

Meeting begins with a moment of silence.

- \* Ruby from Tuesday Colrain group shares on Tradition 2 ,For our group conscience...
- \* Ruby also shares on Chapter 2 from the AA Service Manual,GSR-role and duties
- \* Arthur from the Florence Eye Opener shared on Tradition3,The only requirement...
- \* Arthur also shares on Chapter 3 from the service manual. 6 districts in area 31.
  - DCM link between area and district, brings tradition problems to area.
  - LCM fills in at area meetings for DCMs. Visits district groups with no GSR. LCM (local committee member) can also be a GSR but must be aware of which "hat" to wear.
  - DCMC chairperson
- \* From this discussion: District 4 should have 2DCMs. Both should be present at area meetings because we are entitled to two votes. In recent times district 4 has not been fully represented at area meetings.
- \* Present at meeting are: 14 present
  - Tiffany DCM, Ruby from Colrain nooner, Peter from Haydenville, Arthur from Florence Eye Opener, Melissa from Sunday Leyden Woods BBSS, Tom visiting from the Greenfield Grapevine noon meeting, Eric from Sunday Security Group at the Grapevine in Greenfield, Mark from the 11:15 at the Amherst Lutheran Church,Ann delegate for Area 31,Patty co-DCM, Steve from Turner Falls Wed. night, Tanya from the 11<sup>th</sup> step meeting on Thurs in Florence, Larry Northampton Sun. BBSS, Nancy for Kim from the Amherst Mon. Night Group

## GSR REPORTS

- \* Ruby- "fragrance free" not a when and where designation!?! group has a wide range of sobriety and does a tradition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month. Meeting outside picnic style on good days
- \* Peter-group is revising opening format, streamlining, about 25 active members!
- \* Arthur-they cooperate with Hamp. House of Correction. Inmates in July gave a picnic for group members. The group has a new commitment and visit's the women's prison.
- \* Melissa- group has a commitment at Watershed Women's House and a Franklin County Jail commitment. The group has a new Grapevine rep.
- \* Eric-Working on a Jail commitment. They are looking for volunteers to be escorts. They are a large group but have trouble finding people to do Service.
- \* Mark-group has decided to allow people to share about drug use. Group has discontinued use of the conference approved blue card. The group has gained members through these actions.
- \* Steve-Commitment to Franklin County Jail. Group has to pay 730\$\$ year for liability insurance required by the church. The rent is low.
  - (it was suggested that they ask the church for a rider on their policy
- \* Tanya-the group does mostly meditation. She prints the District 4 minutes and presents them at her group's business meeting. It is an open meeting. She plans a trip to the State Convention Planning Meeting to discuss including meditation as part of the convention.
- \* Larry- It is a closed meeting with solid attendance. They contribute to the pie chart. Group members are \$\$ responsible for their meeting. Commitment in Springfield. Meeting to focus on the BB steps. Limited to sharing about alcohol. Their group was not asked to return due to sharing on alcohol only.
- \* Nancy-Attendance if off in recent weeks. Anniversary meeting last Monday in Sept. Both members and non-members contribute to the pot-luck meal.
- \* Arthur-Their group holds separate collections for picnics. Their anniversary funds comes from the regular collection.
- \* Patty- group has random donations
- \* Melissa-their group used money from the collection

## Delegate's Report-Ann

- \* District 2 is hosting a "Singleness of Purpose" workshop
- \* Perhaps it is not an AA meeting anymore(discussion of no blue card, sharing about drug use)
- \* Get educated about AA as a whole-AAGuidelines include our experience with:
  - Funding for Anniversaries-Liability Insurance-Autonomy of AA Groups
- \* New GSO revised pamphlet: "Circles of Love and Service"
  - Clearly highlights communication in AA as going two ways.
- \* New pamphlet approved: "Many Paths to Spirituality"
  - It includes an agnostic and atheist viewpoint
- \* The General Service Conference would like to hear from groups and members about who is NOT being represented in AA.
  - Question about fragrance free and chemically sensitive
- \* The area committee has no input on how a group is listed in our "When and Where".
  - Suggestions:Talk to Intergroup at their meeting on the second Thurs.of the month at 7:00pm (address in our When and Where). have an Intergroup Rep. bring it up (chemically sensitive),make a motion to the Intergroup body and hope to bring about a vote on it.

- \* The International Convention starts Registration on Sept. 5. It will be in Atlanta, Georgia  
You must register for the event before you can be part of the lottery for a hotel room.  
50,000 people are expected to attend. 10,000 hotel rooms in Atlanta!  
Suggestion: If there are people you would like to stay near, register for the event together because you will enter the hotel lottery together
- \* Area 31 has rented a bus for the Toronto Convention.  
It has been suggested that the area could charter a plane for a similar expense.  
if you are interested in the plane charter idea a commitment to it must be made within one month.

### Tiffany reports on the Area 31 meeting.:

- \* Committee reports–District reports–Area 31.org
- \* Does district four wish to purchase a subscription to the Grapevine?
- \* GSR's please hand out flyers for the Singleness of Purpose Workshop
- \* Bus trip to GSO hosted by WMPAA on Friday, Sept 19, may have to be cancelled if more folks don't sign up for it.  
Contact Info: Tom wmpaa chair-###-###-#### Intergroup Office in Holyoke-number is on your "When and Where"  
(Tom, visitor from Greenfield nooner, says young people in Greenfield haven't heard about this trip to GSO)  
(Eric wants to meet and do some organizing)
- \* Book prices are going up!
- \* Anniversary Big Books still available at Intergroup.  
GSO will keep them available until the International Convention in 2015.
- \* Accessibilities Committee will host an open meeting at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke where the intergroup office is located.  
August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
They will be demonstrating what is being called "Speech to Text"  
A typist will record everything being said and it will appear in text on a screen at the meeting.  
Mike Chair ###-###-#### Carl ###-###-#### – for questions
- \* Fall Assembly : October 18 (Sat.) 10-4 October 19 (Sun.) 1-5 Location Second Congregational Church on the corner of Maple and Appleton Sts. GSR's-Most important day to be present is Sun. Area business is done and voting happens!!!! Your vote counts! End report.
- \* District 4 Old Business: No report available from committee regarding workshops.
- \* District 4 New Business:
  1. Closed vs. Open meetings -The conference approved blue card describes open Vs. closed meetings. Could be offered to a group that doesn't know the Difference. (I'm afraid I missed the other suggestions, NP)
  2. Print out area report and highlight items important to district 4–no discussion
  3. Elections next month-DCM and Co-DCM  
(I may have this wrong, perhaps it is just coDCM)
- \* **Vote– Elections will be held next month so that new committee members can attend the fall assembly.**
  4. Should we have an LCM(local committee member)
- \* **Vote- an LCM will be elected next month**  
LCM's fill in at area meetings when one of the DCM's is unable to attend. LCM's(local committee member) visit meetings in district 4 that do not have a GSR and encourage and help them to participate in District 4 meetings. The commitment is for one year. (?)

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GSR's are asked to bring this info. to their groups in time for the elections next month at the district four meeting. GSR's to encourage their group members with past gsr or dcm experience to stand for the LCM position at our district four meeting.

Meeting ends with the responsibility pledge.

Apologies to District 4 GSR's and DCM's.

I forgot to count votes and may have mixed up some of Tiffany and Ann's reports

The meeting was a long one but I did not record when it ended.

Any mistakes are probably mine and my lousy notes! That you all for allowing me to be involved!! np

Just wanted to pass on this note–I found "AA Guidelines by googling it. It took me directly to that part of the www.aa.org website and they are printable! np