

## **District 4: Area 31 AA GSR Meeting**

### **Date: October 17, 2023**

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Attending: Adam D (DCM), Bonnie S (Sec), Dana M, Donna, Jo-An, Mike (Del), Nancy G, Nancy P, Page, Rick K, Terri S, Will C

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#### **Reports:**

Page - Better Safe Than Sorry 6:00 PM is the new GSR following elections at the business meeting.

Jo-An Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM reported group is stable and able to pay rent. They made a donation to the church for the heat. The meetings are large however there is low group membership.

Donna C - Florence I Opener 7:00 AM for 7 days a week. Currently they have 60-65 people coming on Zoom and around 20-25 people in-person. The group gives away books and Grapevine copies. Their community building activity was a bonfire that around 25 people attended and a game night. They do 2 commitments each week: Bridge House and Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee.

Will C - Only Requirement 6:00 PM Sunday held at the Grapevine. Attendance has been affected by football season. They are experiencing difficulty in getting people for commitments. Will's role as GSR will be up in February.

Terri S - Saturday Beginner's Meeting in Northampton 7:00 PM. Service positions are all filled. Terri is finishing her role as GSR and Nancy is the alternate. Six people attended the business meeting in a group of 70 people. They are planning to change the GSR position to one year. The group has a lot of beginners.

Rick K (alternate) - Sunday Night Life Group in Haydenville 7:30 PM. The group is having their 42nd anniversary on Sunday, November 19th 7:30 PM with fellowship at 6:30 PM. The group is trying to encourage more diversity in their membership.

Nancy P - Shelburne Falls Big Book study group. The group has had 24 people in attendance although more commonly there are 18 in attendance. There are new faces at the meeting and newly sober people. The group is not doing much general service. The group has contributed \$50 to the church and the rest to the pie chart.

Dana - Conway Group meets Monday 7:00 PM on-line. The group will be celebrating their 43rd anniversary. They have just elected a bookie for making commitments. They would like to learn how to take donations virtually.

Bonnie - New Perspectives Women's Meeting in Hadley on Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM is a hybrid group. We have 20 -25 people in-person and 5-6 on Zoom. Attendance is fluctuating upward right now.

Adam (for Doug) - Attitude Adjustment Group 7:00 AM for 7 days a week at the Grapevine in Greenfield. They need more people to volunteer for commitments.

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**Tradition 10 Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never to be drawn into public controversy.**

Dana shared that getting sober is life and death so conflict over other matters detracts from that message. A similar group, the Washingtonians had 100,000 members and did get into politics which led to its demise. She appreciates that AA doesn't get involved in rebutting criticism of AA and that it keeps the fellowship open to all people.

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**Announcements:**

-  Area 31 held a Group Inventory on Saturday and reflected on the area trying to carry the message,
-  Area 31 held a business meeting on Sunday and elected the GSO Delegate - Steve M; GSO Alternate Delegate - Ray; Area Chair - Bob; Area Secretary - Kate; Area Treasurer - Justin.
-  Round Up and Accessibilities committees are looking for help.
-  *When & Where* will return with QR codes on them.
-  A new app for the Grapevine subscription is available for \$29.99 per year.
-  Final report of GSC is available in print and on-line.
-  MA State Convention could use help with stuffing envelopes.
-  MA State Convention looks to be successful: all the rooms are booked and the banquet is sold out.
-  Grapevine Workshop on November 17th at Springfield Holy Name Social Club. The Friday night workshop goes from 6 PM - 9PM.

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**Old Business: None discussed.**

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**New Business:**

Elections are next month. Dan will become the DCM. Open positions are Co-DCM and Secretary.

Look at the Area 31 Website for information about the role of DCM, talk over with sponsor, usually 4-6 years of sobriety, previous experience as GSR. Obligations include chairing the monthly meeting, attending the area meetings, commitment of 3 weekends each year, maintain group information, inform GSRs of service opportunities and structure of AA, and communicate with other DCMs.