

District 4 Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Meeting minutes taken by Leah

- Call to order at 7:00pm
- **Introduction/District 4 GSR Reports with concerns and updates to groups:**
- Adam D (and Paul M, Peter H, and Dezy H as alternate GSRs) from Better Safe than Sorry in Greenfield, MA. Meeting started during the pandemic, just registered officially last month, and is explicitly on zoom. They've been having a lot of newcomers and new people come. They've been raising a lot of money and decided to be an official group.
- Jared from Florence I-Opener in Florence, MA. Group sees almost 100 participants in meeting every day. Very stable financially. Suzanne (alternate GSR), also from Florence I-Opener, states the group will be thinking of transitioning back to in person.
- Laura P, representing Amherst Monday Night at 7pm. Meeting is growing very large with many new beginners including folks from sober homes. Financially group is fine. Exclusively on zoom.
- Sam S from Haydenville Sunday Night Life Group 7:30pm-8:30pm. Group meets on zoom and some meet in group member's garage. Group attendance is down compared to what group was in person, but once they meet in person again should be okay.
- Dave H from South Amherst Friday Night Group. Last week the group had a little over 30 people. Group is doing alright. Group offered to send money to either intergroup or New York. There is no word from the church of when the group will be heading back to in person.
- Susan (new GSR) from Conway Monday Night Meeting from 7-8pm on a telephone conference call. When COVID-19 began, the group started to use conference calls in the beginning because it was easier access for those up in the hills and also because some people don't have internet access at home. They think conference calls are the most accessible. People from all over the country have joined the meeting. They work hard to try to find speakers from all over the country as this is a rare opportunity to do so. The group has attracted newcomers and it's going well. They've contributed to General Service and Intergroup.
- Arthur from the Valley LGBTQ Friday meeting in Northampton. The only new thing for them is that they were getting Zoom through the NY Intergroup, that is ending so they are going through the process of getting set up on their own and it is going fine.
- Scott from Sunderland Security. No new news to report from group.
- Notes from Area 31 Meeting at 7:15pm
- Steve M. Area Chair spoke of the DCM/GSR Workshop (info on area31aa.org). Will bring the motion to discontinue the website committee will be brought to a vote at the Spring Assembly in April. There was a motion to donate money to Western Mass Intergroup and after consulting with Intergroup, they are financially stable currently. There is a Service Manual meeting tomorrow night at 7:30pm. What a Concept is on the first Thursday of the Month on Feb. 4th at 7:30pm. Area meets 2nd Wednesday of month at 7:30pm. All information can be found on the website for various meetings. The various entities in the area (institutions, area, and intergroup) that accept donations are

still accepting mail-in donations to their PO Box in addition to online mailing for the area and intergroup.

- Carl (Website committee chair) in attendance. Discussed the 2nd step in motion to dissolve the website committee (22 in favor, 4 against, and 5 abstentions). Detailed background of why the committee is proposed to dissolve is on the area 31 website.
- Dan B from is visiting from Steering Committee in Western Mass Intergroup and serves as bookie coordinator. Thanks groups for donations of upwards from \$5,000. Western Mass Intergroup prefers that any additional contributions be put toward Berkshire Intergroup if they need financial assistance. If any groups have been in contact with Kevin or Joy in the office, they will be responding during normal business hours. That being said, feel free to call the office from 9-11 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and reach out by email any time of the day. The phone lines/hotlines have been going well. Intergroup would love to have more intergroup representatives and bookies.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- Would we like to read the tradition of the month and go through the traditions checklist in our District 4 Meeting? Vote was positively unanimous. This would look like: Group Check-In, Hear from our invited guest, then go on to old business, and new business. Laura will be presenting Tradition 2 for the next meeting.
- **New Business**
No New Business
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th, 2020 at 7:00pm
- Responsibility Pledge.
- I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there and for that I am responsible.
- Meeting closed at 7:35pm