

District 4: Area 31 AA GSR Meeting

Date: December 19, 2023

Attending: Adam (DCM), Bob P, Bonnie (Sec), Dan B (new DCM), Dana, Donna C, James, Jenn M, Jo-Ann, Nancy G, Nancy P, Rick K, Steve M, Will C

New: Bob P from I-Opener
Jenn M from Sunderland

Reports:

James (alternate) - Better Safe Than Sorry 6:00 PM held elections in December.

Will C - Only Requirement 6:00 PM Sunday held at the Grapevine. Attendance has been up at their 2-speaker meeting. For 3 weeks a month they have speakers and the 4th week is the chair's choice.

Donna C - Florence I Opener 7:00 AM for 7 days a week. Bob P is taking over as the GSR next month. The group held elections last month. Currently they have 60 people coming on Zoom and around 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. The I Opener will be celebrating their 34th anniversary in January with a breakfast with speakers.

Jo-An Sunderland Security Tuesday 7-8 PM. Jenn M is taking over as the GSR for their group. They made a \$500 donation to the church for the heat and have a prudent reserve. They have 2-speaker meetings and do commitments.

Nancy G - Saturday Beginner's Meeting in Northampton 7:00 PM. Meeting is well attended. The format is open discussion meeting. Nancy is now the GSR for the group.

Rick K - Sunday Night Life Group in Haydenville 7:30 PM. Rick is now the GSR for the group. The group does three commitments during the month. Attendance has been up and down recently. Elections will be held next month.











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.

Traditions 11 and 12

#11: Rick talked about attraction rather than promotion and the idea of anonymity being central to the spiritual focus of AA.

#12: Nancy G spoke on putting principles before personalities. Everyone is equal in an AA meeting. Everyone there is an alcoholic and practicing AA principles in their affairs.

Announcements:

-  There is a new website platform.
-  The Round-Up needs committee members and their next meeting is January 10th at 6 PM.
-  Berkshire Alcathon is in Pittsfield, please see their website for further information.
-  Western MA Intergroup will have their Alcathon at 485 Appleton Street from 6 PM on 12/24 until 6 PM on 12/25 at St Paul's Episcopal Church.
-  NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) will be held the last weekend in February (February 22 - 25). Some groups offer to pay for the GSR to attend the conference.
-  What a Concept meeting will be held January 4, 2024
-  All district meetings for service groups in Area 31 are now hybrid.
-  NERAASA will be available on-line. The hotels are sold out.
-  There is a workshop on January 20, 2024 in Stockbridge at the First Congregational Church, 4 Main Street which is a Celebration of Service.
-  Massachusetts State Conference will be held in Marlborough on Veteran's Day weekend. Ray will host a car pool to attend meetings on the last Tuesday of the month.

Old Business:

Elections for Co-CDM and Secretary.

Nancy P was elected Co-CDM and Jenn M was elected Secretary.

New GSRs were reminded to complete a form for the registrar. The form is on-line.

New Business:

None.