

District 4: Area 31 AA GSR Meeting

Date: 2023-05-16

Attending: Adam (CDM), Ben, Bonnie S, Dan B (Co-CDM), Dana, David E, Donna, Doug, Mike B, Nancy P, Terri S,

Reports:

Terri S - Saturday Beginner's Meeting in Northampton 7:00 PM. Main positions are filled: GSR, chair, secretary, treasurer, and accessibilities. Meeting has gotten smaller since good weather.

David E - Making Progress in Hadley 7:30 PM. About 6-7 Zoom participants and 12-15 in person. This is a 2 speaker meeting and all positions are filled.

Ben - Sunday Night Life Group in Haydenville 7:30 PM. All positions are filled. Chad elected as alternate GSR. Some changes being made to format and will still be a 2 speaker meeting.

Nancy P - Shelburne Falls Big Book study group. There are two meetings one virtual and the other in-person. Each group gets about 10-15 people.

Donna C - Florence I Opener 7:00 AM for 7 days a week. This is two separate meetings with 60 people who attend the on-line meeting and 20 people who attend the in-person meeting. They do 2 commitments each week: Bridge House and Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee.

Bonnie - New Perspectives Women's Meeting in Hadley on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM is a hybrid group. Attendance of 6-10 in-person and 5 on-line.

Dana - Conway Group meets Monday 7:00 PM on-line. About 15 people attending.

Michelle (alternate) - Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM. Good attendance at the meeting. Both GSR and Intergroup positions are filled.

Doug - Attitude Adjustment Group Daily 7:00-8:00 AM. Closed meeting Monday - Saturday, open meeting Sunday. About 20 people weekdays and more on the weekends. Chair's choice for the preamble.

Tradition 5: Each Group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

David shared on how a meeting being willing to welcome someone who was still drinking made a statement to all its members about accepting everyone who still suffers.

Tradition 6 in June will be done by Bonnie

Announcements:

- *Treasurer's report and secretary's report were sent to District 4 members via email.
- *Archivist found CDs of 60+ speakers and this is being transferred to streaming files.
- *Webmaster announced a new group history form available on the web.
- *Accessibility Committee has 13 members and does 3 commitments each month.
- *Accessibility Committee will be holding a workshop on Saturday 9:00 AM at the Round-Up.
- *Archives Committee will hold a workshop on Saturday 4:00 PM at the Round-Up.
- *CPC is looking for referrals for outreach.
- *Public Information is planning a commitment.
- *Round-Up is this weekend at the Clarion Hotel. See Area 31 website for information.
- *The Delegate's Report will be given on Saturday and will be accessible on-line.
- *Berkshire Intergroup has chartered a bus (40 seats) to attend the GSO meeting. It will leave from Lee, MA and the cost is \$25.00.
- *All literature from GSO will increase 20% shortly.
- *Agawam is hosting a golf tournament, the cost is \$45. More information is available on Area 31 website.
- *There will be an Intergroup picnic for families at Moose Lodge on 8/20/2023.
- *New England Regional Forum (NERF) will be June 2-4 in Burlington MA.
- *There is a literature position open at the GSO in NYC.
- *MA State Convention Planning Committee will meet this month.
- *Grapevine Committee is holding a writing workshop on June 10 12:00 - 4:00 PM at 53 Alderman St, Springfield at the Holy Name Social Center. There is no need to register before attending.
- *What A Concept meeting will be held the first Thursday of the month 7:30-8:30 PM at 30 Carew St and there is a virtual link as well.
- * District 3 holds a Traditions Meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM.
- *Minutes from the GSO meeting will be available.

Old Business:

The workshop, Balancing Your Triangle: Service, Unity, and Recovery, has a date and place to be held. The Holy Family Church in South Deerfield, 29 Sugarloaf St will rent us space for Saturday, August 12th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The workshop will go from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM allowing for 30 minutes to set up ahead of time and to clean up at the end of the workshop.

The plan is for the workshop to host 3 speakers who will each speak for 20 minutes about how they balance recovery unity, and service. That will be followed by sharing and questions from people attending the workshop. We will then share a light lunch of pizza.

Dan will talk to Intergroup resources (Joy) about developing a flyer to advertise the workshop. Bonnie will text Dan the information about the workshop.

Nancy P will ask Carl to be one of the speakers. Mike agreed to be one of the speakers. Dan B will ask Tamra to be a speaker at the workshop.

New Business:

A number of questions came up about actions taken by GSO board. Mikes stated that the report at the Round-Up this weekend will address such questions.