

March 17, 2015 District 4 GSR meeting

Present: Ben E., GSR, Sunday Night Life, Haydenville; KC, Alternate GSR, Chapman Street Group; Kim C., GSR, Amherst Monday Night; Tania H., GSR, 11th 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; Michael S., Alternate GSR, Conway Group; GSR, Jim W., GSR, Sunday 12 Step, Amherst; Alex B., GSR, Tuesday Step Study Group; James M., GSR, Friday Night Amherst Group; Christine H., GSR, Only Requirement & Women's BB Step Study, Greenfield; Moira T., Alternate GSR, Sunderland Security; Jessica L., Damon H., GSR, There is a Solution, Amherst; Patti, DCM; Steve C., Co-DCM. Visitors: Eddie K., Intergroup Chair; Mark N., Alternate Delegate

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Patti handed out new GSR packets: they should be returned when you get yours. Group read S23 in service manual about service. Discussion on how to get people involved in service. Stress service in our stories. Make announcements.

GSR Reports:

Moira: Alternate GSR. no report

Ben: Haydenville, all service positions filled. Group is financially healthy

Chris: You Chair it You Name it Group: not all positions are filled, but group is healthy

Alex: Tues 5:15 Step Study Amherst. Group is discussing when and how to contribute to the pie; need to register as a group and get number

KC: Chapman street. Small group with large meeting

Jessica: new GSR

Christine: new GSR for two meetings; Only Requirement, Women's Step Study Greenfield

Jade: Sunderland: new GSR; meeting going well, healthy treasury. Attended NERASA learned a lot and was very exciting. Had questions about pie chart.

James: Friday S. Amherst. Popular & well attended. Regular contributions to pie

Jim: Sunday night Step in Amherst. 5-6 members of group. Financially healthy. Low-key business meeting with few positions

Damon; Sat morning men's step study group. Working toward getting everyone involved. Have jail commitment.

Michael: Alt GSR for Conway group. Everything going well.

Felix: healthy group. Made a pie donation recently. Approved sponsoring a literature rack at an institution. 2 jail commitments, men's and women's

Tania: small quick biz meetings. Feels unsupported, and may step down as GSR but stay as LCM.

Kim: Amherst Monday night. Attendance is off, new Monday night meetings cropping up that compete. How to handle disruptive people; have recently put out trespass notice

Aprile: Sat night Northampton beginners meeting. New treasurer & several new active members.

Tania reported as LCM: People get curious about general service when she visit groups and makes announcements about area events & service opportunities. Service in general and being a GSR specifically builds humility. Starts with the biz meeting. Met with Hatfield noon meeting--they are now having business meetings. Will be meeting with them to discuss the pie chart.

Patti reported as DCM: Archives and CPC are looking for new members. Please bring this to your home groups and see if you have a rep. If not, encourage members to step up and do service. PI announced

that groups can now sponsor a pamphlet rack. Website Committee produced its first information flyer (sample passed around the room). These will be available at mini-conference. Intergroup is always in need of groups and individuals to provide telephone coverage. Intergroup can also visit your group as incoming speakers about service. Box 459 can be read or downloaded for free at aa.org/newsletter459. The Round Up will be in June (6-7). Registration forms are online and will be available at the mini conference (March 28-29). Mini conference packets were distributed; contains information for the mini conference. Area business meeting on Sunday. What happens at the mini conference? General discussion.

District 4 has a 9:30 am meeting slot on Saturday, June 6—what would we like to do with this?

Mark reported as Alternate Delegate: discussed what happens at the mini conference & explained the rights. AA stays afloat when we give back; where would we be without it? Where would we be if people in the past hadn't put in the effort? NE Regional Forum (GSO Road show) in Albany, at the Albany Marriott, May 29-31—will give attendees chance to interact with GSO.

Eddie reported for Intergroup: importance of phone coverage. You can specify whatever time works for you as an individual. Intergroup meeting is Second Thursday of the month. Guidelines on Intergroup being developed by an ad hoc meeting, which hasn't met frequently--putting together a new rep package to help orient people. Intergroup available for incoming commitments to talk about service--can also come to business meeting to answer questions. Intergroup will soon only come to districts quarterly to prevent duplication of information.

New Business: Jade's questions. Group service number--official number that gives your group credit for the donation. GSRs advocate for group contributions of pie chart. 2 pamphlets: The treasurer and self support. List of positions & qualifications is in area 31 guidebook.

Old Business: possible district 4 workshop on service. Any ideas. What do the groups want? What should the focus be? Collect info from groups and bring it back to next meeting then form ad hoc committee to refine. Typically a 4-hour event. Mark suggested we wait until after the GSO meeting & do a workshop on a topic brought up at the GSO.

New business for April meeting:

What do we want to do with the Saturday 9:30 meeting slot at the Round Up?

Report back from groups about what people are interested in re: service for a possible workshop

How to deal with competing meetings.

How can we encourage AA meetings at clubs to be self supporting?

Meeting closed at 8:45