

# **DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING May, 17 2024**

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## **MEETING START 7:00 PM**

1. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.
2. 19 present: 13 Zoom, 6 at the Lee Courthouse.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

3. Minutes from last month's, April's, meeting we're not available. Will revisit April and May's minutes next meeting.

## **WELCOME**

4. Bob M., Area 31; Bruce V., CPC (Cooperation with Professional Communities).

## **TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS**

5. Spread the word and join us at District 3 Traditions Meeting and Area 31 Concepts Study Meeting. The District Three 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 at the Area 31 website Calendar (<https://area31aa.org/calendar/>) or the below links:

Traditions Meeting: <https://area31aa.org/events/district-3-virtual-traditions-meeting/>

Concept Meeting: <https://area31aa.org/events/what-a-concept/>

6. Reading of Tradition Five, short form, by Richard M.:

"Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers."

Link to illustrated version; <https://www.aa.org/twelve-traditions-illustrated>

7. Reading of Concept Five, short form, by Pete:

“Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, this assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered”

Link to illustrated version: <https://www.aa.org/twelve-concepts-world-service-illustrated>

## **GROUP REPORTS**

8. Big Book Group, Cheshire: The GSR brought back information to the group about the history and intent of the Plain Language Big Book translation; the group is ok with the translation.

9. Great Barrington Men’s Group: Meeting attendance continues to average 100-125 attendees is making donations to the pie chart, and he a group representative participating with the Public Information Committee. The group continues to host a virtual meeting on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm., listed on the Intergroup website as, “Sunday Night Men’s Step”.

10. I Don’t Have a Clue Group: Group endorsed the changing of the Treasurer, as standing treasurer stepped down. Paperwork and accounts are smoothly changing hands. The group voted to hold a group picnic on July 20, at the Tyringham Fire Station Pavilion. The group looks forward to opening up the picnic next year and will be setting aside monies throughout the coming year in support of such an event.

11. Keep It Simple Group: In-person and virtual meetings are both strong. The group donated \$1,000 to the pie chart.

12. Lee Young People's Group: The business meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month. The group is looking to fill the position of Intergroup Rep.

13. Lenox Big Book Group: The group business meeting is held the first Thursday of the month @ 8pm. The group is looking at the possibility of having a Co-GSR.

14. Monterey 11th Step Meeting: The group has a new Alt. GSR, Shawn H. There will be an Anniversary Meeting for the group sometime in June.

15. Northern Berkshire Group: The group, looking to be more welcoming, engaged in a group inventory, which took about 2 hours, and was beneficial. The group gaveudos to the facilitator for providing good direction.
16. Stockbridge Tower Group: Service positions are full; the group now has 2 representatives for Public Information. The group was discussing hosting a Summer Solstice Event with a DJ. and is now looking at an August event.
17. Virtual Sober at Sunrise: The group is continuing the process of establishing a rotation of chairs with six month service commitments beginning in Jan. and in July.
18. Watch Your Step Group: Patti is rotating out of the GSR position. Elections are usually held in December. The group's commitments are filled.

## **INVITED COMMITTEES**

19. Berkshire Intergroup, Dwayne M., Co-Chair

The Berkshire Intergroup Office is open M-W and Fridays from 1:30-4. Intergroup has 60 Big Books with Dust Jackets. Bookie meetings to start in the beginning of June. The Intergroup Picnic will be held on July 13, at the Pittsfield State Forest, time TBD. Parking fees will be covered by BIG, there will be a donation jar @ the parking lot for any wishing to contribute. The State Forest is handicapped accessible and there is a small beach. More reps for the Institutions Committee would be helpful. BIG meets virtually the 2nd Monday of the month and the link can be found on BIG's website.

Link to Berkshire Intergroup Website: <https://www.berkshireaintergroup.org/>

20. Bob M. Area 31: The Area can help to set up a group inventory and accepts groups' invitations to be guests at meeting and speak about service commitments. An ad-hoc committee has found storage in a storage shed @ the Area's location on Carew Street in South Hadley. There are group history forms available to fill out and record your group's history.

- A. Western MA Intergroup will host a Thanksgiving and Christmas Alkathon.

21. Bruce V., CPC Chair: The CPC Committee meets in the 2nd Tuesday of the month and, with 18 members, is well-attended. Presentations have been made at The American

International College, Springfield College and to the Stony Brook Correctional Facility Staff. The committee welcomes suggestions on who might be interested in hosting a presentation. There is discussion of having a workshop. There is a CPC PowerPoint presentation available.

## **DCM REPORT**

22. Brian W, DCM:
23. Webmaster: 2024 tech workshop is in St. Louis Missouri and will be attending virtually (\$100), Jen also may attended, budget is \$1k, question asked about delegates corner.
24. Accessibilities: Judy new chair on April 1, Jared L is new co-chair, 5 commitments.
25. Grapevine: Joe is chair and Anissa is co-chair, they are working out ideas to get GVLV involved with more groups in the area including a future listening party and writers workshop session.
26. Roundup: happening on June 1st at 60 Broad Street in Westfield from 9am to 9pm, the agenda has not been finalized, lunch and dinner are included, cost is \$20. Asking for preregistration.
27. District 3 to fund GSR Rebecca B for co-chairing the session in person.
28. Western MA IG: If you want to go to Intergroup store call before you go, August 18th for picnic, Golf outing is May 25th, voted to transfer \$3000 to prudent reserve.
29. WMYPAA: Meeting has a new location for business meeting and putting on a tradition meeting prior to the business meeting, new co-chair Ty, new institutions rep is Dylan, putting in a bid for MSYPAA convention and welcomed 8 new members to the committee last meeting.

## **Co-DCM REPORT**

23. Currently Co-DCM role is vacant.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

24. Co-DCM Vacancy (11/17/23): Brian W. asked if anyone was willing to stand. No one stood.

**2/16/24:** DCM requested that GSRs take this to their homegroups to discuss the need for a member of District 3 to step up for the co-DCM role.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

29. Motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
30. The meeting ended with the Responsibility Pledge.

**MEETING ENDED at 8:15 p.m.**