

## **District 4 GSR Meeting: July 20, 2016**

Present: KC, Chapman Street; Eric, Saturday Northampton Beginners; Bryan C. Way Out BB meeting, Greenfield Sunday mornings; Anna A., Conway Monday Night; Bob MC., Only Requirement Group, Sunday; Anjali D, S Amherst, Friday Night; Lisa W., We can do what I couldn't, Florence, Saturday 4pm; Diane V.BV., Amherst Monday Night; Sue A, Area Chair; Chris H, Haydenville, Sunday Night; Moira T., Sunderland Security, Alex B., Amherst Tuesday 12 and 12, 5;15; Steve C., DMC; Ben E., Co-DMC

Steve introduced the reading.

### **GSR Reports**

KC: Chapman Street, Friday Night Anniversary, August 26, 5pm Food, 7pm meeting

Eric: Lost a lot of members, trying to figure out how to get new members to join

Brian: Trying to figure out how to get new members

Anna: nothing to report

Bob: Group has lots of commitments; things are going smooth

Aniali: Group is below prudent reserve

Lisa: Has one person who has been making coffee for years. Group voted to allow this individual to continue making coffee but are concerned about others who may benefit from doing service

Group: suggested maybe having 2 people making coffee to solve the above issue

Diane: Group inventory scheduled for October. Someone has been bringing a camera to meetings and taking photos. The group has decided to add "Anonymity" to the opening format

Chris: Church requested an increased rent. The group agreed to pay more than current rent but not as much as the church proposed. The group is satisfied with this decision and able to afford it

Maura: The new facility in Greenfield, the Northern Hope Center, is in need of groups to do commitments. Contact Maura with possible dates and for more information

Alex: 2 new group members who have stuck. The group in continuing their trial on how to chair a meeting

Jae: Nothing to report.

Steve: Contributions to the pie chart have been way up this year. Thank you to everyone for making a strong effort in this area!

**Ben delivered Co-DMC report:** See meeting agenda for details. Announced InterGroup Picnic, August 28, 11-6 in Chicopee. Need raffle baskets donated. MSCYPAA need groups for slot in their marathon meeting. Call Jenny @ ###-###-#### for more information.

**Steve delivered co-DCM report:** This group needs a volunteer to step into the secretary position. Jae volunteered and group agreed. Introduced Workshop Discussion.

### **Group discussion - Workshop:**

- Workshop Chair: Steve
- Topic Speakers:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Steve will ask Bobbi
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Ben will ask Area Treasurer
  - Communications: Steve has a commitment from Dave E. to cover this topic
- Timing: Speakers will have 35 minutes per topic with 10 minutes at the end of each topic for Q&A

- Breaks: (2) 20 minutes between each topic
- Food and Supplies:
  - Pizza: Anjali
  - Beverages: Anjali and Chris
  - Cooler, cups, plates, utensils, ice: Steve
  - Dessert: Maura, Anjali, Diana
  - Salad: Jae
  - Coffee, cream, sugar: Ben
  - Set up @ noon: Alex, Bob, rest of group pitch in
  - Clean up: Alex, Steve, rest of group pitch in

Sue: the work shop should be announced to other parts of the district at various meetings

**Sue delivered the Area Committee Report:**

Other District Workshops:

- D-3, Berkshires with intergroup: Sept 10, 9-3 @ Lennox Community Center, Topics: Sponsorship, Home groups
- D-2, Holyoke area, Sept 17, 1-4 @ 474 Pleasant Street, Topics: Fellowship, Membership, I am responsible, is your voice heard

MA State Convention: Nov 11 -13, Friday pm through Sunday am

- This convention is all about service; GSRs should attend; Bob, trustee from Holyoke Area, will be speaking
- If anyone is interested in volunteering see Sue

Two Area Meetings: 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke; All are welcome to attend

- 12 Traditions: third Monday of each month
- What a Concept: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 7:30pm

Fall Assembly: October 15 and 16; GSRs required to attend

- Oct 15, 9-4: workshops
- Oct 16: business meeting for entire Area

Area can put on a meeting at your home group to discuss topics such as “all about service”. If you are interested in booking please contact Sue

- areachair@area31aa.org

Group Inventory: If your group is interested in having a past delegate assist with your group inventory, please contact Sue

Local Committee Member (LCM), Jenny: visited “unlit” groups not represented and discussed group representation. If anyone is interested, Jenny will come and explain how she did this

GSRs are welcome to attend the area meeting:

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
472 Pleasant Street, Holyoke

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm