

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING June 21, 2024

MEETING START 7:00 PM

1. Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.
2. 15 present: 11 Zoom, 4 at the Lee Courthouse.

SECRETARY REPORT

3. Gigi L. recapped highlights from the April and May 2024 minutes. Motion to accept minutes for April and May was made and seconded. Minutes accepted unanimously.

WELCOME

4. Steve M., Area 31 Delegate, Courtney L., the Berkshire Intergroup (BIG) chair, and Judy H., the Area Accessibilities Chair.

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 Six, short form, by Steve M.:

"An A. A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A. A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

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

7. Reading of Concept Six by Tom K.:

“On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

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

GROUP REPORTS

8. Big Book Group, Cheshire: Group meets on Wednesday nights @ 7:30. Currently the group has an institutions commitment that regularly brings meetings to Mcgee, the group is still looking for an intergroup rep to send to Berkshire Intergroup.

9. Boiled Owls: The group meets on Monday nights at 7pm. The group is figuring out how to open a bank account and decided not to have celebrations as part of their meeting format but does track day counts. For any groups members who would like to celebrate they are invited to do so after the meeting.

10. Berkshire Alphabet Soup: the group which meets at the Front Street Gallery in Housatonic holds its business meeting the last Monday of the month after the regular meeting. Attendance ranges from 2-20 is making rent and doesn't have any surplus. The group will be registering to make it official.

11. Great Barrington Women's Meeting: The group meets on Thursday nights @ 7pm in the same space as the Keep It Simple Group- the need for dehumidifiers was expressed and the GSR for the KISG offered to bring a couple of dehumidifiers; problem solved! The group donated \$10 toward supplies for the shared space. The group elected to not participate in Bookie Meetings.

12. Great Barrington Men's Group: Meeting continues to average 100-125 attendees. The group continues to hold a Sunday Step meeting at 7pm. The group has a new PI (Public Information) representative, is flush with commitments, and will look at the position if Berkshire Intergroup representative next month.

13. I Don't Have a Clue Group: The business meeting is the last Sunday of the month following regular meeting. The group will have a picnic on Sunday, July 20th for group

members and invited guests. This will be the third group picnic, and gives local members of the now all virtual meeting a chance to be meet at a local venue. With some group members living far afield, the group will consider venues that support hybrid participation for the next gathering. Also, the group will be preparing financially for their picnic next year to be open to the entirety of District 3.

14. Keep It Simple Group: The group meets every day except Sunday, and its business meeting is hybrid. Holding quarterly business meetings is up for discussion. The group is developing a bulletin board to provide for greater and easier accessibility to information.

15. Lee Young People's Group: The business meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month. The group gives to the pie chart and has commitments to CSS, the jail, and McGee. The group will be addressing the happenstance of representatives who are not attending the committee meetings for which they have volunteered.

16. Southern Berkshire Group: Business meeting is 2nd Sunday of the month at 7 pm. There are 40-50 attending In-person and 40-50 on Zoom. The group continues to fill service positions.

17. Virtual Sober at Sunrise: The business meeting is held the last Saturday of the month after the regular meeting. Their picnic will be held on August 3rd. The group will begin submitting anniversary dates to Berkshire Intergroup for inclusion in the BIG newsletter

18. Watch Your Step Group: The hybrid business meeting is held the 2nd Sunday of the month. Because the group had some "found money" it made a larger than usual contribution to the pie chart. Commitments are well attended. Kathy M., GSR for Virtual Sober at Sunrise, is filling in as GSR for this group until a member fills the space vacated by the former GSR.

INVITED COMMITTEES

19. Berkshire Intergroup, Courtney, Chair

The business meeting is held the 2nd Monday of the Month @ 7pm on Zoom. Bookie Meetings will have a hybrid meeting at 6pm on the 2nd Monday of the month for the business of the meeting exchange. Group exchanges via bookie meetings begin in August. The BIG sponsored picnic will be held on July 13th at the Pittsfield State Forest. BIG purchased 100 "When & Where" meeting booklet and had about 60 remaining. "When and Where" booklets can be picked up at the BIG office and a donation is suggested. 2025 will be Berkshire Intergroup 's 35 th year. BIG is considering staggering the timing of the Secretary and Treasurer service

positions. Positions currently rotate simultaneously, causing concern for a thorough passing forward of experiential knowledge of the workings of BIG.

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

20. Area Delegate, Steve M.: July 4th is the next concept meeting for the Area and is held at 7pm at Carew Street and Virtually; District 5 will be putting the Traditions Play and its District and the event will be hybrid (information available on Area 31 Website; WMIG will be holding its Picnic in August, flier has been posted and is available on the Area 31 Website; District 2 planning a concept workshop for Sept 7th more info to come; the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) publishing date has not been finalized yet but is forth coming.

21. Area Accessibilities Char, Judy H.: Chair, read the role of the Accessibilities committee from the workbook; Judy noted it is a small committee in the Area, it meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm (information available on Area 31 website), and provided the list of meetings the committee attends, physical limitations, comprehension challenges, reading challenges; the Chair also noted that deaf communities come to speak to residents or any member of AA. There was a request to see if the District can bring this back to groups and asked if we have locations in the Berkshires that would benefit; GSO has a PDF kit available for anyone looking for it (accessible form as well).

DCM REPORT

22. Brian W, District 3 DCM: The Area voted to purchase a storage shed to include in the meeting space on Carew Street available to all Area Committees. Additionally, motion was made and ultimately tabled for the Area to purchase better audio/visual tech for all Area meetings and events. District 5 DCM Lara to provide information back to the Area on a recommended product and possible options.

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

25. DCM brought to the District a request for District 3 to write a letter in support of WMYPAA bid to host the 2025 MSCYPAA. Motion was made to write the letter but also request that accessibility and hybrid options for WMYPAA business meeting be discussed with WMYPAA chair. Motion did not pass. A second motion was made for District 3 to write the letter of support; motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. DCM is to write the letter of support and issue.

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

27. The meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer.

MEETING ENDED at 8:15 p.m.