

## **District Meeting Notes – May 2021**

Meeting started at 7:03pm

Read The General Service Representative (G.S.R.) (page S26, paragraph 1) from the AA Service Manual

Motion to accept Secretary's Minutes passed unanimously

Ray Of Hope – Gave a brief summary of Tradition 5

Area Chair – Gave a brief summary of Concept 5

### **Group Reports**

**GB Women's Group:** - Several newcomers attending meeting. Attendance around 15-20. Asked group to identify challenges and strengths. Will be discussed at next business meeting. Pie chart will be reviewed.

**Ray of Hope** - \$173 dispersed last month. Attendance 12-20. Put Big Book up on the screen to accommodate newcomers who don't have a book. Continued discussion about supporting newcomers. Screen sharing big book during meeting. Doing monthly CSS commitment. Group text is going strong (with Signal app)

**Men's 12th Step** – Members are starting to return to in-person meeting. Also many new faces. Group considering a gathering for the late summer or fall.

**Southern Berkshire Group** – Group continues to fill institution commitments. Group will have a newcomer liaison position – that member has their chat enabled to reach out to anyone identifying themselves as new. Ad hoc committee in place to discuss returning to an in-person meeting. Attendance is 80 to 120.

**Keep it Simple** – 16-18 attending meeting, 7th tradition down. Talking about splitting meeting into an in-person meeting and an online meeting. Group is doing well at retaining newcomers.

**Lenox BB Meeting** – 25-35 attendees, contributions steady.

**GB Men's Meeting** – Group is discussing returning to person. Church restricted to 20 with doorman counting people and contract tracing. Discussion about splitting to online and in-person, but not at the same time. Tabled discussion until last month

**Sunday AM Watch Your Step** – Going strong with 40+ members every week. Took on second McGee commitment. Staying online.

**Sober on Saturday** – phone meeting only, very steady attendance of 15-20. Continuing to pay rent to church. Last contact with church involved discussion of several regulations to follow if the group were to return – included contract tracing.

## Invited Committees

**Berkshire Institutions** – low attendance last meeting. Drive to pass out literature continues. Books were brought to North Adams Keenan House, CSS, McGee. Commitments all but two filled. Liaison for CSS and McGee is working on figuring out the microphone issue.

**Berkshire Intergroup** – decent contributions but not enough to cover expenses. Contribution from Area was received. The area will hold the funds without spending and reconsider what to do with the money at that point. Literature inventory continues. Checking contacts on 12-step list and considering a plan going forward. Created a group change form to facilitate meeting information on intergroup website. Susan B. started an intergroup newsletter and looking for help. Email her at [BerkshireIntergroupNews@gmail.com](mailto:BerkshireIntergroupNews@gmail.com). Collecting info about changes to groups, celebrations, new items and stories. Intergroup is looking for reps. Please ask group members if they would be interested in serving as a liaison.

**DCM Report** – The link for NERF (NorthEast Regional Forum) on June 4 - 6 is on the vermont aa website at [aavt.org](http://aavt.org). For a full report from our delegate from the Round Up on the 2021 conference email [delegate@area31aa.org](mailto:delegate@area31aa.org). The workshop has been postponed because the date conflicted with NERF. No one has been attending the workshop planning meetings. A workshop cannot happen unless GSRs are interested in participating in the planning of a workshop.

Ilene suggested that people are zoomed out – info from meetings has been helpful. May announce a roundtable with groups to come out and share what's working. Outdoor event? Simon's rock has a drive-in movie theater type setting.

Poll was launched and 6 people mentioned being interest in helping plan online workshop. A few people agreed that the meeting would be best not back-to-back with the district meeting.

**Area Chairperson** - Area is moving locations. Space at 474 Pleasant St. is now for sale. n adhoc committee was formed to find a new location for the Area office. They are looking at locations in District 1, 2, and 5. What a Concept meeting is on zoom the first Thursday of the month. Meeting ID: 868 1280 7456 Password: 184722

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812807456?pwd=T2tQUdhes1ZVQWpneVNpT1hqdm1tdz09>

The Service Manual Meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month on zoom. Meeting ID: 859 5422 7161 Password: 940161 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85954227161?pwd=V2ZrN2VER0dUbTJHMDIiQlZlVHIFQT09>

Next fall assembly will likely be in person. Hitchcock Academy is being considered. Area is offering incoming commitments to groups. Email Steve [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org). Area is also willing to coordinate group inventories by putting group in touch with a past delegate. NERF 6/4-6/6.

## Old Business

Motion to host a roundtable instead of a workshop was rejected in favor of a second meeting to determine what the district would like to do. The motion to hold the meeting passed 9-0. The planning meeting is will occur on Friday, May 27 at 7pm on Zoom. Login information to be sent with district minutes.

New Business

No new Business

Motion to close passed.