

## District 4 Minutes

May 15, 2018

Open with Serenity Prayer @ 7:08PM

Co-DCM Michael: I do not have the time for this position; I am resigning from Co-DCM; Thanks to everybody

Lisa: We have been locked out of the meeting space in the past (Fr. let us in tonight)

Lisa reads qualifications for Co-DCM position

Lina: I think it's a good idea to see if anyone is interested in the position

Anthony asks more about the position

Delegate Mike shares experience with service

Sonja shares experience as a former DCM

Anthony volunteers to take on Co-DCM position (YAYYYYYYYYYY)

### General Service Representative (GSR) REPORTS

- Ali, Monday Night Conway Group
  - We participate in commitments
  - We contribute to the pie
    - I heard that Area 31 was struggling financially, maybe that was not true
    - Ultimately, we tabled making any changes to the pie
  - A strong core group doing service
- Dale (new GSR), Sunday Night Only Requirement Group (Greenfield 6-7:15)
  - Attendance is very high
  - We do a ton of commitments
  - We donate to the pie
  - People bring in their old coins and books to reuse so we can save \$ and donate more
- Beth, Women's Health Meeting
  - Nothing new to report
- Dave, Haydenville Sunday Night Life
  - We give to the pie
  - All service positions are filled
  - We do commitments
- Lina, Amherst Monday Night Group
  - No news
- Anthony, You Chair It You Name It
  - We've been doing pretty well
  - We take in almost over \$100/week
- Chip, Amherst Friday Night Group
  - Current prudent reserve \$400

- Thinking of lowering it to contribute more to the pie
  - Chip wants an alternate GSR; Alex cannot do it
  - Group is doing very well
  - Every service position is full
- Mike & Margaret, Florence I-Opener
  - For the past two months increased intergroup contributions by 10%
  - We have a lot of service positions filled, but consistently a chunk of them are open, the same ones
  - We do some commitments: Chicopee Women's Jail, Hampshire County Men's Jail
  - No real issues
- Caitlin, Valley LGBTQ Group
  - We had our anniversary earlier this month

#### Ron, Intergroup Treasurer

- We increased prices except for When & Where's
  - Steering Committee will review price increases in 6 months
- Contributions are way down (about \$1500 last month)
- We had to transfer \$ from literature to pay office expenses
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6PM @ 474 Pleasant St.
  - 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party
  - \$10/ticket for sale at intergroup office
  - Spaghetti dinner
  - Speaker meeting after
- Picnic: August 26<sup>th</sup> @ Moose Family Lodge in Chicopee, MA
- Westernmassaa.org

#### Sonja, Area 31 Registrar

- The registrar keeps track of data for GSO in NYC (US/Canada)
- District 4 is very large
- GSO's database is pretty outdated; GSO is in the process of consolidating all data in new "Customer Relationship Management System"
- GSO is also working on an app that will include a meeting finder; we need to help "clean up" the meeting information, because a lot of information is outdated
- District 6 worked on this a while back; they had fun gathering all the correct information and visiting "unlit" groups
- We can reach Sonja through Lisa
- Sonja hands out "New Group" forms and "GSR" forms
- Explains the difference between being a meeting and being a group (registered with GSO)

#### Mike, Delegate

- Returned from GSC in NYC
- AA.org has link to make recurring donations

- **Saves a lot of money compared to sending in checks (a lot of labor goes into processing the checks)**
- Currently 83% self-supporting
- Benefits of being self-supporting:
  - Registrar database is updated
  - Translating literature into different languages
  - New App: Big Book, Daily Reflections video, Meeting Finder, group messaging
    - Expected in September
- Area donations are down, but situation is “not catastrophic”
- We want anyone to be able to take on a service position, so the area funds position responsibilities
- 2019 GSC Theme: “Our Big Book: 80 Years, 71 Languages”
  - Most recent translation in Navajo
  - Sub-topics: (maybe for workshops)
    - Yesterday’s World: Our 3 Legacies Begin
    - Today’s World: Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity, and Service
    - Tomorrow’s World: Courage to be Vigilant
    - Clarity of Purpose: Addressing the needs of our meetings
      - The importance of having an agenda
      - Rotation leads to growth/new ideas
- Next area meeting: discussion r.e. location of Fall Assembly
  - Maybe it can be in the Berkshires, because that is an isolated area
- Motions to reorganize/censure Board of Trustees failed (r.e. manuscript)

Dale asks for clarification about Delegate’s role, GSR role, and GSR workshops

#### **Some workshop discussion**

- **Chip will help Anthony**
- **We need at least 2 GSR’s on the Ad-Hoc Committee!!!**

Close with I Am Responsible @ 8:20PM