

## DISTRICT 5 AREA 31 GSR MEETING

November 6, 2017

Rene opened the meeting at 7:30 with a moment of silence, and serenity prayer.

12 GSRs present, 1 visitor Mark the area Delegate.

### New GSR's

Nick: Chicopee Beginners Step Group

Andy read "The role of a GSR" from the service manual page S26

Ann Marie: read the secretary's report

Scott: LCM reported that he is going to the Wilbraham Friday Night group on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Scott will be rolling out of this position. Bill from Brimfield Tri-Area Group is stepping into LCM position.

### Scott read Tradition 11:

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

What he found that in the early 1940's Bill and Bob were trying to help everyone, the more they tried to help they were losing more people. This tradition is about attraction, not promotion. We need to live our daily lives as a recovering alcoholic. In public we don't want to go around self praising ourselves that we are sober. We also find that famous people who are in AA practice this tradition, because the public may look up to them and for some reason they relapse, certain people may think that AA doesn't work. AA also does not get involved with any controversial actions and does not give any opinion.

### Mark read Concept 9:

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA, must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."

What he found is that, we in AA have leaders but we elect our own leaders. We as GSR's elect leaders. This came about when Bill & Bob were getting out of leadership roles, GSR's were to elect the delegates and Trustees. If we see people not adhering to the principles and concepts we need to vote them out.

### Group Share

Andy: Green Street, Monson. Group is doing well no issues.

Anna: Woman's BYOBB, East Longmeadow, group is doing well no issues. There was no meeting last Monday due to power being out in East Longmeadow.

Jim R: Brimfield Academy, Friday night. Group just had a service commitment on October 27<sup>th</sup>, it is a very informative meeting.

Bill H: Brimfield Tri-Area Group, Group is doing well no issues.

Jennifer F: Cold Spring, Belchertown Thursday Night. Group just ordered a 2 year subscription to La Vina, Group is doing well, no issues.

Nick M: Chicopee Beginner Step Group, Wednesday Night

Mark: Day Breaker, Three Rivers meetings 7 days a week at 7:00-8:00 am. No issues

Neal N: Here and Now, East Longmeadow Wednesday Night 8:30 pm  
Latest meeting in the valley, attendance is low. Group members are pulling together to pay the rent, members have been putting in \$5.00-\$10.00 in the basket. Group is now able to have \$200.00 in prudent reserve, and hopefully be able to start giving to the pie.

Russ: Belchertown Saturday Night, Group has no issues.

Alyssa: Friday Night Belchertown Group. The lodge where the meeting is held wants more rent, have been working with them on this. Money is getting a little bit tight.

Mark B: Wilbraham Friday Night, Very active group with approximately 35 members.  
Group discussed doing a group inventory at their last business meeting, decided to do something in January.

Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday Night 7:30. Group has no issues.

Phil: Do or Die group East Longmeadow. Was unable to attend, but did email me that he was happy to announce his group was able to split \$400 to contribute to the pie.

Rene: Co-DCM, A big shout out to Rene for all she does.  
The tradition meeting that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 474 Pleasant St. is changing from reading the traditions to reading from the Service Manual.

Visitor: Mark, Area Delegate

Shared on Mark's reading about concept 9. In order to have a business you need leaders. We need GSR to elect the leaders. That is why it is good that a GSR has 2 years of sobriety. The voting process is that you must have 2/3 of the votes to be elected. If there is a tie, the vote gets drawn from the hat.

AA should be self supporting, 80% of revenue comes from groups, and the other 20% comes from the sale of books. With technology and everything online we are to figure out how to make up the money lost from the sale of books. He suggested is we would like to make a donation to the GSO office we can set up an account to have it taken out monthly. This is being advised to groups and individuals who make donations.

Record number of people at the Fall Assembly. Elections were completed, results are,

Mike S. Delegate

Mike B. Area Chair

Paul H. Alternate Delegate

Carl New Treasurer

Steve M. New Secretary

NARAASA 2018, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly

February 23-25 2018

Cromwell CT. (see flyer attached)

Great opportunity, 18 areas go to share their experience, strength, and hope, with other areas.

54<sup>th</sup> Mass State Convention, coming up this weekend November 10-12.

Keynote speaker from California.

The more we grow the more attractive we are.

Steps – ask question

Traditions – answers questions

Concepts – Our constitution

He also suggested that if you don't have a service sponsor, it is highly recommended you get one.

#### Old Business:

November 18<sup>th</sup> District 5 workshop at 474 Pleasant Street 1:00-4:00

It's going to be a pot luck, passed around the sheet of food items people will be bringing.

Speaker will talk about slogans and safety.

#### New Business:

Readings: Tradition 12 Ann Marie

The District & DCM Rene

Meeting closed at 8:35

**Jerry's email:    phone number:**

**Scott's email:    phone number:**