

## Area 31/District 5 Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 2013

DCM Mary, Co-DCM Lynn, LCM Pauline and Secretary Amy present.

10 groups represented with 2 alternates.

4 Visiting committees present: Brian- Area Delegate, Anne - Alternate Delegate, Mark - Area Chair, Eddie - Intergroup.

1 visitor – Sally

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Lynn-Co-DCM opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Mary-DCM read the role of the GSR from the service manual.

Scott, GSR from Welcome Home in Thorndike, spoke about Chapter 1 from the service manual and Tradition 2 then discussion was had around the room.

Please announce and remember that area 31 has a website: [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) for all you area, FYI, and meeting information, online.

### Group Sharing:

JF

Dale - **Green St.**, Monson - Thursday Beginner's Meeting 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Speaker/Discussion 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Meeting has good membership, has consistent incoming/outgoing commitments. The group is involved with institutions and just had elections.

JF

Amy G. - **Tri-Area Group** - Brimfield Monday Night - 7:30-8:30 pm. Speaker/Discussion

Group has about 8 active members. Just celebrated 39 years on Jan. 14th. Usually has an incoming and an outgoing commitment each month. The meeting fluctuates in attendance but the last few months, attendance has been really good. Group gives out chips at the beginning of the meeting and medallions at the end. Gives books to newcomers with a weekly raffle.

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Jarel W. - **Belchertown Saturday Night** - 18 Park St. Parish House. Beginner's Meeting 7:00 – 7:45PM, 8:00-9:00PM speaker meeting Contributes to the pie chart. All but 3 positions filled.

JF

Patrick - **Cold Spring Group** - Thursday 7:30-8:30 pm Belchertown United Congregational Church 18 Park St. This is an Open speaker discussion meeting, chaired on a volunteer basis. The business meeting is held the last Thursday of each month. This group chairs meetings by group members at the Providence Hospital every Saturday at 10:00 AM. 14 active members. Consistent incoming/outgoing commitments. Group is hurting for donations but is making rent. Is worried they won't be able to continue with Grapevine subscriptions.

JF

Bob W. - **Chicopee Group** - 110 Cyman St. Chicopee, MA Tuesday Night Beginner's Meeting reads "Living Sober" followed by discussion from 6 to 7 PM. Speaker meeting 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contributes to pie 2-3 times a year. Has an incoming and outgoing commitment monthly. The group does a commitment at Carlson detox.

JF

Bob W. - **Chicopee No No-nonsense Nooner** - 156 Springfield St. Chicopee, MA Monday/Wednesday/Friday at Noon This group meets three times a week at noon as follows: Monday is Big Book / Step Study meeting. Wednesday is a Speaker meeting; and Friday is Step reading and discussion meeting from the 12 & 12. The last Friday of the month the Tradition is read. Contributes to the pie 1-2 times a year. Anniversaries are celebrated with medallions, given for milestones of sobriety. 12 active members attend. The group will be celebrating 14 years on Memorial Day 2013. Lack of member support/service commitments. The church signed an agreement.

JF

Scott - **Welcome Home** -Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 pm and Friday 7:30-8:30 pm - Thorndike New Birth Christian Church Formally met at Wing Memorial Hospital on Fridays and at the Palmer Green on Tuesdays. Both meetings will be remaining at the New Birth Christian Church. Now it is in the same home both nights. \*The group needs active members and needs to be reorganized. Tuesday night is a step meeting. The group does contribute to the pie. Needs a bookie for commitments. Meeting has about 20-25 in attendance with about 5 active members. Looking for a detox commitment. Not doing commitments or contributing at the moment.

JF

Juan - **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** open beginner's meeting 6:30 - 7:15 open speaker meeting 7:30. St. Michael's Parish Hall on Rt. 83. Approx. 25-30 members. Group continues to discuss possible changes to the Beginner's format. The group decided to remain at its present location at St. Michael's Parish Hall. They have a monthly commitment at Carlson's detox on the 2nd Monday of the month. Their incoming/outgoing commitments are not

consistent. The meeting has greeters, offers sponsors for newcomers and has beginners packets available.

JF

Ralph-GSR, Jim-Alternate, - **South Hadley Tuesday Night 12 & 12** This meeting is held on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at Falls Congregational Church. Contributes to the pie chart. There is a reading of from the 12 & 12 followed by discussion. The last Tuesday the Tradition of the month is read. Medallions are given out for monthly sobriety. There are approximately 30 to 50 in attendance. The business meeting is held the last Tuesday after the meeting, and attended by 5 to 8 active members. A commitment is held one Thursday of month at Holyoke Hospital. They now have a librarian for used literature and books at cost.. **\*\*\*Group is losing meeting place in the next 5 months. Discussion about finding a new location will be starting in February.\*\*\*** hopes to move back to their former location at the methodist church.

JF

Jim - GSR and Gabriel - Alternate, - **South Hadly Group** Friday Night 6:00 - 7:00 Beginners, 7:30 - 8:30 Speaker. Contributes to the pie chart. Elections being held this Friday night. Seeking to do a group inventory. Group Anniversary in April. Does incoming/outgoing commitments once a month. Gives out monthly Grapevine subscription monthly. Has a monthly commitment to Providence hospital. The speaker meeting gives out medallions to members. Beginners meeting gives out chips for lengths of sobriety. 25-35 in attendance at speaker meeting, 60-70 attend the beginners weekly. Group participates in LIP service

JF

Chris B. – **Here and Now** – E. Longmeadow – Wednesday 8:30 pm. Alternate Chris has become the GSR for the group. Contributes to pie chart, has a commitment to detox once a month. Just held elections for meeting positions for now, will be holding committee positions asap.

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**NOT PRESENT** Randy – **Thank you Thursday** – Thursdays 7-8 pm Chicopee, MA. HolyName Church, Springfield MA. The group contributes to the pie, has monthly incoming and outgoing commitments and has a commitment at Providence hospital on Monday nights.

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Tom A. - **Free for Today** - Hampden, Friday 7:30 - 8:30 pm. A one speaker discussion meeting with 5-7 active members that contributes to NY only. There si about 20-25 people who attend the meeting. They have a business meeting the last Friday night of the month.

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Visiting Committee Reports:

Brian - Area Delegate: Neerasa; 22nd - 24th in Lancaster, PA

Mini-conference and business meeting coming up April 13 -14 2013 in Holyoke.

Mark - Area Chair

Don't forget about the Concepts meeting at 474 Pleasant St. in Holyoke the first Thursday of the month.

\*\*Area committee will come to your meeting and put on a service commitment. If you have not seen one of these, members of the area will come to your group as an incoming meeting and speak of their experience, strength, and hope as it pertains to service. To book a commitment you can call park at 860-559-0814 or email him at a31chair@gmail.com.

Eddie - Intergroup

Wants to thanks all that have been contributing to intergroup.

Get involved as a group, join phone coverage. If your group doesn't want to you can add your name to the back-up list.

New When and Where printing will be in March.

WesternMAAA.Org is real time!!.

Bookie meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at the intergroup office.

There is a new intergroup rep orientation at 6:30 before the intergroup meeting every month.

Anne - Alternate Delegate

Presented power point of new GSR presentation. Power point is for new GSR's so they can fully understand what their role is in the AA community. The presentation took about 15 minutes and was well received by all in attendance.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Mary gave report from Area meeting - submitted written report.

Pauline had no report

Volunteer chosen to read Concept 2 and Tradition 3 for March meeting.

Next meeting is March 5, 2013 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed 9:15 – Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted, Amy G. – District 5 Secretary