

DISTRICT 5 AREA 31 GSR MEETING

March 5, 2018

10 GSR present,
2 visitors, Paul, Alternate Delegate, and Andrew, Intergroup Chair

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.

Visitors Reports:

Andrew: Intergroup Chair

Last month intergroup received 19, 12 step calls.

They are in need of groups for back up phone coverage. Please pass it on to your groups.

Web site has had 47,871 hits in the past month, and YTD 97,123 hits.

Pamphlets have been added to the intergroup web site.

New Where and When are available at the Intergroup office.

Intergroup also can make flyer's for groups for their anniversary. They just need some notice.

Intergroup will be celebrating their 65th anniversary. More information coming on this, they are looking into different places to hold the anniversary. Looking into having it at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke. Mickey from Brimfield Tri-Area group suggested having it at a park that could accomodate with grills, and outdoor activities. Stanley Park in Westfield was mentioned, along with Look Park. Andrew is going to take this suggestions to Intergroup next meeting.

Paul: Alternate Delegate for area 31.

Area 31 Mini Conference & Spring Assembly (flyer attached)

He brough packages of agenda itmes for the Mini Conference for everyone to take one so that at the Mini Conferce/Spring Assembly we will be more informed and have input for our Delegate when he goes to GSO in New York. **As a GSR it's your responsibility to attend the Mini Conference, or have your alternate attend if you can't make it.**

Preparing for Mass State Convention: Meeting will be held on March 27th in Framingham. If anyone would like to carpool meet at 6:00 pm at AMF Bowling in Chicopee.

Rene is the chairperson for the Hospitality Room, if anyone wants to help please reach out to Rene.

He brought a new Where and When that they have been working on with the Accessibility Committee on that is now in large print.

Also talked about the 49th Area 31 Western Mass Round-UP. May 11 through Sunday May 13, 2018
At LaQuinta Inn & Suites 100 Congress Street, Springfield, MA (see flyer attached)

NERASSA 2019 is in the works, it's going to be in Hunt Valley Maryland. More information coming.

Readings: Kate read Concept 3

As a traditional means of creating and maintain a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, The AA General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is her suggested that we endow each of these elements of work service with a tradition "Right of Decision"

We as GSR have the right of responsibility, to our group.

Group Share

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.

Group Share:

Alyssa: Friday Night Belchertown Group, Masonic Lodge Belchertown.
Need better attendance, rent went up, donations are going down.

Ann Marie: Ludlow Group, Thursday Night 7:30
No issues. Kitchen of the church is still being worked on.

Jennifer: Cold Springs, 7:30 Thursday Night Belchertown
Continue to struggle financially

John: Chicopee Group Tuesday 10:00am and 6:00 pm
No issues at this time

Juan: East Longeadow Sunday Night Group: St Michaels
Been having a Group Conscious meeting for the last 3 months.

Kate: Alternate for Wilbraham, Friday Night
Had a lively Group Conscience Meeting, Concepts were reviewed.
Good attendance and both meeting Beginners, and Speaker. Financially doing well.

Mike: New GSR for Ware Young Peoples Group
Group is going through some reorganizing after a long time leader stepped down.

Mickey: Brimfield Monday Night Tri-Area Group Safety has been a big discussion with the group. Had a discussion with the pastor, basic concerns and procedures. Group is have it's 43rd Anniversary on April 16

Tom: Morning Light

Safety for woman has been a discussing topic. Many people in the group had different options on Safety matters. They do read the Safety Card at the beginning of the meeting.

Russ: Green St Thursday Night Monson

Still looking for a new GSR.

Safety: This became a discussion at the meeting. Several groups are having issues with Safety

Some groups are have group members leave together.

Another point was brought up about, if there is a safety issue, there is no proplem about calling the police, for anything illegal happen at the group that make you feel uncomfortable.

This is going to be a big topic this year with the Area Assembly and GSO.

If anyone is interested in getting boards for display at their Anniversary, feel free to reach out to Archives, Grapeving, Institutions, Website. They will be more than happy to supply boards.

Reading for next month:

Ann Marie Tradition 4

Rene Chapter 10

Tom Chapter 11

New Business: Start thing about topics for workshops. We would like to have 2 workshops this year. One in the spring and fall. Take it back to your group for suggestions.

Closed the meeting at 9:00, with I am responsible.

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