

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 12/16/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7:00PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Reports Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Sober at Sunrise Virtual – Nothing major, growing nicely, good attendance, newcomers and new oldtimers too. The group is successfully addressing issues at business meeting and “coming together.” Now has had first commitment at CSS on Thursday, went well.

Watch Your Step – Meeting on Zoom, Sunday 9 AM. Doing commitments on 2nd Thursdays and 5th Fridays at McGee. Nothing going on – trying to reach out to newcomers and struggling longtimers. Still voting monthly about returning to live meetings.

Men's 12th Step – Tues at 6:30 in Pittsfield. Consistent. Voted to accept a Jail Commitment after being approached previously by another member asking us to consider. Renewed subscriptions for Grapevine and La Vina for the jail.

Lenox Big Book – Thurs. night step meeting. A large meeting again, lots of new people, have a McGee commitment every 3rd Tuesday. Coffee is back (cake at anniversaries, too!)

Keep It Simple – Virtual, Mon – Sat. Six or seven regulars in attendance plus some floaters. Live also, doing well, well-attended. The live meeting does not have a business meeting. The group has one commitment. Recently made a big donation according to the pie chart.

GB Men's Meeting – In person Thursday @ 7pm, simultaneously on-line, Sunday 7pm Step Meeting. Attendance is almost standing-room-only. Newcomers showing up, general level of excitement. Currently have commitments at the Jail (Wed. on Zoom, last in-person) and CSS (every other Sat. night).

Southern Berkshire Group – Attendance is variable, high would be 80 virtual, 40 in person. Hybrid is running okay, previous equipment issues resolved. Currently no BIG rep, but they will get one. Having trouble working with newcomers, still discussing whether to take a group inventory. Having some troubles keeping service positions filled due to running a hybrid meeting.

I Don't Have A Clue – Meeting on-line at 6:45, hybrid in Lee Sunday. Thursday in person meeting cancelled due to low attendance. Otherwise attendance is steady. No commitments currently. Changing the format of

Fri to a speaker meeting (each day has its own format). *NOTE - request was made to update the group information with Western Mass Intergroup, etc.* RE: Open meeting – the meeting is always open eliminating the need for a host. A password is now required: 413645 This is listed with BIG.

SOS – New GSR coming in January. Struggling with hybrid, attendance is shakey.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions – Has been inactive for approx. 1 year. Needs help to rebuild.

Berkshire Intergroup –

- Needs a new Office Manager.
- Held elections last week, not all positions filled yet.
- Alkathon 12/24 7pm-12am; 12/25 5am-12pm; overnight on Zoom. Still looking for meeting chairs at berkshireaaintergroup.org
- New Berkshire Intergroup Chair beginning January.

AREA ALT. DELEGATE

- Acknowledged that groups do struggle with hybrid...
- Western Mass Institutions has voted to meet live only.
- The final service manual meeting will be on 12/21 – it will be ended due to lack of participation.
- What A Concept meeting will continue meeting hybrid on the 1st Thursday.
- Mass State Convention: Did well, received \$2k+, 650 tickets sold + walk-ins.
- 2023 Mass State Convention: 1st planning meeting is 01/31/2023 (maybe hybrid?) at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. There will be a carpool leaving at 6:15 from the Mercedes dealership parking lot (Chicopee).
- NERAASA – Albany 02/23-26/2023. The hotel is full, check locally for vacancies. Registration ends 02/15/2023. Uncertain whether walk-ins will be welcomed. Probably?
- There are currently 184 Proposed Agenda Items. Background material will be available later than usual – when the Spanish and French versions are ready – perhaps mid-Feb.

DCM REPORT

- New GSRs – there is a form for new GSRs to fill out:
F28_GroupInformationChangeForm_fillable_EN.pdf (aa.org)
- Dec. 3 event was a success – planned for 50 people, 52 showed up. 3 people on-line. Hybrid was ultimately successful.
- District 3 used its entire Area 31 budget of \$1200 (up from \$3-400/yr). This was used for computer equipment and events.

NOTES FROM THE AREA MEETING

- Area Budget – District 3’s request for \$600 was approved. Distribution is based on estimated contributions for the upcoming year from the district. (Budget requests were made by DCMs in Nov.; Area Treasurer submitted three budget proposals in return; the accepted proposal granted all districts their requested budgets.)
- Area has been spending down the surplus. Nov contributions to Area were down 50% from previous Nov.
- The Groups may want to consider the adjustment to Area’s new budget in their own contributions.
- Area New Business: Webmaster ad hoc committee meeting reported on the need to fill the role and discuss duties, submission guidelines, and possible compensation. Duties and guidelines were passed, compensation at an on-going level was not approved.
- The GSR presentation will be given by our Alt. Del. at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Elections were held last month – DCM and Secretary have been filled; co-DCM and LCM remain open. These are voting positions.

NEW BUSINESS

No motions were introduced.

Open discussion was introduced on how to obtain an EIN to open a community organization bank account; there was further discussion about compensation for the Webmaster.

MEETING CLOSED at 7:59 with the Responsibility Pledge.