

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 10/21/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7:00PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Reports Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Watch Your Step – Meeting on Zoom, Sunday AM. Doing commitments on 3rd Thursdays and 5th Fridays. Voted to stay on Zoom presently, considering hybrid. Decided against borrowing meeting equipment from another group. Attendance 30-40. Group is healthy, does service.

Men's 12th Step – Tues at 6:30 in Pittsfield. Consistent. Using money to purchase more books, especially 12 & 12. Voting at next business meeting on whether to sign up for a commitment at the jails, or continue paying for the Grapevine and La Vina to be sent. Approached by a member for the commitment.

Lenox Big Book – Large meetings, sometimes no empty seats, on par with before COVID. Similar troubles with Institutions and finding commitments as Men's 12th Step, but still picked up a McGee commitment. Things are going okay, all positions filled.

Sober at Sunrise Virtual – Things going okay, numbers are consistent. Cross talk issue has been resolved. Getting newcomers every day.

Bushwhacker's – Speaker meeting, 50 people in attendance, have made the literature free. Maintains an Institutions commitment. Questions whether they're effectively welcoming the newcomer. Possible solutions? Suggested: Sponsor phone list, group inventory.

GB Men's Meeting – In person Thursday @ 7pm, simultaneously on-line, Sunday 7pm Step Meeting. Membership is good, attendance is good, new people weekly. Using money for books for commitments with the HoC and CSS. Requests support for on-line meeting which is growing. (*Mention that Western Mass Institutions has literature ear marked for us, just needs to be picked up.*) Beginning a co-ed Monday night BB meeting at 7pm, 1st Congregational Church, GB (currently the meeting is nameless).

I Don't Have A Clue – Meeting on-line at 6:45, hybrid in Lee Thursday/Sunday. Doing great, averaging 23 attendees, 7 days. There is a host @ 6:15 to open the room, a chair, and a greeter (3 positions all filled). Mentioned a group inventory to the group. No PI rep, new CPC rep, Accessibilities covered pretty well.

INVITED COMMITTEES

CT Youth Convention – Annual Youth Convention happening 11/26-28 following Thanksgiving. There will be speakers, a dance, marathon meetings. Looking for volunteer groups to run meetings, volunteers for panels, and flyer distribution. Event to be held at the Sheraton Hotel at Bradley Int'l.

Berkshire Institutions –

Berkshire Intergroup –

- Books – Institutions wants to know what to do with all the books?
- 11th Step retreat was at capacity, was a great success.
- Trying to organize alcathons for Christmas and New Year. Planning committee meeting info is at berkshireaaintergroup.org
- *Bill W.* at Images in Williamstown this Sunday. Q & A with directors/producers to follow. Sign up on website, vax cards/masks req.
- Newsletter still going out monthly.
- Office manager is stepping down. ISO a replacement, Larry will train. Sobriety req. 2 years.
- Open hours being reevaluated to possibly include Saturday hours.

AREA ALT. DELEGATE

- Sunday night commitment at the The Only Requirement Group to discuss service work.
- The last Mass State Convention meeting is Tuesday 11/1 at The Sturbridge Host Hotel @7, pizza dinner @5:45. No carpool for this meeting. Rooms still available @ \$130/night; the committee asks that we call the hotel directly to reserve

DCM REPORT

- Fall Assembly – Saturday was the service fair, various committees were present; it was lightly attended by Berkshire members (less than 10). Sunday business meeting, 4 groups from our district represented, GSRs should attend, this is an opportunity to vote.
- Area committees continue to work, though with reduced size (sometimes by half or more). Send group members to committees! They require representation to work effectively.
- All committees are currently meeting hybrid.

- Grapevine maintains now an Instagram pg, a YouTube channel, podcast, quote of the day. Groups can contact to bring a representative to their meetings.
- Archives will also come out
- CPC is asking for leads regarding what institutions they might be able to help (*Shared that CPC has historically had trouble getting a hold in the Berkshires*)
- Area Round-Up committee is sending out surveys about upcoming Round-Up.
- NERAASA will be in Feb in Albany. The Area will attend – should the group? Mention it to home groups.
- Mass State Convention 11/11-11/13 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.
- District 3 elections next month.
- Ad hoc committee for Dec. 3 event: Food and Gratitude at St Mary's, Cheshire, 12-3. 3 speakers on 3 legacies, catered, being paid for by Area (basket will not be passed). Next planning meeting 11/3 8pm, link at area31aa.org

OLD BUSINESS

- There is no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Brainstorming other ideas for books and Institutions – anybody working with the Women's Shelter? Should Berkshire Institutions be absorbed by BIG? Has been unsuccessfully tried before. Bring back to groups for any ideas.

MEETING CLOSED at 8:03 with the Responsibility Pledge.