

District 4 Minutes: June 19, 2018

Open with Serenity Prayer @ 7PM

Lisa, DCM

Anthony, Co-DCM

Carl (Archives), Ben (Website), Mike, Margaret, Dave, Andrew (Intergroup), Ali, Will, Lina, Paul H. (Alt. Delegate), Chip

Lisa reads short form of Tradition 6 and shares about it

GSR Reports

Mike/Margaret, I-Opener: some discussion around adding something to the meeting format about acknowledging how old-fashioned AA literature is in terms of language

Dave, Sunday Night Life: things are going well; attendance is down a bit

Ali, Conway Group: nothing to report

Lina, Amherst Monday Night: group considering doing new inventory, but we haven't finished going over the old one

Chip, Amherst Friday Night: lowered prudent reserve and donated more to the pie chart; a couple new members joined, probably up to 20 now; group is very healthy, nice mix of members; all reps attended their committee meetings

District 4 Workshop

We can invite Grapevine, Archives, and Accessibility committees to bring their presentation materials

From Mike, Delegate:

- 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

Lisa: accessibility could be a good topic

Chip: accessibility is still an issue in the area

I was hoping when I retired I could go to the I-Opener regularly; but it is totally inaccessible

Ali: I think it is a good idea for a workshop

Is the community center in Florence accessible? That space may not be a good option

Chip will speak; we hope to have two more speakers making up a diverse panel

Margaret: We can look at accessibility beyond physical limitations: e.g. Bridging the Gap

Lina: Maybe we can also talk about accessibility for transgender members of AA e.g. mis-gendering

This is a concern for members of the Friday Night LGBTQ meeting in Northampton

Co-DCM Report of Area 31 Committee meeting

Woman in Northampton needs help getting to meetings; she uses an electric wheelchair

Does Area 31 Committee have tax-exempt status?

Grapevine has an app

New book: Voices of Women in AA

Western Mass Intergroup 65th Anniversary Dinner: 6/23 @ 6-7:30PM

Summer Picnic (8/26) now accepting donations from AA groups

New YPAA meeting: Providence Hospital, Saturdays @ 7PM

Mass State Convention Planning Committee meets 7/31

Fall Assembly in October: maybe in Holyoke or Springfield

Location will rotate

Box 459: GSR's get a subscription

New Business

Lina updated Bernardston "Back to Basics" group contact; Lisa updated Buckland Sunday @ 1PM; Anthony volunteered to visit Monday 6PM @ Cooley Dickinson and Cummington Candlelight Thursday @ 7PM

After updating the information, we scan the document and send it to the Registrar, Sonja

Intergroup Report

New Grapevine books: Women & Military

65th Anniversary 6/23: Food & Fellowship 6-7:30; 3-speaker meeting @ 7:30

Family Picnic 8/26 @ Family Moose Lodge in Chicopee

Asking individuals and/or groups to put together baskets for raffle

Funds should not come from the 7th Tradition collection

Website Report

Area31aa.org: all things SERVICE for Area 31

District 4 has its own page: send minutes to webpost@area31aa.org

Should be in a word doc so that editor can remove personal information (website is accessible to the public)

Calendar of service events

Contact information for all committees

Feel free to contact website committee with any suggestions for improving the website

Monthly meeting: 4th Wednesday @ 7PM @ 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA 01040

New snazzy pamphlets for the literature racks

Send flyers to webmaster@area31aa.org

Archives Report

Carl encourages home groups to send reps to the committee; it needs support and is a very important committee

Archives are not only for past events; current AA events are archived

Archives reps can help: collect histories of long-timers in the area; collect group histories; organize the Archives; put on workshops showcasing Area 31 history

Alternate Delegate's Report

No action taken against the General Service Board (GSB) regarding manuscript lawsuit

GSB approved publishing "The God Word" pamphlet in U.S. and Canada

Safety: it is NOT against the traditions to call the police in response to danger in a meeting

New pamphlet: "Access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers"

NERAASA: February 2019

Motion to close @ 8:20PM

Responsibility Pledge

