

February 17, 2015 District 4 GSR meeting

Present: Eric, GSR, Only Requirement Group, Greenfield; Dave, After the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Group, South Deerfield; Jean, GSR, Making Progress Group, South Amherst; Dana, GSR, Saturday Night Live Group, South Deerfield; Ben E., GSR, Sunday Night Life, Haydenville; KC, Alternate GSR, Chapman Street Group; Kim C., GSR, Amherst Monday Night; Tania H., GSR, 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Group, Florence; Aprile, GSR Northampton Saturday Night Beginner's Group; Felix, GSR Florence IOpener; Chris, GSR You Chair It You Name it Group, Hadley; Jade, GSR, Sunderland Security Group; Mark, GSR, After the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, Amherst; Steve C., GSR, Happy Hour Turners Falls; Michael S., GSR, Conway Group; GSR, Jim W., GSR, Sunday 12 Step, Amhersts; Alex B., GSR, Tuesday Step Study Group; Patti, DCM; Visitors: Carl, Redistricting Ad-Hoc Committee; Lauren A., Archives; Eddie K., Intergroup Chair; Anne, Delegate

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Patti announced that Ruby R., Co-DCM, has stepped down, so there would be an election for a new Co-DCM. Group read Chapter 3 in the service manual about the role of the DCM. It is important to have 2 DCMs so that District 4 has two votes at the Area meeting.

No DCM report, as Patti could not make the last meeting.

GSR Reports:

Tania: Good attendance. Cannot go to NERASA as group cannot afford to financially support the trip.

Kim: Attendance has been low due to snow; still having problems with a group member. Group is willing to financially support her to go to NERASA, but cannot go due to other commitments.

Felix: Meeting is lease holder for space where a lot of other meetings take place; term of lease prevents other groups from operating separately, although one meeting is "grandfathered" in. Recent discussion about changing script language for last 15 minutes inviting those who are "seriously struggling" to share—language will remain as is.

Eric: Group is celebrating 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on March 1, potluck at 5 pm. Trying to support Greenfield groups. Beginner's meeting on Tuesday night is struggling.

Peter: Strong attendance, group okayed GSR travel to NERASA.

KC: Alternate GSR for Chapman Street; 7 pm on Fridays. 2 speaker meeting; small group with large meeting. Do a lot of commitments—one regular to Arbor House. Have not been able to contribute to the pie as the group is small.

Jean; Working on communication problems with the church. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month have a Soldier On commitment, building 26, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, VA hospital. The commitment could use some support, and everyone is welcome.

Dana; Saturday Night Live in South Deerfield, open speaker meeting. Changed time to 7-8; recently elected as new GSR. Group needs support. Rent recently reduced. Group doesn't really have an opinion on redistricting as it doesn't affect them.

Aprile: Large meeting serving mostly beginners, but with good long-term sobriety as well. A few new format changes will be tried out. Treasurer has had transportation problems, so haven't been able to contribute to the pie lately.

Jim: Saturday Night 12 Step in Amherst; Going well, light attendance due to Patriots schedule

Mark: After the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour in Amherst 11:15-12:15. Problem person has calmed down; meeting snowed out a few times.

Steve: Happy Hour in Turners Falls; status quo; had successful fundraiser New Year's Eve dance that has helped. Light attendance for ALL Turners Falls meetings.

Jade: Sunderland Serenity; good size, active group

Michael: Alt GRS for Conway. Move back to church has helped group morale; seems like financial stress has blown over. Group is healthy.

Alex: Tuesday 5:15 Step Study group. Contributed to the pie, little chance of getting to NERASA. Group is doing well financially. Group needs to register and change name—not currently registered with GSO.

Chris: You Chair It You Name It; 6 pm Hadley on Wednesdays—good attendance.

Ben: Haydenville; low attendance recently due to snow and football; new elections—all posts filled. Group was willing to financially support NERASA attendance, but he cannot attend.

Tania reported as LCM: Has been attending different meetings in the district to encourage groups who don't have a GSR to get one. Has been invited to the business meetings for the Hatfield Saturday noon group and the Saturday I Can't We Can group in Florence.

Lauren reported for Archives: Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 at Intergroup in Holyoke. Their mission is to nurture the past to support the future. Archives holds a regular work day for whomever is interested. March 14 there will be an Area 31 Old Timer's Spaghetti Dinner in Longmeadow (335 Longmeadow Drive); 6:45 – 8:30. Come hear from Old Timers what Area 31 was like in the past!

Anne reported as the Delegate: NERASA is this weekend in New Jersey. The Mini-conference will be held March 28 and 29; anyone can go, but it is particularly important for GSRs to attend. The Round Up is June 6-7; International Convention in Atlanta is July 2-5. NE Regional Forum (GSO Road show) in Albany, at the Albany Marriott, May 29-31—will give attendees chance to interact with GSO. She corrected the January minutes: the New England region, not Western MA, will have a hospitality suite at the International Conference. If you want to volunteer to help, please let Patti know.

Eddie reported for Intergroup: It takes \$3200 a month to keep the doors open/lights on at Intergroup. Your pie contributions are crucial and appreciated. Successful children's Xmas party; some kids who wouldn't have been able to get gifts left with one. Thanks to all for the contributions. \$200 left over + donated gifts will be saved for next year. It is important that those who sign up for phone coverage be available for their slot; Easy way to give back. You can also join the back-up list as an individual if your group does not do phone coverage. Pay pal can be used on the website to purchase things. Office only takes cash and checks. You can pay online and pick up or have it sent to you. Hours are T, W, F, Sat. 9-1; Thurs. 9-5:45. Intergroup will come in and do commitments. Call Eddie at ###-###-####

Co-DCM elections: Steve C. was elected Co-DCM

#### Old Business

Eric brought up the topic of a service day. Discussion. His group will put on a service day for Franklin County in Greenfield in April, and will be asking for support from various individuals and announce plans at future meetings.

#### New Business

Discuss the possibility of a District 4 Workshop on Service at next meeting

Meeting closed at 8:45

