

District 4 GSR Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2021

Welcome GSRs - Donna, New Alt-GSR for The "I" Opener

Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Group Check-Ins

- **Making Progress Group (Wesley Church in Hadley, MA)** - Group is doing well. Started hybrid back in August. Hybrid seems to be working well, but since Omicron came about the in person seems to be thinning out and the Zoom seems to be growing. Roughly 15-20 people per meeting.
- **Better Safe Than Sorry (Meets Daily 6-7pm on Zoom with different format every night)** - Meeting started on Zoom and continues on Zoom. 25-35 people per evening. Close to 100 different people that visit weekly and regularly. Wide range of sobriety. All is going well!
- **Amherst Monday Night** - Group is hybrid. People are still attending the in person meeting, but have a hearty presence on Zoom.
- **Florence "I" Opener (7-8am six days a week)** - Elections held at the beginning of January. 70 folks on Zoom daily and a small contingent that attends live indoors. The indoor meeting has increased recently with about 15-20 people. Things are good. Group successfully transitioned into new roles.
- **Hadley Women's Language of the Heart Group (Wednesdays at 7pm, Hybrid)** - Starting on January 2022, group is completely virtual.
- **Valley LGBTQ (Northampton)** - All is well!
- **Sunderland Security** - Group is having a meeting tonight about changing church locations after an increase in rent at their long-time meeting location. **Sunderland Security will be remaining at their long-time meeting location as group was able to negotiate a deduction in their cost of rent.*

Area Meeting Recap

- Please visit www.area31aa.org for upcoming events including NERAASA & District 3 Workshop on the 2022 agenda items.

Invited Guests:

- John G (Area Chair)
 - Service Manual Meeting 3rd Wednesday every month
 - What a Concept Meeting the 1st Thursday a month
 - Both Hybrid (in person at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA).
 - Area 31 is looking for help in terms of running the hybrid meetings (must be in person).
 - District 3 traditions meeting every month on the 2nd Sunday at 10am. email areachair@area31aa.org if you want to attend NERAASA within the next week! MA State Convention Planning Committee is hybrid (366 Main Street in Sturbridge, MA - if you want to come meet in person, meet at the Chicopee Bowling Alley at 6pm).

- Sally S (Area 31 Registrar) - Develops and maintains groups in the Area.
 - New Service Manual (for the service manual meeting!)
 - **Why register a group?** When a group is registered in the fellowship connection, you belong in a homegroup that is part of AA as a whole. Groups that are online and want to stay online are listed as long as they have a representative listed in the area. Registrars are figuring out where to place online groups that aren't tied to a geographic location.
 - Sally has given Adam & Leah a list of documented groups in District 4. In order to fix/update/add a group... Fill out the DCM Change Form GSR Group Change Form on the registrar's documents page. <https://area31aa.org/docs/registrar> There are two new items on that page, which are links to the GSR Kit and the DCM Kit. It's important to keep our groups accurate so we are correctly represented and so we can make some noise in AA :)
- Sonja (Bridging the Gap Coordinator for Institutions Committee)
 - The Institutions Committee is struggling; it's a tough time to go into institutions due to the pandemic. They are trying to figure out where they belong. ***The Bridging the Gap Program is about being a link to somebody when they first leave an institution.*** When a person first leaves an institution, they will have a calling card where they can call a calling service. When people are leaving jail or a hospital, they call the calling service number. Sonja will answer. They will give their information to Sonja. She puts them in contact with someone who can bring them to their first meeting. Sonja is looking for people who are willing to be available to bring them to that meeting. ***Please contact Sonja at (###)###-#### if anyone in your group would like to bridge the gap for someone coming out of an institution and bring them to their first meeting. Sonja will need your name, phone number, sobriety date, homegroup, and the area you are willing to cover.***

Old Business:

- Elections: District 4 Secretary - **Table**

New Business:

- Would we like to share on Traditions, Concepts, or something different at each meeting in 2022? Open for suggestions! Tania makes a motion that the District 4 monthly meeting moves forward on a member volunteering to present on the tradition of the month. David E. seconded. Motion passes! votes in favor of talking about the traditions. *Jared will present on tradition 1 in February.*
- _____ will present on tradition 2 in March. **TABLED.**
- *David E will present on Tradition 3 in March.*
- Workshop ideas for 2022
 - District 4 NYE Alcathon

David E motions close the meeting at 8:11pm. Seconded.

Close with Responsibility Pledge

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February, 15 2022, at 7:00pm on Zoom