District 4 GSR Meeting: October 20, 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, Alt. GSR, Haydenville; 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; Moira, Alt GSR, Sunderland Security Group; Bob Mc; GSR, Sunday Night Only Requirement Group; Christine H., GSR, BBStep Study Women's Meeting; Sarah B., GSR, Monday Night Conway Group; Rob W., Alt. GSR, Northampton Saturday Night Beginner's Group; Molly L., GSR Turners Falls Step Meeting; Dwight, GSR, Been There Done That; Patti DCM; Steve C., Co-DCM, Tania, LCM. Visitors: Paul, Area Chair; Marc C, PI Chair; Eddie K., WMIG Chair

Patti and Steve handed out official report of the GSO conference.

Reading from About AA @ current trends in the membership. Three new GSRs: Rob, Bob, Dwight, Molly

GSR Reports

Alex: good attendance except for tradition meeting (new format change). Celebrated his first anniversary Justin: low attendance

Kim: attendance picked up; @70 ppl. Good crowd for anniversary. Will soon donate to the pie Jade: good attendance, 50-70. Strong membership. Nov 3 anniversary. 6 pm food, 7 pm meeting Bob: new alt GSR for Only Requirement Group

Christine: Only Requirement group will make its first donation to the pie; lost their bookie, depends on incoming/outgoing groups. Women's step study doesn't have a surplus

Sarah: October 26 anniversary. 7 pm food, doors open at 6:30. 8 pm meeting

Tania: 11th Step Meditation Group may need to change meeting space; attendance has been steady Felix: group conscious meeting on October 25 8-10 am; re the tenancy in our current space.

Dwight: new GSR for Been There Done That; topic discussion. Strong meeting, contributing to the pie.

Rob: New Alt GSR for Northampton Sat Night Beginner's meeting

Chris: now alt GSR for Haydenville

Ben: November 22 anniversary. Good spread. Attendance good, making monthly donations

Moira: May not be able to come to GSR meeting due to a new job on Tuesdays

Molly: Tuesday Turners Falls; 20-30 attendance.

Patti: finishing up as DCM for District 4 KC: small group with large meeting

Aprile; small group with a large meeting; attendance is steady James: great anniversary meeting; group going strong.

Steve delivered the DCM Report:

Mass State Convention is coming up! Nov 6-8@ Sheraton Framingham. Registrations online at area31aa.org Fall Assembly: area inventory--looking for way for the area to improve. Area biz meeting & Elections on Sunday!

Newly elected for Area 31

Delegate: Mark
Alt. Delegate: Paul
Area Chair: Sue
Area Treasurer: Mary
Area Secretary: Mike

Kim asked if we could get minutes--Patti will try to get them at the next area meeting. Paul will ask if we can get them posted online.

Patti thanked the workshop committee for doing a great job. Program was solid although workshop was not well attended @ 30-40 people. A few people from the Berkshires. May have been due to other districts holding workshops in the early fall.

Great attendance at the assembly from district 4. We now have fairly strong consistent attendance. If you're rolling out, keep it going! Recruit your replacement. December's meeting will be a celebration meeting.

No old business

New business: if you haven't received your GSR packet, let Steve know & give your service manual back when you roll out.

Budget committee next meeting. We requested \$100 last year; how much \$\$ do we want this year. We need more loaner packets. Might not do another workshop? Back to back workshops may affect attendance, should we do more things at the area level? General consensus was to ask for the same funding.

<u>Paul reported for the Area Committee</u>: area officers will process notes from inventory and make recommendations at the Spring Assembly. Rich will talk to NY about getting the packets. NERAASA: next planning meeting 29th of October at the Sheraton. Most complete info is on the website.

Mark reported as PI Chair. Presentation outline for commitments & description of PI commitments. Low Berkshire representation on the group. Anyone can attend meeting and join in the work of PI. Hopefully will soon be available on the website.

Eddie reported as WMIG Chair: thanks for donations to WMIG keeps the lights on; will be rolling out in Dec. elections at Nov 12 meeting. Handed out descriptions of positions. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Drawing for the Christmas Alcathon at Nov 12 meeting. WMYPAA meet same night. 2nd annual kids Christmas Party, December 19: \$200 worth of gifts stolen, would like to have donations: wrapped with notations on agesbut don't take from your 7th tradition contributions! Gift cards & money welcome! 2nd Thursday of the month. Berkshire Alcathon. District 6 workshop on November 21 12:30-4. Enfield CT

Tania reported as LCM: She got two new groups (Saturday afternoon Florence and noontime meeting) to fill out form and become connected to the district

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm