

**District 4  
December 18, 2018**

Open @ 7 PM with Serenity Prayer

Tradition 11

New GSR:

Janice, Making Progress Group (Hadley)

Secretary's Report: November Minutes

**GSR Reports**

Emily, Saturday Night Beginner's Meeting (Northampton)

Nothing to report

Bob, Grapevine Group (Greenfield)

Elections at next business meeting

Bob believes that he will be the GSR

Chevy will not be able to attend many meetings

Lina, Amherst Monday Night Group

We had our elections

I will be the GSR, and we elected an alternate-GSR

We are working through our inventory items

Margaret, I-Opener Group (Florence)

I will be the GSR next year

New alternate GSR: Tanya

Anniversary breakfast: Sunday 2/10/19 @ 8 AM, speaker meeting @ 9 AM

We added a welcoming statement to our format; it is very lovely, and I will bring it next time

Dave, Sunday Night Life Group (Haydenville)

Nothing to report

Chip, Amherst Friday Night Group

College kids are back, so attendance is up

We have most service positions filled

We have a large business meeting

There haven't been any major topics

It's an exciting meeting

There are no stairs

We were not chosen for the Christmas alcathon in Holyoke; we are on a waiting list

Janice, Making Progress Group (Hadley)

We had our elections in October

I volunteered for this position

I am not sure if our GSR attended much last year

I hope to have an alternate

Anthony, You Chair It You Name It (Hadley)

We are looking for a new meeting space

Possibly the Wesley United Methodist Church

This would overlap with another meeting in that church (women's step groups), but in separate rooms

**Anthony, Co-DCM Report**

Sonja, Registrar

413-824-6371

Contact her for GSR packet

Area budget was finalized this month; the vote seemed nearly unanimous

Alcathon: 6 PM Christmas Eve to 6 PM Christmas Day

Area 31 has a commitment at 11 AM on Christmas Day

Lisa: DCM & GSR Workshop, Saturday 2/2/18 @ 12-2:30 PM @ 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA 01040

Attend this workshop to learn more about duties of these service positions

Box 459: the new issue has a great article addressing topics of accessibility, sexism, and racism

Relevant pamphlets:

LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA

The "God" Word

AA for Alcoholics with Mental health Issues

Women in AA

Anthony: I would like to discuss the 12 Concepts at our District meeting

Emily: I do not hear about the 12 Traditions much at my home group, so I would like to at least mention the Tradition of the month

Lina: I think the District meeting is hard enough to understand, especially for new GSR's, without adding the Concepts. I would rather spend more time on the Traditions.

Chip: I would like to talk more about the Traditions in this meeting.

Emily: Some groups misunderstand the Traditions, so we could identify some common dilemmas we have in our home groups

Lisa: I have collected some information about group issues and solutions

Chip: I would like to hear more about the issue of anonymity; what are they saying about it in New York

Lisa: We could look at the communications audit that is posted on the Area 31 website

Emily: I would like to prepare for the January meeting to make sure that it is accessible for new GSR's

Lisa: You could start with looking at the Area 31 Handbook & Guidelines

Janice: Having an overview of the structure and responsibilities would be very helpful

Margaret: This will also motivate people to attend the workshop in February

Emily: I want us to meet GSR's where they are, not overwhelm them with information

Lisa: Pg. 30 in the handbook provides a good overview of the GSR position  
Maybe a greeter at the January meeting would be helpful (Lina volunteers, Margaret can help)

Anthony: I intend to put together a lecture that I will include in the agenda

Paul, Alternate Delegate

See attached report

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Thanks, Lisa, for your service!

Close @ 8:15 PM with Responsibility Pledge