

## District 4 GSR Meeting: July 21, 2015

Present: 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; Alex B., GSR, Tuesday Step Study Group; Moira T., Alternate GSR, Sunderland Security; Justin S., GSR, Happy Hour Group, Turners Falls; Jay, GSR, Florence Hopeful; Matt S., Alt GSR, Florence Hopeful; Dana, GSR, Saturday Night Live, South Deerfield; Jim W., GSR, Sunday 12 Step Group, Amherst; Jade M., GSR, Sunderland Security Group; Susan M., Alt. GSR, IOpener; KC., GSR, Chapman Street; Sarah B., GSR, Monday Conway Group; Patti, DCM; Steve C., Co-DCM. Visitors: Paul, Area Chair

Meeting opened with the Serenity prayer.

Steve introduced the reading from service manual: chapter 8 about committee work at the national conference. Discussion about conference committee structures. GSRs get to vote at the Fall Assembly for officers. Agenda items discussed at Spring Assembly are discussed at these conference committees.

Contributions are down; 6 meetings contributed last month, and only 4 this month. Aprile remarked that it would be helpful to have addresses where contributions are to be made. Recommended pie division with addresses is in the area handbook, which is still being revised. Here is the recommended division and relevant addresses:

**40% to Intergroup:** mail to 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

**30% to Western Mass Area Committee:** mail to PO Box 6818, Holyoke, MA 01041

**20% to Western Mass Institutions:** mail to PO Box 1391, Holyoke, MA 01041

**10% to GSO:** Make checks payable to The General Fund, mail to General Service Office, Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10163

**Tania reported as LCM:** she will start visiting groups soon

### **GSR Reports**

Justin: discussed pie at biz meeting. Many people didn't realize that paying rent isn't 7th tradition. Good discussion & a lot of people learned more.

Alex: group is small & will donate when they can. Changed format. Also brought monthly donation idea to another group; idea was not met with enthusiasm.

Kim: group voted to give monthly. Haven't done it yet, but will. Have been pulling together garden themed basket. Attendance has picked up a bit.

Tania: missed this month's business meeting. August is mop duty month. Not a large group but good attendance.

Sarah: didn't attend last meeting & didn't get minutes. Did donate to pie chart. Attendance is up. New coffee pot. Complaint about service dog

Susan: new alt GSR for IOpener

Jim: discussed finance issues with group. Some people go to multiple meetings and the idea of donating \$5 is daunting. Suggested donating monthly. Attendance is normal for summer

Dana: changed to 7 from 8 in Nov. group is doing better. More women attending. Talked about

contributions.

Chris: suggested monthly donation & was voted down. Group is creating a golf themed basket for the Intergroup picnic raffle

Ben: brought monthly contributions & \$5 to home group. Voted to try to contribute monthly. Collecting for raffle basket. Old PI rep resigned. Elected new one

Moira: voted to donate monthly. Brought info @ finance. Relaxation themed basket. Attendance is good. Talked about reading green card.

Matt: talked about monthly donation. Just need more checks

Jay: attempt dance is consistent. Talking about taking institutions commitment & committee

Felix: agreed to donate monthly. Transition in jail commitment. Picnic on August 31. Maines Field 11-5

KC: attendance down at meeting and biz meeting. Anniversary meeting August 14. Cook out at 5, 2 speakers at 7. Collect separately for anniversary. Donate monthly. Made format change to clarify 7 th tradition.

Patti was impressed with how GSRs have shared info about 7th tradition

Steve would like the names of people who haven't received packets. Announced that there will be Spanish/Bilingual service meeting in South Meriden CT this weekend

#### **Steve reported on the Area Meeting**

District 5 holding workshop at Intergroup. October 3, 11-4 pm

CPC will attend drug court professionals. \$\$ will come from area budget

CPC is getting lots of commitments. Intergroup Picnic. August 23 ; 11-6

Young People's Committee could use support! Will collaborate on Movie Night with Archives. Nov 6-8.

Planning Committee meets all year. Let Mark know if you want to get involved.

Fall assembly: doing an inventory. Everyone needs to be there!!!

#### **Old Business: workshop**

Kim reported for the committee: there will be a poster board for ideas about service & ask it basket. Structure was set at last meeting.

Possible dates: September 12/13 and 19/20

See if Intergroup is open for either day. Paul will check with the church and be in touch with Jade. Preference for later date. Sat 19/ 1-5; or ask about Appleton church as 2nd choice. Steve will ask Grapevine as back up. Any other support? Committee to decide on speakers.

Alex asked if groups should they ditch old pamphlets. Group to decide.

**Paul reported for Area Committee**. July/August calendar. Commends groups on follow up. Handed out 12 things about contributions. August 22nd workshop. Green cards from Intergroup. Handbook to be printed by September hopefully. Traditions and Concepts meeting. Group Inventory or incoming commitment. 3rd Legacy voting at Fall Assembly. Secretary, treasurer, area chair, alt delegate and delegate

Meeting adjourned at 8:30