

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 5/20/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Lenox Big Book – Thursdays at 7pm. Meeting in-person, masks not required. 20-30 people typically in attendance. Elections upcoming.

Great Barrington Women's Group – Meeting Thursday 7pm on Zoom. Returning to live meetings at the Senior Center is being discussed, though no decision yet. Things are going well.

Southern Berkshire Group – Backpaying rent to the Senior Center (\$50/mo). Now using Google Docs to sign up for commitments, service, etc. Discussions on hybrid vs in-person meeting formats remain “troublesome.” Rotations for service positions are upcoming. Attendance approx. 40-50 in-person, 50 on line. Requests input as to 1) appropriately dedicate resources to online component of meetings, 2) engaging with participants on line, 3) how to deal with bad wifi.

Men's 12th Step – Tues at 6:30pm Meeting going well, approx 40 in attendance. Time spent in planning to host the Unity Dinner on 5/24.

Great Barrington Men's Group – Thursday in-person and virtual; Sunday online Step Group. Thriving, 50-60 people in attendance, treasury good, currently maskless, but may change if needed. Elections held one month ago.

Watch Your Step – Sundays at 9am. All meetings virtual, no plans to change anytime soon. Next business meeting the upcoming Sunday (5/22). 30-40 in attendance, review 1 step per month, leaders volunteer for the month, next elections in December.

Northern Berkshire Group – Meeting in Williamstown Sun and Tues at 7:30pm. Attendance dropped to 15 from 25. There is a meeting conflict locally. 3rd oldest meeting in the Berkshires. Service positions filled, donations steady, celebrating lots of anniversaries. Continues to engage with speaker exchanges, happy with this, doing outreach to other groups.

SOS – Continues to meet phone hybrid. Now using one chairperson per month vs a weekly chair, one person is in charge of the microphone/speaker for those calling in. Financials good, all positions filled. Elections in Dec or Jan.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions - Not present.

Most recent meeting cancelled due to illness.

For more information on Berkshire Institutions and how we can be of service, please visit

www.area31aa.org/berkinstitutionsdocs

Berkshire Intergroup – Newsletter currently has 135-140 subscribers. Contact berkshireintergroup@gmail.com to receive. Expenses were met (+\$750) in April. Planning a retreat in September, budget to be submitted to Intergroup soon. Working very hard to maintain accurate meeting lists. Requesting feedback, and using the Group Change Form to submit changes.

DCM REPORT

- NOTE: Area not present tonight – is present at the Round-Up.
- 5/21/22 @1-2:30pm – Area Delegate report from the General Service Conference scheduled. Will include a follow up to the 3/5 District Event, changes to the fifth edition of the Big Book, the Preamble, the Area's consensus to remove "fellowship" from the Preamble, other things. Will also report via Zoom, time TBD. The Delegate's Report will also be published on the Area's website.
- District 3 is hosting a meeting at the Round-Up on Sun 5/22/22 at 9am – topic: Homegroup Celebration.
- There will also be movies, meetings, meetings held in languages other than English, keynote speakers, a Sunday "spiritual meeting," and more.
- Area hosts WHAT A CONCEPT meeting: 1st Thursday at 7:30pm, United Methodist Church - 30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA, Meeting ID: 868 1280 7456 Password: 184722
- Area hosts GENERAL SERVICE meeting: 3rd Thursdays at 7:30pm, United Methodist Church - 30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA, Meeting ID: 868 1581 0471 Password: 173419
- Area is available for Group Inventories and Service Presentations
- District 3 hosts MONTHLY TRADITION meeting: 2nd Sundays at 7pm, Meeting ID: 842 7414 8976 Passcode: 816033. The speaker portion of these meetings is being recorded (audio only) and can be found by requesting to be added to the Google Drive where the files are kept – district3@area31aa.org
- MASS STATE CONVENTION – Next Planning Committee meeting is 5/31/2022 7 pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge or Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112.
- SERVICE – It's never been easier to join an Area Committee and do some service! A committee list and meeting schedule has been included along side these meeting minutes in the email.

- **Personal Story Submissions** for the Fifth Edition of the Big Book are being accepted, especially stories from Black and Latino members. Stories are due in October and can be submitted via www.area31aa.org

DISCUSSION

Relating to Southern Berkshire Group's hybrid meeting protocol, questions arose about engagement with on-line participants, appropriate camera angles and whether anonymity is potentially being broken.

OLD BUSINESS

- Co-DCM and LCM positions remain open in District 3. No one stood for either position.
- Tom H. will finish the term as DCM (until Jan. 1, 2023), and is also moving into the Area webmaster position.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no New Business introduced

MEETING CLOSED with the Responsibility Pledge at 7:58pm