomers to the online meeting. Discussion continues about how best to do it

Great Barrington Women's Group - Jane - Group is discussing making the password available on the Berkshire Intergroup website. Meeting has been well attended

Ray of Hope - Cait - Group contributions are healthy. The group is mailing coins and big books to members and newcomers. The new tech position is setting up a Google Drive to hold the group's documents. The group continues to discuss how to reach out to the newcomer most effectively

SOS - Jane - Jane attended as alt-GSR. group is stable. Encouraging 7th tradition in online environment.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Intergroup - Karen - All positions have been filled and were rotated effective January. The intergroup office holds hours Tuesday and Friday from 2:30 to 5pm. It's recommended to call before going to ensure that the office is open.

The intergroup can be reached at 413-443-0212. The intergroup is experiencing higher costs than normal due to an increase in the cost of the answering service which has likely increased due to meeting passwords that are available by phone. Please [email the intergroup](#) if your meeting's password is through the hotline and you would like to make it available on the intergroup website. The intergroup will be discussing the proposed \$3600 contribution (or returned donation) from the area at the last area meeting (more about this further into the notes). The amount was proposed as a means to cover the current running deficit for 6 months.

Berkshire Institutions - Jennifer C - A new page has been created on Google Docs for Berkshire Institutions. [Berkshire Institutions \(google.com\)](#). There are still several open positions and they can be found on the site. There is also a way to take the commitment by completing a short form on the site. Berkshire Institutions meets the third Wednesday of the month. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84398099218?pwd=aS9UWjFpV0t0d0ZwN2MwWmZFTk0xZz09>

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Area - Mike B. - Alternate Delegate - On 2/15 the agenda items for the General Service Conference will be released and made available to the groups. The Spring Assembly date will be announced shortly.

DCM Report

Tom for Lisa - Reported on area treasury. Closing balance absent prudent reserve is just above \$17,000. Last year's January opening balance was about \$5,800. Group contributions were down \$4,300 last year. We have about \$10-11k that is dispersible surplus. While contributions as a whole are down, the treasurer reports that our district has been consistent in contributing a significant amount.

There was a motion to disperse \$3,600 of this surplus to Berkshire Intergroup, which would cover six months of their current \$600 monthly loss. While Area expenses have decreased Intergroups expenses have increased. We rely heavily on the services our Intergroup offices provide. It was also mentioned that when Berkshire

Intergroup had a large surplus of money 4 years ago they dispersed their funds to the Area. If this went to a vote, I would have voted yes. This motion was tabled to next month so that Berkshire Intergroup can discuss further with their committee and the districts with theirs. That's us. Either Tom or I will present this motion in our old business to see what our district's conscience is on this.

The Registrar needs a list of meetings from our districts that have closed. Can you please [email me](#) any information you might have on any meetings in Berkshire County that are no longer meeting and have no intentions of reopening. If you are a new GSR, please make sure you have put your email address in the chat if you have not yet done so already.

There was a motion on the floor to dissolve the website committee. I made a motion to table the motion until next month. 14 yays and 14 nays meant motion didn't carry, and the vote to dissolve the website committee was 22 yay and 6 abstained. Motion passed. I abstained because I didn't have enough information to make an informed decision.

The procedure to dissolve an area committee is it must first pass through the committee, then the area committee, and then an area assembly. So this will be up for a vote at the Spring Assembly, which is typically in April and will be virtually. I encourage you all to attend. This is where your group gets to have their voice heard and your vote counts.

NECYPAA (New England Convention of Young People in AA) has positions open for anyone willing to be of service. Great opportunity for people not yet involved in AA service, but looking to dip their toes in service and see what it's like.

Please sign up for the NERAASA (North East Regional AA Service Assembly), which is February 26, 27, and 28, at the neraasa.org website. It's \$21 to register, which covers the cost for the virtual platform and translators.

We have a secret Facebook Group called Area 31 District 3. If you would like to be added to this group, please send me a friend request on Facebook, and I will add you to the group. We post things like the meeting minutes, old and new business and the Zoom information for this meeting as well as any important information that is coming out of our Area or directly from GSO. This group is strictly for District 3 trusted servants, and any Area officers who wish to join.

OLD BUSINESS

LCM vacancy - Vinny was unanimously voted in at the last meeting by proxy. The group voted to fill the position upon acceptance at the next district meeting. Not in attendance this month, the position remains open for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on proposed contribution from area to Berkshire Intergroup, should they be willing to accept. GSRs were unanimously in favor of the area offering the contribution to BIG.

Discussion on reworking the Website Committee into a Technology Committee was postponed until Lisa could be present to give more background on the proposal.

MEETING ENDED