

**District 4 GSR Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by Leah D**

- **Call to Order at 7:00pm**
  
- **Open the meeting with the Serenity Prayer**
  
- **Jared C to share on Promise 6 & 7**
  
- **Group Check Ins**
  - Jared (Florence "I" Opener): Meetings daily on Zoom as well as six days in person in Florence. They are running two separate meetings that are not connected. There has been heavy dialogue within the group because people are generally opposed to a hybrid meeting with much support of both daily in person and continuing the Zoom meeting.
  - Adam (Better Safe Than Sorry): There was an outburst by a group member at the meeting, which caused some controversial issues in the group. This led to the group have a group conscience (25 people present, 22 engaged) run by a past delegate. The group conscience has helped the group learn, grow, and things have been much better in the group as a result. Last weekend, the group had their first hybrid commitment with 14 members present; they will be taking on more commitments in the future.
  - Dave H (South Amherst Friday Night Group): Church told group they will be able to go back into the church the second week in August. Group members are antsy and looking forward to going back to in-person meetings and have not yet discussed group going hybrid.
  - Arthur (Friday Night LGBTQ in Northampton): Group is starting the decision-making process of moving out of Zoom; they will be dropping a survey in the Zoom chat to get information from attendees as well as group members to help determine the decision.
  - Sam/Dan-AltGSR (Haydenville Sunday Night Life): Group is still hybrid and going strong. Starting in August, the group voted that chair people and speakers have to come in person (i.e. no Zoom commitments or speakers).
  - Dave E (Making Progress Group): Group will be officially going to hybrid meetings on July 29, 2021, at Leslie Church in Hadley.
  
- **Hear from invited guests**
  - Dan B (Steering Committee representing Western Mass Intergroup) - Intergroup has successfully moved to 300 Appleton Street in Holyoke with new hours (M-F from 9am-1pm). Intergroup will be indefinitely running on Zoom for now on the 2nd Tuesday a month at 7pm with the bookie meeting happening at 6pm. Would love for all groups to attend and send Intergroup

representatives to the meetings. The Steering Committee is on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm and anyone is welcome to attend. Intergroup Picnic happening at Moose Lodge in Chicopee on August 22nd from 10am-6pm with live music, food, and a raffle table: email Kevin if you would like to attend the picnic at [intergro4@aol.com](mailto:intergro4@aol.com)

- Steve M (Area Chair) - Service Manual Meeting on Hybrid / Zoom Wednesday July 21st 7:30pm & “What a Concept” meeting Thursday August 5th 7:30pm on Hybrid / Zoom. If your group would like an inventory, Area 31 can put you in touch with a past delegate. The area committee is always open to put on commitments at groups to share how service has enhanced their sobriety. Please email him at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org)  
Fall Assembly will be held at the Brimfield Hitchcock Academy in October (Dates and Saturday’s agenda to be determined; likely to be hybrid); it is important that GSRs are there to voice their views on who should represent the area. The 2025 International Convention will be happening in Vancouver, Canada. If you would like to go to Canada and have something on your record that may prevent you from attending, you can be redeemed by going through the process/lawyer. There will be a plain language english Big Book and a new 5th Edition which will be presented at the 72nd General Service Conference.

- **Old Business:**

District 4 workshop

- Date: Saturday, December 4, 2021, 11am-12:30pm on Zoom.
- Topic: Ways to carry the message
  - Across different mediums (phone, Zoom, in person). What are the ways we are working with others and reaching out (committees: churches, medical, professional, institutions). We’ve brought a lot of new people in, but have also probably lost a lot of people (accessibilities and reconnecting with those we may have lost). Introduce people to the world of committees and talk to them about how they can do outreach and service themselves outside of these committees
  - **Will narrow down to three topics at the August 2021 meeting.**
- Format
  - **Three different speakers/topics with breakout rooms or speaker discussion.**
  - Will vote on format at the August 2021 meeting.**

District 4 Going Hybrid

- We will continue on Zoom for the foreseeable future.
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- **New Business:**

- No new business
- Jared C to share on Tradition 8.