

# DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING - 7/17/2021

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Meeting Started 7pm

Chair: Tom H

Opened with Serenity Prayer

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Reading of Tradition 7, followed by brief discussion

Reading of Concept 7

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*DCM requests a motion to accept SECRETARY minutes for District 3 Monthly meetings April – June 2021.*

*Motion passed.*

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## GROUP REPORTS

**Southern Berkshire Group** – Group is pleased with the Roundtable event. Attendance remains high. Likely to return to in-person format in September. Working to create job descriptions for service positions, considering new positions (i.e., technology, newcomer reach-out, etc.) Looking for examples, possible committee to create the descriptions. Next business meeting 8/1 – will discuss the committee on positions, hybrid meetings, meeting institutions commitments.

**Sober On Saturday** – Ended Wednesday’s phone meeting due to low attendance. Saturday 8am is hybrid (in-person & phone), in-person is back in the church. Attendance 10-12 in person, 10-12 on the phone (down from 30 pre-Covid restrictions). Prudent reserve is adequate, rent is paid. Service position available: Business Meeting Chair, all other positions filled.

**Men’s 12<sup>th</sup> Step Group** – Attendance continues to grow (up to approx. 40). Voted to donate \$75 to Berkshire Intergroup. Added a Literature position, buying more copies of *Twelve and Twelve*.

**Watch Your Step** – Still meeting via Zoom, attendance approximately 40. Some resistance to meeting in-person and hybrid, will address at business meeting on 7/17. Added a “Spiritual Timekeeper” which is working well. Reading “we the people of Alcoholics Anonymous...” in Preamble.

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## INVITED COMMITTEES

**Berkshire Intergroup** – not present

**Institutions Committee** – not present

**Western Mass Intergroup** – Successfully moved into new space (300 Appleton, Holyoke), happy in the new space. Donations are good. Meetings continue virtually, doesn't make sense to move to hybrid yet. Encouraging groups to participate in bookies. Picnic to be held 8/22 at Moose Family Lodge, 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee, 11am-6pm. Live music, bounce house, face painting, horseshoes, raffle. Accepting basket donations.

**Area Alt-Delegate** – All meetings are now hybrid (Concept, Service Manual, Committee, Districts, etc.) Info on website. Have 2 people acting as techs to set up/break down meetings. Some audio quality issues are being addressed. Mass State Convention coming up on 11/13-14. Will be hybrid (in-person portion will be in Framingham). The event is to be hosted by Areas 30 and 31. Subcommittee positions are available; Area 31 has only 2 positions filled. For service, contact Mike B. at [altdelegate@area31.org](mailto:altdelegate@area31.org). NERASA 2022 will be in Pittsburg 2/25-27. Staying virtual to mitigate financial risk. *Regarding Southern Berkshire Group's request for existing service job descriptions, it is up to the group to design these accordingly.*

**DCM Report** – Roundtable went well, 10 groups participating (4 in person, 6 online). Healthy discussion regarding groups in transition, overall the event was encouraging. Lots of discussion regarding Group Change Forms and updating group info at [berkshireaaintergroup.org](http://berkshireaaintergroup.org), integrating info to Western Mass Intergroup and the Meeting Guide App; new GSR forms at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) under registrar link. Looking to possibly create one form to make this more cohesive, exploring a google workplace account to better communicate and maintain contact information.

- Notes from the recent Area meeting – no new business or old business, nothing major from any reports. Working toward making more use of hybrid, making service commitments more accessible for Berkshire County residents.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Secretary is vacant. Groups asked to announce at business meetings.

LCM is currently out of the area, returning in September. Can be available virtually. Open to meeting in-person (upon return) or virtually. Is interested in maintaining the position, but willing to vacate if there is an interested and more available candidate.

Investigating moving the District 3 meeting to hybrid, using Berkshire Intergroup office as a base.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Working on creating a group email/contact list.

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Meeting closed at 8:05pm