

District 4 GSR Meeting: September 15 2015

Present: Felix, GSR, Florence IOpener, 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; Alex B., GSR, Tuesday Step Study Group; Justin S., GSR, Happy Hour Group, Turners Falls; James M., GSR, Friday Night Amherst Group; Jade M., GSR, Sunderland Security Group; Patti DCM; Steve C., Co-DCM, Tania, LCM. Visitors: Paul, Area Chair

Short meeting was held outside as the meeting space was locked.

Meeting opened with the Serenity prayer.

Ad hoc committee report. Have format. Need volunteers for set up, 1 hour prior. 5 volunteers. Jade is bringing food; Patti will bring paper goods: planning for 100 people. Cookies and baked goods. \$150 budget that can be spent in any way. Veggies, fruit, cookies, coffee, etc. Have speakers from PI, website, CPC, delegate, DCM for service from the bottom to the top. They want a short Q&A after their session. Start with moment of silence & serenity prayer. Patti will do welcome, order will be however the committee decides. Need to put together an agenda for attendees. Possibly close with Responsibility pledge.

Fall Assembly. October 17 - 18. Try to bring people to swell the ranks. Email Patti with anecdotes re: things that have happened in District 4 for the report.

Short/Limited GSR/DCM reports:

Justin: Happy Hour Group in Turners Falls. Made a contribution to the pie. Keeping up with jail commitment.

Kim: Amherst Monday night Anniversary: September 28: 6:30 -8:30. Food/fellowship followed by 2 speaker meeting

James: South Amherst Friday Night Anniversary October 2nd. Food/fellowship starting at 7 followed by 4 speaker meeting

Patti asked which GSRs have not received packets: Ben, Chris & Alex

DCM Report:

Accessibility committee will be mtg in conjunction w/NERASA access committee

-CPC's presentation at the drug court workshop will be Sept. 25th (moved from the 24th)

-As of Sept 9th there were three standing committee's prepared to speak at our Workshop! Maybe a follow-up would be needed if there were more requested?

-Website committee reported the need for a backup Webmaster position.

-Western Mass Intergroup: The family picnic was a great success. Thanks to all the groups for donation baskets. New When and Where's (Hot pink) are available. Kevin our intergroup office manager is back in the office ahead of schedule, everyone is glad to see him doing well.

-District 5--Oct. 3rd workshop at 474 Pleasant Street

-District 6--Nov. 21st workshop topics to come and flyer for next area mtg.

Fall Assembly dates: Sat. October 17th 10am-4pm (area Inventory) & Sunday 18th 1pm-5pm Area Mtg. and Elections!

Mark: alt delegate. District 5 workshop Oct 3. Mass State Conv. Fall assembly inventory on first day + elections. We need to attend and get educated & bring right info back to our groups. Why is membership stagnant? Need to effectively carry the message. NERASA in February.

Meeting closed at 7:30