

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 1/20/2023

MEETING STARTED AT 7:09PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Omitted

GSR INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

Keep It Simple – Some issues with live spot, have excess cash on hand.

Southern Berkshire Group – Omitted

SOS – Omitted

Men's 12th Step – Omitted

GB Women's Meeting – Omitted

Watch Your Step – Staying on Zoom (no in-person meetings), all positions filled, active in service.

GB Men's Meeting – Omitted

I Don't Have a Clue – Sunday is no longer hybrid, only virtual. ALL meetings now virtual (Zoom) only.

Berkshire Young People's Group – Omitted

Lenox Big Book Meeting – Omitted

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions –

- Meetings reinstated every other Tuesday – NEXT meeting: Thursday 1/26, 7:30 on Zoom; email for link berkshireainstitutions@gmail.com
- Committee functions as an intermediary between the groups and Jones, McGee, CSS, and the Men's Jail.
- Trying to reconnect with groups carrying commitments
- NEED REPS

- To coordinate commitments, please email berkshireaainstitutions@gmail.com

Berkshire Intergroup – Not present

DCM NOTES

- New GSR Registration:
 - Go to www.area31aa.org -> Documents -> Registrar -> GSR change form
 - [en f-28 rev12 21 gsr group information change.pdf \(area31aa.org\)](#)
 - Fill out and return electronically, or by email to district3@area31aa.org and registrar@area31aa.org (scanned copies or photos are okay)
 - If the group is hybrid, check the in-person box only.
 - There are also links for a digital GSR starter kit, which includes the Service Manual, pamphlets, etc.

ALT. DELEGATE REPORT

At this point, a presentation was given on the General Service Representative's duties

To view this presentation in PDF, please email altdelegate@area31aa.org

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL READING:

- *BM-31 Service Manual and Twelve Concepts*
- *P-19 General Service Representative*
- *P-16 The AA Group*
- *Area 31 Handbook*

DISCUSSION pertaining to handling of and access to this year's Conference Agenda Items.

- Delegate and Alt. Delegate will select approx. 10 Agenda Items to study for the 2023 General Service Conference (GSC). The Agenda Items will be available (in the coming weeks) for GSRs to take to their groups for discussion and developing a group conscience. These can be shared by Google Docs, but also by other means upon request (pdf, photo, copied). The GSR can then report back directly or via the district their considerations for voting at the GSC.
- Examples of probable Agenda Items to discuss:
 - Should the Plain Language version of the Big Book become conference approved literature??
 - Should all language to the Twelve & Twelve be reinstated?
 - Should the original Preamble be reinstated?

DISCUSSION on how to submit a Proposed Agenda Item? *Proposed agenda items may be submitted at any time to area trusted servants, such as delegates, or maybe submitted directly to AA World Services; However they are most often*

developed in any AA group's business meeting and move to the district level, the area level and if approved at these levels are proposed as conference agenda items. (Notes ed. DCM)

DISCUSSION {Discussion of an Agenda Item which carried and passed several years ago involving Google program that gives non-profit Public Service Announcements higher placement in search engine optimization. It has been felt by some that this is a violation of 7th tradition. A past Delegate from area 58 (Oregon) who recently moved to our district was able to explain the item more clearly. The item was, apparently, never discussed at our area 31 mini-conference leading up to that conference.} (Notes ed. DCM)

OLD BUSINESS

- Open District 3 service positions – Co-DCM, LCM, Secretary
 - Brian W elected to Co-DCM
 - No one stood for LCM; Alt Delegate suggests that all GSRs function as LCM due to the size of the district and number of groups.
 - No one stood for Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

- Any group changes should be communicated to berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com, westernmassintergroup.org, meetings@area31aa.org, webmaster@area31aa.org
- The Accessibilities Committee is interested in hearing from GSRs, and has requested groups fill out the following survey: <https://forms.gle/437v9UvthhuYH9QT8>. As an alternative to the survey, GSRs are encouraged to contact accessibility@area31aa.org to discuss meeting the needs of disabled members.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 pm.

Secretary's Note: Group and Secretary Reports were omitted to allow time for the GSR presentation.