

Area 31 District 5 January 2017 GSR Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2017

Jerry: DCM opened the meeting at 7:30 with a moment of silence, and serenity prayer.
Rene, read the role of GSR from AA Service Manual

New GSRs: Tony from Chicopee, Beginner Step Group
Kim from Ludlow, Eye Opener
Phil from E. Longmeadow, Do or Die
Bob from Longmeadow, Randall Group

There were 12 GSR reps present at the meeting.

Group Share:

*Phil: Do or Die, new GSR. Gives to the pie bi-monthly, has incoming and outgoing groups, most positions are filled.

*Mike S: Morning Light Group, Chicopee. Financial contributions monthly, most positions filled. No issues, group celebrated 5th anniversary in November.

*Neal: Here and Now, E. Longmeadow, GSR, Treasurer, Chairperson of the group are filled. Group draws about 50-60 people at each meeting, currently have a core of 8 or so people who show up for the business meeting. Group is struggling to pay the rent. Need \$50.00 per week and receiving about \$40.-\$45. He has asked Jack H to speak on traditions 1, 2, and 3 at the workshop.

*Kyler B: E. Longmeadow Sunday Night Group. Service positions GSR, Institutions, PI, and Secretary, Archives. Group commitments 2nd Monday Carlson Detox. 1 incoming group and 1 outgoing monthly. No issues at this time.

*Kim: South Hadley Group, Friday Nights 6:00-7:00 beginners then 7:30-8:30 speaker meeting. Give financial contributions to all entities, all positions except PI, CPC, and Accessibility. Elections are all completed.

*Anthony: Chicopee Beginner Step Group. Group doesn't donate to pie chart. Incoming group 3rd Wednesday, and Outgoing. Last Saturday of the month commitment to Phoenix House.

*Scott: Cold Spring Group, financial contribution often to the pie 40/20/20/20. Incoming/Outgoing monthly. No issues, getting new members, group is doing well.

*Jim: Brimfield Academy Group, financial contribution to the pie. Service positions filled, GSR, Intergroup/Bookie. Group is doing well, have good attendance weekly. Have about 15 active members.

*John: Chicopee Group, Tuesday 10:00am and 6:00 pm. Give to the pie, detox commitment 1st Thursday of the month.

Andy: Green Street, Monson. Financial contributions to the pie monthly, all positions are filled. Monthly incoming/outgoing meetings. No issues.

*Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday night. Financial contributions, to the pie, and in the winter give an extra \$100 to the church for oil. No issues.

Kim: Eye Opener, Ludlow Friday Night. Financial contributions gives to the pie, commitment to Howard St, and Carlson Detox monthly. Group is doing great lots of members, great sobriety.

Visitor: Sue the area chair.

She wanted to thank everyone for being there, and that we as GSR's are the most important position in service. She is pleased to hear the groups are financially giving to the pie. She suggested that it is better to give monthly, then every 6 months. This is better for tracking funds, there is a system where the group can set up an automatic payment.

All are welcome to the Traditions meeting on January 18th at 474 Pleasant Street Holyoke.

If any group is looking for a service meeting contacts Sue at areachair@area21aa.org. If you are going to have a service commitment, it is suggested that you have it on the same night as your business meeting.

Group Inventory: Very important to the group, it's equal to doing step 4 & 10, "Fact Finding Information." They usually run about 2-4 hours, put on by a past delegate, do not have at a business meeting. Make time for a special meeting just for the Group Inventory.

New service Manuals are coming out for new GSR's.

NERAASA is coming up February 24th (see www.area31aa.org)

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center

1657 Worcester Road

Framingham, MA 01701

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 - 12:00pm to Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 12:00pm

It is strongly suggested that all GSRs attend:

NERAASA

Spring & Fall Assembly

GSR workshops

It was also mentioned that your home group can pay for the GSR to attend NERRESA, Bring it up with your home group.

Trustee at Large

East Mountain Country Club

1458 East Mountain Road
Westfield, MA 01085

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017 - 6:00pm

If someone is having difficulty paying they can go at 8:00pm for the speaker, or Jerry said to see him.

GSR WORKSHOP (see attached flyer)

Kim, Scott, and Bill are working on the speakers

Topics:

1. Where AA Service Begins: The AA Home Group & Business Meeting.
2. The 12 Traditions: At the heart of every tradition is a meaningful experience.

There will be numerous AA service materials available from the General Service Office for all who attend.

Of course there will also be Pizza, Snacks and Refreshments!

INACTIVE GROUPS

Rene made a board of all inactive groups in the area. (see attached)

The goal of this is for GSR's to attend these meetings, bring some GSR pamphlets, Circle of Love and Service, and talk with the group members about the importance of having a GSR rep. Scott shared if you don't want to go alone, email him and he will go with you. He was at the Wilbraham Sunday Night Group speaking and did talk about the importance of service.

READING FOR FEBRUARY: Tradition 2 Kim, Concept Rene, from Chapter One of Service Manual.

ROUND-UP

June 9, 10, 11th, looking for donations, coffee, supplies, money

MASS STATE CONVENTION is starting their planning. Meeting Jan 31st

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How does your group promote spirituality healing within your group?

Closed the meeting at 8:45

Jerry's email: district5@area31aa.org