

Area 31/District 5 March Minutes

Bob was unable to attend

Angie opened meeting at 7:30 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Rich read the role of the GSR from the Service Manual.

Secretary's report was accepted from Jan. Feb meeting was canceled due to weather.

There were 19 in attendance

New GSR's and Alt GSR's introduced themselves.

Chris K., GSR, Live, Love and Laugh Group

Chris, GSR, Tuesday 12 & 12 Group

Walter M., Alt GSR, Tuesday 12 & 12 Group

Elizabeth C., GSR, Wonderful Normal Day Group

Had a very short discussion on Chapter 1 and Tradition 2.

Group Sharing

- **Brimfield Hitchcock Academy Group** GSR Janet M. / Alt Lisa F.

Unfortunately had their Institutions Rep leave on bad terms because of controversy over dog. They have a 75th anniversary BB for loan. Attendance is up.

- **Chicopee Beginners Step Group** GSR Rich J. / Alt Craig C.

Dropped Carlson Commitment due to lack of participation. Had to elect new Chairperson.

- **Chicopee Group** GSR John S. / Alt Eddie B.

No issues or concerns

- **Cold Springs Group** GSR Billie B.

Billie is acting GSR until someone steps up.

- **Do or Die Group** GSR Keith K. / Alt Chris N.

Group anniversary is 4/29/2015. They have 13 active Group members. 60 to 80 people attend their regular meeting. They participate in phone coverage.

- **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** GSR Karen R. / Alt Mark R.
No sharing form
- **Green Street Group** GSR Beth W.
Their Group has been discussing Singleness of Purpose.
- **Here and Now Group** GSR Chris B.
No issues or concerns
- **Live, Love and Laugh Group** GSR Chris K.
Group is on rebound. They now have 30 to 35 in attendance with 12 to 15 active members. Group is financially solvent.
- **Morning Light Group** GSR Jerry K. / Alt Chris F.
No issues or concerns
- **Thank You Thursday Group** GSR Randy S.
No issues or concerns
- **Tuesday 12 & 12 Group** GSR Chris / Alt Walter J.
No issues or concerns
- **Wilbraham Monday Night Group** GSR Jake F.
No issues or concerns
- **Wonderful Normal Day Group** GSR Elizabeth C.
Having 35th Anniversary on 3/22/2015. 6:30-7:30 Food, fellowship and raffle. 7:30-8:30 2 speaker meeting.

LCM Report:

- No report

Mark, Area 31 Alt Delegate:

- Talked about NERAASA 2015 and all the roundtable sessions that there were. There were several Committees for discussion of agenda items.
- These items will also be discussed at our upcoming mini Conference on March 28th so the voice of our area will be heard when our Delegate, Anne, brings them to the General Service Conference.

- Talked about the Round Up that will be held on June 6th and 7th. The main reason for the Round Up is to hear our Delegate's report back from the General Service Conference.
- Mark brought and handed out packets with background info for the Committees to discuss at the mini Conference.
- NERAASA 2016 will be held right here in Springfield MA Feb 19th – 21st 2016. The NERAASA 2016 Planning Committee will meet next, March 26th @ 7:00pm at the Marriot in Springfield. If you would like to help out just attend that meeting.

Eddie, Intergroup Chair:

- Thanks to all Groups for their donations. It takes about \$3200.00 a month to keep our Intergroup running.
- Excess funds and gifts from the kids Christmas party will be carried over for next year.
- Bookie meeting is held @ 7pm, just before the intergroup meeting.
- Thanked groups for providing phone coverage. If an individual would like to be on a backup list, call Intergroup.
- There is no use of credit or debit at Intergroup office but you can purchase online and pickup at office.
- Eddie has been at every district meeting for the past 6 or 7 years. He will now be attending quarterly instead of monthly.
- Intergroup, like the Area, is available to do a commitment at your home group to share how Service has enhanced their sobriety.
- Kevin is still waiting on a heart. Please keep him and Cathy in your prayers.

Janet volunteered to lead the discussion next month on Chapter7-The annual Conference Meeting.

Randy volunteered to lead the discussion on Tradition 4.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Rich asked that if the District meeting is questionable for any reason to please check the area website at www.area31aa.org for info or you can call him at XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Meeting closed at 8:35 with "I am Responsible"

Yours in Service

Rich J.