

Area 31/District 5 Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 2013

DCM Mary, Co-DCM Pauline, LCM Ralph and Secretary Amy present

1 new GSR's -

2 Visiting committees present: Brian - Area Delegate , Eddie - Intergroup.

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

Pauline read the GSR responsibility.

Discussion had about Chapter 5 and Tradition 8 led by Steve.

Please announce and remember that area 31 has a website: area31aa.org for all you area, FYI, and meeting information, online, including district meeting minutes.

Group Sharing:

South Hadley Group – Jim – Gabriel O. Alternate – South Hadley Falls - Friday Night 6:00 – 7:00 beginner's discussion meeting and 7:30 – 8:30 Open Speaker meeting. Contributes financially, most service positions filled. Has incoming/outgoing commitments once monthly and an institution commitment at Providence Detox on Sundays. No current concerns or changes.

Green St., – Dale – 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. Does contribute to the pie. The group is involved with institutions and most service positions are filled. Celebrating 33 years on Aug. 15. Group is discussing format changes for both meetings.

Belchertown Saturday Night – Jarel - **Steve** -alternate- 18 Park St. Parish House. Beginner's Meeting 7:00 – 7:45PM, 8:00-9:00PM speaker meeting. Contributes to the pie chart. Does incoming/outgoing commitments and 2 institution commitments. One to Phoenix House and one to Providence Hospital.

Cold Spring Group - Patrick - 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.

Keep it Simple - Linda S. - New alternate Gary coming next month. Gives contributions to pie chart. Has intergroup rep. 10-20 attending, raffle every Friday and coins. Years of sobriety celebrated on the last Friday of the month. Business meeting before the meeting. Working to fill service positions.

Chicopee Group - **Robert W.** - 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 do commitment at Carlson detox. Group would like more information on website. There is not many service commitments filled. Poor attendance in the evening...need more active members.

East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group - **Juan F.**-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 and also a commitment at Providence Hospital on the fifth floor. Their incoming/outgoing commitments are not consistent. The meeting has a great focus on newcomers offering greeters, sponsors, and beginners packets available. Does contribute to the pie chart.

South Hadley Tuesday Night 12 & 12 - **Jim** - 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. Is moving back to to their former location at the methodist church.

Thank you Thursday – **Randy** Thursdays 7-8 pm Chicopee, MA. Holy Name 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. 30-40 attend meeting and donations are good. Some service positions filled.

Chicopee 1, 2, 3 Beginner's Step - Corey M. GSR, **Tony present as alternate.** Tony has to step down but Corey S. will be the new alternate. Grace Union Church, Chicopee, Wednesdays 7:30pm Contributes financially. Has Intergroup, Institution, PI and GSR positions filled. Only does outgoing commitments. Has no institution commitment at the moment. 50-60 attendants showing each week. Has about 20 active members. The group is discussing starting a institution commitment.

Randall Group - **Brian GSR** John S. - alternate - Thursdays 7-8 discussion, 8-9:00 speaker, Sundays 1-1:45 beginners and 2-3:00 speaker meeting. Every last Thursday of the month business meeting before meeting. Contributing to the pie chart. 2 institution commitments. Group gives cakes for anniversaries and there are many long term sobriety members.

The Morning Light - **Jerry K.** 7-8am M-Sat. , Chicopee. GSR and PI service commitments filled.

Not Present in August –

Here and Now –Chris B. - E. Longmeadow – Wednesday 8:30 pm. 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. Grateful to be the new GSR for his group.

Free for Today – Tom A. 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. Other than Tom, there is no service participation.

Friday Night Wilbraham - Chris M. - 6:30-7:30 beg. meeting, 7:30 - 8:30 main meeting.

Sunrise Group – Patty - Palmer Historical BLDG. 2072 Main St. Three Rivers Sun - Sat. 7am-8am Formally met at St. Mary's in Thorndike.

Each Day a New Beginning- Angie - Grace Union Church Wilbraham, Wednesdays 6:30pm- 8ish. Women's meeting

Hitchcock Academy Friday Night - Jim R. Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, Friday's 7:30-8:30pm. Meeting is attended well but having a hard time with business meetings and filling positions. Nobody seems to want to take a commitment for services. Jim has been GSR for many years. Needs more participation in service but puts on great commitments.

M&M- Sandra M. GSR -Valerie - Alt., St. Michaels Church E. Longmeadow, 10:30-11:30 am Mondays. business meeting held the last Monday of the month. They have a Carlson Detox commitment the first Saturday of every month. They also give out free tickets to all for 1 free book of choice.

Welcome Home –Scott - 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.

Groups in need of GSR's

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. Group is in need of GSR rep.

Tri-Area Group - Brimfield Monday Night - 7:30-8:30 pm. Speaker/Discussion GSR rep resigned from group... group is looking for replacement.

Visiting Committee Reports:

Brian - Delegate Area 31 - Spoke about Mass State Convention.

Open position - Non Trustee Director for Grapevine... 7 yrs sobriety required. Background in publication. Doesn't need other service experience. Not paying - 4 One year terms. email Brian if you would like to apply.

Concept meeting every first Thursday at 7:00 - 474 Pleasant St. 1st floor

Eddie - Intergroup Treasurer –

Monthly meeting 2nd Thursday of the month 474 Pleasant St.

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. Very important that you keep your commitment. Call intergroup office to be added.

Website has updated meeting lists - real time. If anyone knows of any meetings no longer meeting that are still in When and Where please let intergroup know.

Intergroup will come to your meeting to put on a service committments like the area does: call Karl - 413-433-6968.

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

August 18th Free entry family picnic at the Moose Lodge in Chicopee. 11 am - 6 pm. 244 Fuller Rd. in Chicopee. Food is sold by club and Drinks are sold to off set price of picnic. bands, toys for children. Young Peoples Committee is putting on a Softball Tournament. They are looking for 2 more teams to play.

Mary

gave report from Area meeting - submitted written report.

*Spring Assembly is October 12 & 13. GSR responsibility to attend.

*Bus trip to GSO Sept. 6.

*Mass State Convention 11/9-11/11 – Framingham Sheraton.

District 5 is having elections at October meeting.

Area Chair is considering a panel of past trustees at assembly and it was suggested that District members have a chance to meet to share ideas.

Discussion about 3rd legacy voting and other areas.

No new business.

Next Area meeting - Aug. 14th at 7:30 - 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke (upstairs from intergroup office.)

LCM - Ralph, nothing to report.

Old Business:

Fall assembly will most likely be an inventory but asked for ideas from groups for a topic. Elections will take place on Sunday for the Area Officers for 2014/2015.

Positions to be filled at District Meeting will be Co-DCM, LCM, and Secretary

Volunteer for next month's discussion - Juan Chapter 6 and Tradition

Next meeting will be Sept.2, 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed 9:10 – Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted, Amy G. – District 5 Secretary -

If any corrections or additions need to be made please email me.