

# DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 11/19/21

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MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

## GROUP REPORTS

**Southern Berkshire** - The group is stalled in its decision to change from being online only. There is concern with abandoning people that join online only but would not be able to attend in person. Attendance remains high.

The group had discussion about implementing Robert's Rules of Order to organize discussion in business meetings. Steve and Tom offered feedback on the matter.

**SOS** - The meeting continues to be hybrid. Healthy meeting attendance and healthy finances. There have been some issues with tech, including inability to log back into the last business meeting. There have also been some kinks with tech and with volume for people joining the meeting on the phone.

**Great Barrington Women's Group** - consistent attendance 15-20. Regularly distributing to the pie chart. Also interested in learning more about Robert's Rules

**Men's 12th Step** - Masks required at request of church. No existing pie chart in use. Spreading out extra funds between area, district and BIG. Group decided to drop the jail commitment due to lack of interest in participating virtually. In lieu of that the group has sent both english and spanish copies of the grapevine to the jail.

**Keep it Simple** - Steady attendance 10-14. Simultaneous meetings with the same format and schedule of meetings. Masks required and no food or beverage are allowed.

## INVITED COMMITTEES

**Berkshire Institutions - Not present**

**Berkshire Intergroup** - Met this month. Finances a little down this month but trending to be up this month. The Intergroup is focused on putting on an alcathon 12/24-12/25. Ready for people to sign up for slots for alcathon. Email BIG to choose a slot. [There is a live calendar on the intergroup website showing what slots are available.](#) The meeting will be 5pm to midnight in person at St Charles church in Pittsfield. Midnight to 7am on Zoom and then 7am to 5pm in person again at St. Charles. Please help spread the word to find people to

sign up. Format is open. Person can take the meeting or a group can take the meeting. The person or group taking the meeting can choose the format.

### **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 - 30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA and simultaneously meeting on Zoom.  
  
Meeting ID: 868 1280 7456  
  
Password: 184722
  - [AA Service Manual Meeting \(Hybrid - Virtual & In Person\)](#)- Third Monday 7:30pm  
  
Grace United Church - 30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA and simultaneously on Zoom.  
  
Meeting ID: 859 5422 7161  
  
Password: 940161
  
- There was a work party to relocate the area's space on 11/27 at 10am. The area meeting space is now located at 30 Carew St. in South Hadley. The area is in the process of relocating internet connections. That will happen on Monday so the Accessibility Committee meeting will have to be virtual only in November. The login info, as with everything else, is available on the area website.
  
- The area is still offering service commitments to groups where members of the area committee will put on a meeting at a group to talk about service and service opportunities.
  
- The area will put your group in touch with a past delegate who can conduct a group inventory, if your group is interested. We discussed that there can often be a negative connotation with these, but this should not be the case.
  
- Wednesday Dec 8th is the next area meeting. Budget will be voted on.
  
- NERAASA 2/25-2/27 in Pittsburg,, PA .Reg is now open [www.NERAASA.org](http://www.NERAASA.org). Register early to secure a room. Talk about a hybrid portion but not set in stone yet.

### **Co-DCM Report-**

- Lee Court House is willing to allow us to return. We discussed rent and she advised that rent would not be asked of us. We discussed paying what we had before and allowing her to donate to one of a few charities they give to.
  - The space has wifi but it was remarked that it is not the greatest. Tom will go next month to test it

- Requested budget of \$800 next year for District 3
  - \$400 for events
  - \$400 laptop purchase for co-DCM to hold for two years and pass on
  - \$300 budget this year. \$100 was given to St. Charles church for use of space.
  - \$39.31 was spent on a conference speaker (\$120 unit I got a deal on through eBay).
  - \$160.69 was unspent
  
- Spring Workshop – Looking at March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - About Feb 15<sup>th</sup> agenda items are released
  - Looking for 6-10 people to take on picking 2 agenda items and giving a non-objective report to the attendees
  - Groups would be able to ask questions, but the format would not be intended to capture a group conscience formally, as the discussion should go back to the groups and then brought to the Spring mini-conference
  
- Possible idea for a fall event – moving theater rental for AA film – may go in on it with BIG

DCM - no report

## OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ELECTIONS
  - Qualifications were read for the Co-DCM position. No one stood
  - Qualifications were read for the LCM position. No one stood.
  - Secretary position was summarized. Jaryn may be interested, but suggested that he is sometimes driving and could serve as a co-secretary or backup. Will revisit next month if no one else stands.
  
- Discussion was had about putting a time limit of one hour on the district meeting. It was suggested that most AA meetings are 1-hour long and that the district meeting should follow suit. It was noted that most GSR's drop off the meeting at the one hour mark. We discussed that we could visit ways to cut down on the meeting's length, aside from limiting group reports. Tom suggested that ways to do so would be brought up at the next district meeting.

MEETING ENDED at 8:25pm