

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 6/17/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Southern Berkshire Group – Attendance about 40-50 in person, 50-60 on Zoom. Still developing the hybrid model. Business meetings rescheduled to Tuesday at 9 (which?). Treasury is good, all service positions are filled. More newcomers are coming to in person meeting compared to Zoom. Meeting is listed on the Western Mass Intergroup list.

Keep It Simple – Meeting Mon-Sat at noon in Great Barrington. Meeting simultaneously – not hybrid, using a shared treasurer. Doing good, good attendance in both formats, donating to pie chart. QUESTION: How is this group listed on the Area website? (Live or Virtual?)

Great Barrington Men's Group – Meeting Thursday at 7pm, 40-60 people per week. Simultaneous virtual meeting with 15-20 in attendance. Sunday 7pm Step Meeting. Many members not willing to go to live meetings yet, getting new members from all over the country. Finances good, strong treasury. Maintaining a commitment to the House of Corrections. Attracting new members from rehab. Planning a picnic for 8/21 at Sheffield Town Park.

Lenox Big Book – Thursdays at 7pm. Meeting in person, approx. 30 in attendance. Held elections last night (6/16/22). Experiencing an influx of new members. Currently estimated at 20 members with 12 active. New members asked for a hospital commitment- okayed by group. Contributing to the pie chart.

Men's 12th Step – Tues at 6:30pm Meeting going well, approx 30-40 in attendance. Grateful for community support surrounding the 5/24 Unity Dinner. All donations paid out to St. Charles Church.

Northern Berkshire Group – Meeting in Williamstown Sun (Speaker/Discussion) and Tues (Double Speaker) at 7:30pm. Maintaining status quo. Attendees finding the meeting via the Meeting Guide App. Pie chart contributions okay, service positions mostly filled (no Berkshire Intergroup Rep). Strictly an in person meeting. Recent attendance at 25, up from 10-12.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Intergroup – Eight groups represented at most recent meeting. Expenses met last month, in good shape financially. Will be returning a \$3600 to Area (from Dec. 2021). Reminder that BIG meeting listings feed into the Area meeting listings. One day retreat planned for 9/24/22 at Sheffield Town Park. Will be submitting the budget for final approval. The plan is to screen the documentary “Bill W.” license permitting.

DCM REPORT

- Attended the 6/5/22 Area Business Meeting
- AREA FINANCES - \$23,000 May starting budget; +\$2,300 contributions; -\$3,800 expenditures; \$22,700 closing + \$8,000 prudent reserve (\$31k total). A high number compared to before March 2020.
- Toured the Area ARCHIVES. Groups have group history forms archived in binders. GSRs are encouraged to look for their group’s stories at area31aa.org. Encouraged also to find any long-standing members who have experience with the group’s formation to share.
- THE GRAPEVINE is accepting stories about spirituality – deadline July 15, 2022.
- DELEGATE’S REPORT will be delivered a second time on Zoom for GSRs and interested parties who could not attend the Round Up. The report will be delivered on 7/9/2022, 10am-12pm. It is also published at area31aa.org
- 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 7/26/2022 7 pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge or Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112. Rooms can be booked for \$127/night – call the hotel to book directly (no 3rd party bookings).
- MEETING GUIDE – GSRs should remember to keep their group’s meeting info up-to-date – the Area’s meeting list feeds the Meeting Guide App.
- DISTRICT 3 currently has \$570 in its budget for tech equipment. The District will be purchasing a new laptop to aid in running district business meetings. In the next DCM term, the computer will move to the next DCM or the Area if no longer needed by District 3.
- NOTED – There is currently no website for the Mass State Convention as the domain name has expired and needs to be paid.

DELEGATE’S REPORT

Not much new going on – we’re in a quiet season. Please check out the Concept, Service Manual, and Traditions meeting as outlined above in the DCM Report.

7/9/2022 10am-12pm – A virtual presentation of the information from the Spring Round Up will be given. Please check www.area31aa.org for the Zoom links. The written report is also available here.

DISCUSSION

There was a brief recap/clarification/update by our Area Delegate from the General Service Conference regarding motions from the 71st General Service Conference that have not yet shown up as floor actions (use of the word “fellowship” in approved literature – Grapevine usage will not change, but in other literature no action has been recommended due to members being uninformed or ambivalent about potential changes).

OLD BUSINESS

- Co-DCM and LCM positions remain open in District 3. No one stood for either position.
- Formal Elections for new officers will be in November

NEW BUSINESS

For Consideration: Would restructuring District 3 allow for a better local connection and encourage more participation?

- Currently approx. 10 of 69 groups are being represented at District meetings.
- Separate the district between Lenox and Pittsfield? Each could have its own DCM. Travel time would be lessened for many.
- Could the District break into sub-Districts? i.e., Dist 3.1, 3.2, etc., each run with its own DCM?
- The in-person portion of this meeting is currently at the Lee Courthouse; would moving it to Pittsfield encourage more participation?
- How do we attract more DCMs when we’re already struggling to get a co-DCM in the current structure?
- Can we do more reaching out instead of breaking up?
- Area 30 split up as suggested here, leading to greater member participation.

MOTION was made to extend the meeting beyond 8pm. MOTION was voted NO.

MEETING CLOSED at 8pm.