

District 4: Area 31 AA GSR Meeting

Date: 12/20/2022

Attending:

Leah, Adam, Beth, Beth B, Bob P, Bonnie, David E, Jo-An, John G, Katherine G, Linda R, Nancy P, Todd C

Reports:

David E - Making Progress 7:30-8:30 Hadley hybrid meeting: In-person 10-12 people and on-line are 7-8 people. David's last meeting. Checking on church availability for workshop.

Linda - Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM: The meeting is in-person only. Their 48th Anniversary Meeting was celebrated with appetizers and desserts. The longest member started speaking and each member spoke according to their length of sobriety. Attendance in November was variable with attendance not back to pre-Covid levels. Tonight is Linda's last meeting as a new GSR representative and alternate have been elected.

Terri S - Saturday Beginner's Meeting in Northampton 7:00 PM. As part of the group conscience they have decided to hold hands or link arms at the end of the meeting. Terri will be attending NERAASA supported by her group.

Todd C - Better Safe than Sorry 6:00-7:00 PM is on Zoom 7 nights per week with different formats. Participation in the group is up. Wednesday is a Beginner's Meeting with 30-35 people in attendance. The group was founded during Covid and the founder is stepping down from being both treasurer and internet technician.

Katherine - Women's Health Northampton Group Saturday 8:30 PM Zoom only. Attendance has been low. The group celebrated 8 years this month.

Bob (alternate) - Florence I Opener 7:00 AM for 7 days a week. This is a hybrid meeting with 45-50 people who attend on-line including people from the women's prison and 15-20 people in-person.

Nancy - Shelburne Falls Meeting has shifted to in-person only with about 10-20 people attending. There is another group with a similar name Shelburne Big Book On-line that meets on the same day at the same time.

Jo-An (new GSR) Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM noted that Linda shared on their group and that some members attend meetings masked and others are not masked.

Bonnie - New Perspectives Women's Meeting in Hadley on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM is hybrid with 20-25 people in-person and 8 people on Zoom. The meeting is a step meeting using *A Woman's Way Through the Twelve Steps* by Stephanie Covington.

Tradition:

Todd C spoke on Tradition 11 which had been postponed in November. Todd spoke about the value of attraction rather than promotion.

Bonnie spoke on Tradition 12 about principles before personalities in developing a group conscience.

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Announcements:

- Recap of Area 31 Meeting and that they will be sponsoring delegates (DCM and coDCM only) for the NorthEast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) with will be held Thursday, February 23 through Sunday, February 26 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany NY. Registration ends February 15.
- The area is planning to reserve a vehicle for travel to Albany. John, the area chair is coordinating this and can be reached at areachair@area31aa.org.
- The district will reimburse DCM or coDCM for expenses in attending NERAASA. A number of groups may sponsor their GSR attending NERAASA.
- Area 31 voted on budget for 2023 that will be available on-line. Contributions have decreased by \$500 for this time last year.
- Sally, the registrar, is working to get all area groups registered in the database. When sending information to Sally it's important to indicate if the group is permanently virtual only.
- Bob, the webmaster, is retiring after 10 years of service and Tom will be taking over as webmaster.
- The Grapevine has boards available and will increasing prices. Current prices will be held until 12/22/2022. They are looking for prison stories about AA that must be submitted by January 15, 2023.
- Roundup Committee for Western Mass is looking for volunteers. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Participation is welcomed even if already holding another position. Meetings are on Zoom and information is available on Area 31 website.
- Western Mass Intergroup is having an Alcathon at St. Paul's in Holyoke on 12/24/22 and 12/25/22. Email: intergro4@aol.com
- Reports are out on 72nd Conference from last year. Copies are available at the area office.
- Next planning meeting for the Mass State Convention is at the Sturbridge Hotel 6:15 PM.
- The Service Manual Meeting has been discontinued as there was not enough interest.

Old Business:

Please do a GSR change form if there are new GSRs from your group.

New GSRs please email Leah to be added to the email list for District 4.

No further information on possible locations for hybrid workshop.

Workshop topic is Keeping Your Triangle of Unity-Service-Recovery Balanced and that the style of the workshop would be speakers and then opened up to attendees.

New Business:

Adam, our new DCM, welcomed new people.

Steve will do GSR presentation about tasks and responsibilities in January so next month's meeting is very important. It was decided that the groups could invite others interested in being a GSR to the meeting as well as people who may become alternates.

Motion to end the meeting. Seconded. All in favor.

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Closed meeting with AA Responsibility Statement.