

District 4 February Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 20 2024

Meeting opens with serenity prayer

Tradition of the month: Tradition 2

Dave volunteers to do something on the fly, relates a story from early sobriety to tradition 2

Patrick volunteers to take Tradition 3 for next month (March)

Jenn reads minutes

Group check ins:

Only Night speaker meeting, James, first time GSR, replacing Will, St. Patrick's day they are having a 10-year anniversary w/ refreshments + 2-speaker meeting

Hadley New Perspectives: 20 people in-person; attendance stable, adding new members, some of whom are beginners

Saturday Night Beginners in Northampton: attendance decent, 50-70 people, topic + discussion meeting, lots of people getting coins weekly, introduces Ramil who is the alternate GSR

Friday Night Amherst group: Dan is new to the GSR position; meeting is really healthy, more service positions

Haydenville Sunday Night Lights, elections last month, every service position filled, attendance has been up and down

Shelburne Falls big book study group: attendance has leveled, a couple service positions open, taking a collection to help the GSR get to NERASSA

Amherst Monday night beginners meeting: topic discussion, attendance steady, recently had elections

Florence eye opener: Rachel new GSR rep

Monday night conway group: meets exclusively on zoom, having a business meeting next week about going hybrid, also just starting to get back into commitments

#### AREA MEETING RECAP

Area met last Wednesday

Please make sure any group donations to the area are marked with group number; if not, area will not accept them (no outside contributions)

Please make sure meeting minutes are thorough and dated as this could help someone down the road.

Young Peoples is meeting again. Date has changed - they are now meeting first Thursday of the month on 35 Chestnut street at 6 p.m.

At the time of this writing there were three seats to NERASSA

Agenda items for GSO are out

There was an issue with NERASSA 2025 - the district that put in the bid to host will not host because that bid was not supported by the district.

Currently no NERASSA 2025 location, a push for Area 31 to host Spring Assembly is March 23 + 24 at 60 Broad Street in Westfield  
Group inventories available through the areas

Judy asked if there were modifications for group inventory for online groups

Invited guest is Steve

Area sponsors a concept meeting on first Thursday of month at 7.30; read and discuss a concept out of the concept manual.

Next one will be March 7

All meetings are hybrid; log-in info found on area website

Regular Area meeting is cancelled for March in deference to the Spring Assembly

NERASSA: there is now another open seat in the van. Van is leaving on Thursday

Open seat in Big Orange Express leaving on Friday

Regarding NERASSA 2025: Area 45 South Jersey has volunteered and been voted to host a virtual NERASSA

General Service Conference Agenda Items: some of the background info went out

Everyone should have the link to the items

Will talk about 8 different topics

Steve urges all to read background info on the 8 items

Discussing questionnaire on the founders' writings

Old business

Webmaster gave a report on the contributions button on the area website

Nothing has changed yet but Chair brought up report that some concern has been expressed

Steve says he like the location of it, "if only for the reason that if someone is trying to contribute, [the button] is easy to find." "It doesn't strike me that we're pandering for money."

As far as finding meetings, there is the Intergroup website

Nancy says she heard a suggestion about putting the calendar on the button instead of contributions

New business

James asks about printable where and whens

They have not gone to print yet but that is fast approaching

Steve suggests we do the GSR presentation for the new folks

Motion made to do the presentation once again  
Motion passes

Next meeting is March 19 - the week before the Spring Assembly

Meeting closes with Responsibility prayer