

## **District 4 GSR Meeting: August 18, 2015**

Present: KC, Alternate GSR, Chapman Street Group; Ben E., GSR, Sunday Night Life, Haydenville; Kim C., GSR, Amherst Monday Night; Aprile, GSR Northampton Saturday Night Beginner's Group; Chris, GSR You Chair It You Name it Group, Hadley; Mark M., GSR, After the 11th Hour, Amherst Alex B., GSR, Tuesday Step Study Group; James M., GSR, Friday Night Amherst Group; Moira T., Alternate GSR, Sunderland Security; Jim W., GSR, Sunday 12 Step Group, Amherst; Jade M., GSR, Sunderland Security Group; DCM; Steve C., Co-DCM. Visitors: Lina, WMYPAA; Anne F., Area 31 Delegate

Meeting opened with the Serenity prayer.

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Patti expressed enthusiasm for district GSRs for responsiveness @ 7th tradition & ad hoc committee for their work on the workshop

Steve introduced a reading from box 459 @ the International convention. Next month the reading will be on the fall assembly which will be in October (17-18). There will be an inventory & elections and its important for GSRs to attend! Area inventory October 17; 10-4; October 18; 1-5 area meeting and elections.

### **GSR reports**

Alex: only 2 people at last business meeting. Attendance is up.

James: good attendance, good biz meeting. Talked about 7th tradition

KC: anniversary last Friday; well attended cookout at 5 followed by speaker meeting, (Bob W) . Anniversary is funded from member contributions

Mark: group has been smaller during the summer. Quarterly contributions to pie. People who were causing problems stopped coming

Kim: attendance is picking up. Brought up pie again, group decided that since attendance is down they needed \$\$ for supplies. Will give quarterly until attendance is up. Last Monday in Sept is 56th anniversary. Food and fellowship starting 6:30; 2 speaker meeting at 7:30, fellowship afterwards.

Discussion about addicts because they are beginners meeting and there aren't NA meetings in Amherst

Lina: visiting

Jade: good attendance, new members, active membership. Talked about reading green card & will be donating monthly.

Jim: down in attendance, still need a coffee maker. Contributing quarterly to the pie. Strong meeting but need more members

Anne: visiting

Chris: meeting moved to the basement for the summer. Have had to move meeting to 5 due to town hall construction. Lost an active member

Moira: Passed

Ben: big biz meetings. Active members. Will contribute monthly. Lost young peoples rep.

Aprile: Treasury is up, have added language to the script. Contributing monthly to the pie and attendance is strong.

### **Steve gave DCM report from Area Meeting**

Area picnic at Moose Family Lodge at Chicopee August 23, 11-6

Berkshire Intergroup service day at Lennox Community Center on August 22 at the Lennox Community Center: 9:30-3. Topics are Safety in AA, and Diversity

District 5 Workshop, October 3, at Intergroup in Holyoke—waiting for the flyer

Accessibilities is working with Intergroup on Large print When and Where

October 9 Movie: Days of Wine and Roses at Intergroup

GSRs should ask if elder statesmen from their group have filled out group history form. Aprile will scan and email history form

WMCYPAA WON THE BID!!!!!!

From the delegate--are groups or individuals using social media to carry the message? Have been discussions at the national level about how to harness this opportunity. Want to gather information to compile the

experience of AA members. Patti asked what to submit & where to submit it. 1. Describe how you're using it, and how you maintain anonymity-- submit to [pi@aa.org](mailto:pi@aa.org) & let your local delegate know: [delegate@area31aa.org](mailto:delegate@area31aa.org). i.e.: you can create private groups on Facebook; young people's groups have private Facebook pages. There are many different platforms.

### **Workshop Update:**

Moira designed flyer! September 19; 1-4

Ed C will speak on how service changed my life

2 speakers for sponsor/sponsees: David & Tania

Several speakers for service from bottom to the top (committee members) Grapevine, Archives, CPC, etc.

Answer sessions right after each panel

Who do we want to facilitate it? GSRs to vote. Patti was universally elected!!!

How many breaks? 2 or 3? Prob. 3

Ask it basket at end. Basket will be at the table so speakers can pull questions out of the basket.

Need to bring food, coffee, condiments, cups, etc. committee will put their heads together and figure out how to get this done. Not a lot of enthusiasm for service poster board. Will probably not happen.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE THERE!!! And post & announce everywhere

### **New business**

Every meeting is autonomous--and groups can make their own decisions

Patti: how to support breast feeding moms in meetings. Make announcement?

This is an outside issue. Group can make a policy to have group member talk to the person who is objecting.

Or people can take it upon themselves to talk to that person.

Area committee report. Anne has nothing to add, but to stress that the GSR is the most important job & it is your job to get educated about how AA works & you should attend the traditions and concepts meetings, & to attend all the workshops. BRING YOUR SPONSEES. Take your sponsees to Lennox! And other workshops. & come to movie night in October. 2016 will be busy year in Area 31. NERASA in February. Nov. Mass State Convention. Anne will be chairing the Mass State Convention next year, so get involved now!

Lina: WMYPAA area 31 service committee: 2nd Thursday at 6 pm. Need active members. Encourage your young people! WMYPAA is co-hosting October 9 movie night. Planning a dance for January. Committee is wide open. One of the purposes is to support young alcoholics! BID Committee won!! Now the HOST COMMITTEE. Sunday Sept 20 at 2 pm elections for officers. Everyone is welcome to come. Convention is August 4-6 at Sheraton in Springfield.

Meeting closed at 8:20