

District 4: Area 31 AA GSR Meeting

Date: 07-18-2023

Attending: Adam (CDM), Ben, Bonnie S, Cleo, Dan B (Co-CDM), Dana M, Jo-An, Jennifer, John G (Area 31), Nancy G, Nancy P, Will C

Reports:

Ben - Sunday Night Life Group in Haydenville 7:30 PM. Group is doing well 50 people at meetings. All positions are filled.

Jo-An Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM reported group is healthy. They are collecting and filling pie chart.

Will C - Only Requirement held at the Grapevine. Their numbers are down from 50-60 to 35-40. Information on the website is inaccurate so they have changed it. They did a commitment in Lowell and next week will do one in Winchester.

Liam - Making Progress in Hadley 7:30 PM. The group is doing well, there is steady attendance at the Thursday meeting which is a 2 speaker meeting. Currently need another speaker for this Thursday.

Bonnie - New Perspectives Women's Meeting in Hadley on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM is a hybrid group. Elections are being held in July and we have a new person as our intergroup representative.

Dana - Conway Group meets Monday 7:00 PM on-line. They have about 15 people at their speaker-discussion meeting. They did a one-time in-person meeting to stay connected.

Cleo - Valley LGBTQ Group in Northampton 7:30 PM Friday. The meeting is hybrid with the in-person meeting at St. John's 48 Elm Street. They have been losing group members without losing attendance at the meeting.

Nancy G (alternate) - Saturday Beginner's Meeting in Northampton 7:00 PM. Meeting has about 40-50 people with a lot of newcomers getting monthly coins.

Nancy P - Shelburne Falls Big Book study group. [Unable to share due to technical problems.]

Tradition 7 Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Ben shared on his change from having his hand out to contributing to AA. He also shared that AA has to stay poor to serve its purpose of helping the still-suffering alcoholic.

Tradition 8 - Liam

Announcements:

- ❖ There are 9 unknown groups in the area. The GSO used to call unknown contacts and that may stop. If the GSO has not heard from a group in 2 years, it becomes unknown.
- ❖ The Area 31 webmaster is visiting meetings to get ideas about the Area 31 website.
- ❖ Archives Committee is holding a Listening Party July 29th at Carew St 7-9 PM with food and fellowship to listen to old tapes of AA member shares.
- ❖ Area Round Up is September 13, 2023 on Zoom.
- ❖ Berkshire Intergroup is holding a retreat at Sheffield on September 23, 2023.
- ❖ Intergroup picnic for families at Moose Family Center, Fuller Road, Chicopee on 8/20/2023.
- ❖ Area General Service Meeting on September 13th in-person and on Zoom.
- ❖ Golf tournament on August 25th. Agawam is hosting a golf tournament, the cost is \$45. More information is available on Area 31 website.
- ❖ District 2 is holding a Celebration of Service on August 25th from 5-9:30 PM at the Agawam Congregational Church. Information is available on the Area 31 website.
- ❖ MA State Convention planning has a meeting 7/25/2023.
- ❖ Fall Assembly will be October 14 & 15th with elections on Sunday at St. Catherine's in Springfield, MA.

Old Business:

Workshop for Balancing Your Triangle

- ❖ Nancy P will open the workshop and chair the meeting.
- ❖ Adam will order the pizza: 3 party size pizzas from Primo.
- ❖ Estimating 30 people in attendance.
- ❖ All District 4 people will arrive at 10 AM to set up for the workshop.
- ❖ Ask Lynn to use their coffeepot for the workshop.
- ❖ Nancy P and Bonnie will bring salad.
- ❖ Flyer for the workshop is on the Area 31 website.

New Business:

Some discussion about who should report on the Area 31 Meeting. It was decided that Adam as the CDM reports on the Area Meeting.