

Area 31/District 5 October Minutes

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

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

There were 17 in attendance.

New GSR's and Alt GSR's

Ann M. GSR, Ludlow Group

There was no Secretary's report.

Gae lead the discussion on Concept 10 and Chris on Tradition 10.

Group Sharing

- **Belchertown Saturday Night Group** GSR Gae I. / Alt Ryan
Group has no issues or concerns.
- **Brimfield Hitchcock Academy Group** GSR Janet M. / Alt Lisa F.
Group has lost its Intergroup rep.
- **Chicopee Beginners Step Group** GSR Rich J.
Group members have stepped up and filled most service positions.
- **Chicopee Group** GSR Eddie B.
Group is having an Inventory done on Oct 31st@ 2pm.
- **Cold Springs Group** GSR Scott M.
There has been a recent concern about newcomer turnout and donations. Also keeping the topic to alcohol. Looking into a group conscious.
- **Do or Die Group** GSR Keith K.
Group looking into having the Area Committee come and do a Service commitment.
- **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** GSR Karen R. / Alt Mark R.

Group has a concern about safety at their meeting. They have found paraphernalia in the bathroom and parking lot. There is also some concern about inappropriate behavior during the meeting.

- **Green Street Group** Seth W. Filling in for GSR Beth Y.

Group is stable, up to date and will be holding their elections at the end of Oct

- **Here and Now Group** GSR Chris B.

No issues or concerns.

- **Ludlow Group** GSR Ann M.

Group will be having their meeting on Thanksgiving.

- **Morning Light Group** GSR Jerry K.

Group will be celebrating its 4th Anniversary on Sat Oct 31st @ 6:30am. They will hold their Group elections in Nov.

- **Randall Group** GSR Bob I.

Group has no issues or concerns.

Area Report:

- Bob talked about NERAASA 2016 and the State Convention.
- CPC is looking for contacts
- New handbook is coming soon, hopefully by the fall assembly.

LCM Report:

- No report

Area Chair:

- Paul talked about the fall assembly. It will be held the weekend of Oct 17th. There will be an Area Inventory on the 17th facilitated by our Northeast Regional Trustee, Rich. We will prioritize what, as an Area, we should be looking at over the next year.

Elections for Delegate, Alt Delegate, Area Chair, treasurer and Secretary will be held on the 18th. Paul encouraged all GSRs to attend, every GSR has a vote.

- NERAASA 2016 Planning Committee meets on the last Thursday of every month at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield at 7pm.
- Check out the calendar on the area site www.area31aa.org for info about activities.

Intergroup:

- Eddie thanked all Groups for their donations. It takes about \$3200.00 a month to keep our Intergroup running.
- Intergroup Elections will be held in Nov.
- 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.
- Donations are being accepted for the annual Christmas Alkathon.
- Intergroup, like the Area, is available to do a commitment at your home group to share how Service has enhanced their sobriety.
- Kevin is doing well and back to work full time. Welcome back Kevin!
- A special thanks to Joy for helping to keep Intergroup running smoothly during Kevin's absence. Great job Joy!!!

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- District 5 will hold its elections at our Nov meeting.
- Angie apologized for missing last month's meeting and assured everyone that she is stepping up and ready to fulfill her position as our DCM!

Janet volunteered to lead the discussion on Concept 9 next month and Jerry volunteered to lead the discussion on Tradition 11

Meeting closed at 8:40 with "I am Responsible"

Yours in Service

Rich J.