

DISTRICT 5 AREA 31 GSR MEETING

February 5, 2018

11 GSR present, 3 Alternate GSR

3 visitor Mike Area 31 Delegate, Paul, Alternate Delegate, and Andrew, Chairperson for Intergroup

Thank You Everyone for being there we had a great turn out.

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

Andy, read the role of a GSR

Secretary was read and accepted.

Bill, LCM : (Local Committee Member) Bill read the role of a LCM

* If a large district chooses to divide itself into smaller areas (sometimes called sub-districts or local districts), an LCM is elected to serve that local district. The LCM may be a past GSR, outgoing GSR, or even a past or outgoing DCM. Each district is autonomous when deciding the number of LCMs they will utilize, how long the LCM will serve, and may follow the same guidelines as suggested for election to a DCM position.

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What our LCMs do:

- Assist DCMs in the effort to visit all meetings/groups in their districts in hopes to inspire greater involvement, cooperation and unity.
- Attend monthly district meetings and is encouraged to attend the Area Committee meetings.
- Attend Spring and Fall assemblies and the Round-Up.
- Be a voting member at their district meetings.
- Possibly stand in as alternate DCM
- Gain experience for a future service position.

Bill has been out to 5 meetings explaining to groups the role of a GSR, and trying to encourage member the importance.

Paul (Alternate Area 31 Deleage), attended and put on a Power Point Presentation about the role of a GSR. Very informative for new GSR's.

Readings:

Stacy, Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Jennifer, Concept 1: The final Responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world serves should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Reading for March: Tradition 3 Laura, and Chapter 8 Conference Committees, Kate

Visitors:

Andrew: Chairperson from Intergroup

Advises when sending in donations it's extremely important to put both group name and number on the checks.

Discussed phone coverage, how important it is. Last month they received 17 calls, and place 6 outgoing calls. If your group is interested please call intergroup 532-2111

Area 31 has the best web page, with 45,552 hits in December.

Intergroup pamphlets are also on the website.

Bad weather: If the weather is bad and the intergroup office is closed it will be on new with cancellations. It will state "Western Mass Intergroup" will be closed.

Intergroup is low on funds.

New "When and Where" will be coming out mid February. There will also be some in large print.

Mike: Area 31 Delegate

Discussed: The Mini-Conference will be held on Saturday, April 14th - 9am-3pm.

The Area 31 Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15th - 1pm-5pm.

DCM's (District Committee Members), GSR's (General Service Representatives), Area Committee members, and all interested AA members should attend.

Location:

Holy Family Parish Center
(the District 4 meeting hall)
29 Sugarloaf Street
South Deerfield, MA

NERAASA 2018 February 23-25, 2018 Cromwell CT. 18 areas will be participating.

Group Share:

Alyssa: Friday Night Belchertown Group, Masonic Lodge Belchertown.

New intergroup rep added our group to the phone list.

Group has been more involved in the past few months, looking good.

Stacey: Singleness of Purpose, St Rose de Lima Church, Chicopee

Group Anniversary February 20th celebrating 23 years.

Group is also have hosting a service commitment.

Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday Night 7:30

No issues. Kitchen of the church is still being worked on.

Juan: East Longeadow Sunday Night Group: St Michaels

No issues

Jennifer: Cold Springs, 7:30 Thursday Night Belchertown

Continue to struggle financially.

Russ: Green Street, Thursday Night , Monson
No issues, at this time.

Russ: Belchertown Saturday Night

Nick: Chicopee Beginner Step Group

Group has been talking about the Safety card. Group feels it too long to read at the beginning of the meeting. They are discuss options.

Phil: Do or Die, Wednesday Night, E. Longmeadow

No issues at this time.

Mark: Wilbraham Friday Night

Good Beginners Meeting attendance, approx. 50 people.

Group is have a group conscience this month.

John: Chicopee Group Tuesday 10:00am and 6:00 pm

No issues at this time.

Meeting ended at 9:10

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Rene's email: district5@area31aa.org

New Business

We would like to put on another workshop this year, not sure of the date maybe October sometime. Topics of the Workshop??? Attached is a list of suggested topics, which we will discuss next month. Scott suggested about how important the Slogans are, also AA etiquette was suggested.

Round Up: Tickets are available Registration \$15, Saturday night Buffet \$25, and Saturday night Dance \$10.00. You can bring donations to next GSR meeting Andy will be collecting items, such as coffee, books, and raffle prizes.

Mass State Convention: Area 5 taking a lead role on a commitment.

Please see attachments: Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare
And Suggestions for 2018 Conference, (for workshop)