

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 2/18/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Southern Berkshire – Voted to move back to hybrid model (from virtual) in the first week of March. May begin the process unofficially before March, with weekly voting to determine meeting format moving forward. No other major changes, meetings are 70-100 people on line. Evaluating pie chart for contributions. *Would like a briefing on Robert's Rules, and possible group inventory.*

SOS – Meeting Saturdays at 8am, phone-in hybrid, 10-15 people attending in each format. All positions are filled, financially solvent. Care for new speaker/mic split among members. Shuttered in-person section for one meeting due to cold weather.

Men's 12th Step – Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm, masks, coffee and cookies available. Have questions regarding a pie chart for regular contributions.

Lenox Big Book – Meeting Thursdays at 7pm in person at Trinity. Average attendance is 25 people. Positions filled, making regular contributions to the pie chart. In need of Intergroup Reps. Made an adjustment to group's preamble to include language about masking after an incident of improper mask usage.

Great Barrington Men's Group – Parallel meetings on Thursdays via Zoom (12-20 people) and in-person (40-60 people). In-person thriving, getting newcomers from Mountainside, recovery centers. Some group members not ready to attend in-person meetings yet. Regarding the existing pie chart, wanting to make sure distributions are going to the right place.

PIE CHART - CONTRIBUTIONS & COMMENTS – GSO indicates using funds for the group/community is okay – (think open dinners, etc.) Coming from the chat: If there is a Central Office - 50% to Intergroup/Central Office, 30% to GSO, 10% to area, 10% to district; If no Central Office - 40% to district, 30% to area, 30% GSO.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions - Not present.

How can we be of service, where can we go physically, how we can we address coordinating Zoom meetings?

www.area31aa.org/berkinstitutionsdocs

Berkshire Intergroup – The new app is available at www.berkshireaaintergroup.org – scan the QR code from the homepage for meeting lists, other resources. The app may, in part at least, take the place of printed lists. Surveys collecting feedback for possible 2022 events were sent out with last month's Newsletter, but received only 10 responses. Will be resending with this month's letter – please respond!

DCM Report-

February Area Meeting -

- GSRs complete new GSR form - We can send with the minutes - also available at area31aa.org under Documents - Area Committee – Registrar
www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F28_GroupInformationChangeForm_fillable_EN.pdf
- MA State Convention - planning committee - last Tuesday of the month. 3/29. Hybrid planning meetings - Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112 - Conference will be in person Nov 11-13, 2022 at Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. Rooms can be booked now. \$127/night. Other open positions in Accessibilities, sign printing and coordination, other positions available.
- Bridging the Gap. Helps people coming from institutions get connected to A.A. Message Sonja if you are interested in volunteering. She gives contact information for the person, then the volunteer coordinates going to their first meeting together. 413-824-6371. Functions similarly to Berkshire Intergroup's 12 Step Call List, and is expanding into Berkshire County
- Area hosts Service Manual Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30PM Hybrid [AA Service Manual Meeting \(Hybrid - Virtual & In Person\) | A.A. - Area 31 General Service Committee \(area31aa.org\)](#)
- Area also hosts What a Concept - First Thursday at 7:30pm [What A Concept \(Hybrid - Virtual & In Person\) | A.A. - Area 31 General Service Committee \(area31aa.org\)](#)
- The area is also available to bring a service commitment to your group where members of the area committee or those in service speak about their experience in service. These are great for a better understanding of AA service and what goes on. Please contact district3@area31aa.org or the Area 31 Chair.
- The area is also available to conduct group inventories. These are facilitated by a past delegate and would typically be held on a day other than the meeting time
- District 3 is hosting a monthly virtual Traditions meeting 2nd Sundays at 7pm: Meeting ID: 842 7414 8976 Passcode: 816033. Recordings of the Speaker portion of the meeting will be available.
- Review Active Meeting Info - Not Listed. Meeting List is attached in the body of the email – Who is still active?
- March 5th event – Presentation on Upcoming Conference Agenda Items – 10 am – 12 pm at St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave, Pittsfield, MA. Looking for volunteers to do 3-5 minute presentations on the topics to other A.A. members. Agenda Item list is attached in the body of the email. Please contact district3@area31aa.org to choose and present a topic. **FULL NAMES MAY BE USED IN THE DOCUMENTS – THESE DOCUMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

Area Report -

- **NERAASA** - Feb. 25-27 in Pittsburg, PA, Area has rented a van, can potentially offer transportation. Email areachair@area31aa.org
- **MA STATE CONVENTION** – Next Planning Committee meeting is 3/29/2022 Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112

- **AREA ROUNDUP** – May 20-22, 2022 at the Fairfield Inn in Enfield, CT. Planning Committee meets 2nd Wednesdays 6pm – United Methodist Church, 30 Carew St., South Hadley or Zoom Meeting ID: 851 6023 5833 Passcode: 487205. Planning help is still needed – rebuilding the Roundup is necessary after a hiatus due to COVID. New 2022 Area Handbooks are available now on the website www.area31aa.org or at the next area meeting.
- **SPRING ASSEMBLY** – March 26-27 at 300 Appleton St, Holyoke, MA. Will be hybrid.

OLD BUSINESS

Co-DCM and LCM positions remain open in District 3. No one stood for either position.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING CLOSED at 7:50pm with **DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY**