

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 08/21/21

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer and sharing on Tradition 8 and Concept 8

GROUP REPORTS

SOS - Meeting is hybrid. The meeting is well organized. Participants at the church in Lee are wearing masks. Coffee was served at first but has been discontinued. All service positions are filled in the group. The transition to hybrid went smoothly.

Great Barrington Women's Group - The meeting is back on Zoom after being hybrid for a little bit. The group's finances are good.

Watch Your Step - Group is meeting on Zoom. Possibility of returning in person is being tabled month to month - not an urgent matter at this time. Group is financially doing well and attendance is good.

Keep it Simple - Group continues to hold separate physical and virtual meetings. Noon meeting has open service positions.

Ray of Hope - The group practiced a hybrid meeting using a member's home but will be holding off on a return to in-person meetings. Group's finances are doing well.

Southern Berkshire - Group is doing well financially and is taking contributions through Venmo. A subsidized rent is being paid to hold physical location. An online outreach position is working well. Communication to the newcomer is less overwhelming and more organized.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions - Not present

Berkshire Intergroup - Intergroup met on the 9th. Donations have been up and included an unexpected donation from a group in Amherst. The 12th step call list is now fully updated. To get added to the call list, please email Berkshire Intergroup at berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com or call 413-448-2382. In either case, please provide your contact information and availability, specific to days and times that you are free to take calls. The Intergroup is considering organizing a "watch party" for the Mass State Convention. A physical location would be secured with the virtual meeting cast onto a screen. Details are being worked out.

Co-DCM - Attended most recent Area meeting virtually. Reports hybrid meeting to be very well run. The meeting was very brief. Fall Assembly location has been announced (more below from Area Chair) - Fall Assembly will be held at the Brimfield Hitchcock Academy on Saturday October 16th from 10 am to 4 pm and on Sunday October 17th from 1 pm to 5 pm. There will be multiple workshops on five different concepts during the day and a pizza lunch will be held from 12 pm to 1pm. The business meeting and area elections will be held on Sunday.

The area is still holding quite a bit of money. Expenses look to be sitting well under half of what was budgeted this far into the year.

DCM - Mass State Convention will be on 11/14 and will be held virtually only. If interest in joining the planning committee, please contact Lisa. Also, Lisa is facilitating the organization of hospitality rooms and is needing volunteers. Please email her at district3@area31aa.org if available to help.

Area 31 - Area Chair - The area continues to host a Concept Meeting as well as a Service Manual meeting.

What A Concept (Hybrid - Virtual & In Person) - First Thursday of the month 7:30pm
Grace United Church - 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA and simultaneously meeting on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812807456?pwd=T2tQUdhes1ZVQWpneVNpTlhqdm1tdz09>

Meeting ID: 868 1280 7456

Password: 184722

AA Service Manual Meeting (Hybrid - Virtual & In Person) - Third Monday 7:30pm

Grace United Church - 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA and simultaneously on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85954227161?pwd=V2ZrN2VER0dUbTJHMD1lQ1ZJVHlFQT09> (link is external)

Meeting ID: 859 5422 7161

Password: 940161

Area hosted meetings have been moved to the basement at 474 Pleasant St. where the room is cooler and the acoustics are better.

The Fall Assembly will be hybrid, however we are not certain of the quality of the wifi at the facility and of how smoothly the virtual portion of the assembly will go.

District 4 will be holding a workshop on December 4th relative to carrying the message in today's AA.

The Area is available to provide an incoming commitment to your group to explain more about the service structure. The Area Chair can also put you in touch with a past delegate if your group is interested in holding a group inventory.

The 2025 International Conference will be held in Vancouver, BC. If you are interested in attending, but have a past DUI conviction, it is advisable to gain clearance to be able to enter Canada well in advance.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made to pay St. Charles Church \$50 for our use of the church for our district even in June. It was suggested that these spaces can often cost \$50 per hour. The motion was amended to donate \$100 to the church. TThird Monday 7:30pm

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a possible return to hybrid with the Intergroup office as a proposed location. The Intergroup office manager offered that the space is available, though a rent amount was not yet discussed. Discussion was held about the space likely being temporary, with a full return down the road possible. It was discussed that the room is very small and would not accommodate many people. No motion was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING ENDED at 8:15pm