

District 4
Area 31
GSR Meeting
7:00PM Nov. 21

Presiding:
Ben Co-Chair
Lisa Co-Chair

In Attendance:

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| Saen B | Sunday Night, Hayden Ville |
| Charlie/Joe D. | Making Progress, Hadley |
| Laura H Serenity | Group, Sunderland |
| Todd A B.T.D.T. | NoHo Sat Morning |
| Beth BG | Womens Health Sat. |
| Rachel P. | Way Out BB Study |
| Michael B | Sat. Night Live SD |
| Lina | Monday Night, Amherst |
| John D. | Only Requirement, Greenfield |

G.S.R. Reports

Of note was a discussion from the Greenfield Sunday AM meeting that some dissension had arisen regarding a meeting format change. The point centered around one person taking responsibility for making the changes without the benefit of group consciousness. It was suggested that to best serve the group and avoid conflicts, such decisions should be taken to a vote with a minimum of a majority or even a two-thirds vote necessary to institute such format changes.

A discussion was also generated regarding asking groups to make regular donations to the Pie Chart rather than irregular lump donations. Several representatives stated that there was resistance to this due to the increased work for the treasurer as well the irregular nature of the groups income. It was pointed out that the recipient committees have appreciated and benefited from those that have shifted to a regular donation and that GSR's should continue to encourage their group to try and make regular donations vs. irregular lump sums.

Co-Chair Reports

It was reported that the area meeting was taken up almost entirely with financial matters. Ben reported that a line item funding item was being voted on regarding reimbursements for travel expenses and queried the committee as to their opinions on the matter.

Further it was reported that the accessibilities committee is extremely active and is looking for members.

Old Business

None

New Business

It was reported that there were funds remaining in the GSR's budget and that these funds will be used to buy updated materials for loan to new GSR's.

A brief discussion took place regarding suggested qualifications for GSR's and it was the general consensus that if a member does not meet all the qualifications but is willing to spend time attending as an alternate they may make a good GSR candidate.

Invited Guest

Our Delegate Mark N. announced that he will be chairing the Ma State Convention Hosted by areas 30 and 31 and held November 9th thru Sunday November 11th to be held at the Framingham hotel and Conference Center Rt 9 Framingham MA. For more information, or to participate, please contact Mark at (xxx) xxx-xxxx Or email: mastateconvention@aaemass.org. The committee has worked to see that this convention will be conflict free with other conventions.

It was also announced that the NERAASA Convention will take place in Cromwell Ct. Feb.23-25.

Meeting Adjourned