

DISTRICT #3 MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 17, 2023

MEETING START 7PM. 14 present. 9-Zoom/ 5- outside Lee Courthouse

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Secretary Report

Minutes from April's meeting recapped. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes. Accepted with unanimous vote.

Welcome

First time attendees, Paul S. GSR for Sober on Saturday and J.T. GSR for Lee Young People's were introduced and welcomed.

Traditions and Concepts

DCM reiterated information for District 3 Traditions Meeting and Area 31 Concepts Study Meeting. Traditions meeting is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month @7pm. What a Concept is held on the 1st Thursday of every month @7:30pm. Links to these meeting can be found in an email sent from the DCM or at the Area website. Contact DCM for service literature.

<https://www.area31aa.org>

Tradition 4:

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept 4:

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

INVITED COMMITTEES

Area 31: John G., Area Chair.

John gave information about the next big event on the calendar, the 55th Annual Area 31 Round-Up. The Round-Up will be held May 19-21 @ the Clarion Hotel and Water Park in West Springfield, MA. Registration details can be found on the area website.

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Mike B., Area 31 Delegate to the General Assembly will give his report at the Roundup. If this year's agenda follows past agendas the report will be delivered Saturday following the Social Hour. Mike B. will send his report to anyone who requests it. He is offering to visit any group that extends an invitation and to make a report during his visit.

The Round-Up Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month @ 6:00pm @ the United Methodist Church, 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA. Many hands make light work and as the Roundup approaches there is plenty to do. The Round-Up Committee welcomes

all wishing to volunteer. Prior service with the Roundup Committee is not needed to jump in and be of service. Please let all know that they are welcome to join in the fun.

Berkshire Intergroup: Courtney, Co-chair.

Registration for the June 30th bus trip to the General Service Office will go online @ the intergroup website within the next couple of weeks.

The need for an office manager continues. This is a volunteer position with a time commitment of 1-2 hrs a week. Please see the intergroup website for details.

Courtney reported that the Institutions Committee is looking for more representation from groups.

<http://www.berkshireaaintergroup.org/>

Group Reports:

Great Barrington Men's Meeting: Group business meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month. The Thursday in-person meeting ends 15 minutes early on the 1st Thursday for the purpose of conducting business.

Great Barrington Women's Meeting: meeting will begin as a hybrid meeting the 1st week of May. After 90 days the group will access the hybrid approach. The in-person portion of the meeting is at the Senior Center in Great Barrington.

I Don't Have a Clue: The group has separated their previously hybrid Sunday meeting into a Zoom meeting and a simultaneous in-person meeting @ the Congregational Church in Lee. Their business meeting is held the last Sunday of the month.

Keep it Simple: The group holds two business meetings: the Zoom business meeting is the 3rd Friday of the month and the Live business meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the month. All Keep it Simple meetings comprise a singular group with a singular treasury.

Lee Young People's: Group is going strong with 40 people in attendance. The business meeting is held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Big Book Step: Group holds its business meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month. The last Thursday of the month is an anniversary meeting when great sweets are on offer.

Sober on Saturday: The group is a phone in hybrid meeting and is having conversations about having a phone meeting simultaneous to the In-person meeting.

Watch Your Step: The group has decided to increase the percentage of their contributions to GSO and Berkshire Intergroup.

The business meeting is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month and takes a monthly vote on their status as a Zoom meeting.

Old Business

Reminder to groups to contact accessibility@area31aa.org for a new accessibility questionnaire so we can update all that info about our

groups.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded to suspend the May District #3 meeting in anticipation of attendance at the Area Roundup. The first night of the Roundup is at the same time as the regularly scheduled monthly District meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 yays and 1 nay.

Safety Moment

Alt DCM presented a safety moment that introduced ideas for group planning for multiple forms of disruptions that may be encountered in and around a meeting.

Motion was made, seconded to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge.