

At 7:30 pm Andy Our DCM opened the meeting with the customary moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

1. New Member: Art is the new Alternate for Wilbraham Thursday Night Men's Closed Discussion
2. Bill H. Read S26 "The GSR"
3. Secretary's Report read by Kate V.
4. LCM report: Kate V. no report
5. Reading and Sharing on this month's corresponding readings.

- **Tradition 2:** RJ from Singleness of Purpose group(chicopee) "**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.**" RJ's focus from the long form was that His group does this well..Welcoming newcomers with 4-5 Greeters at the door. Willie suggested making sure there are both female and male greeters at the door.
- **Concept 1** _____ "The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship."

6. Group Sharing

1. **Jack- Green Street Monson** (also serves as group Bookie for a few years.)

All is well, but there is a smaller group at Beginner's Meeting. 6:15 -7:15.0"?

2. **Micky- Brimfield Tri Area** Positions filled LCM, GSR, Intergroup Rep, Need to fill Bookiesince Vicki took over her as secretary)

Anniversary in April Collection in Pickle Jar to finance it. 20 people per week.

Group decided to discontinue their raffle, not worth the money.

3. **Mark - Friday Night Wilbraham** Financials good Good attendance at both Living Sober at 6:30- 7:15 and two speaker 7:30 - 8:30 Incoming and outgoing commitments. Carlson detox 3rd Thurs Also 2 institution commitments.

All service positions filled except Archives and CPC (we did find a possibility last meeting).

4. **Mark and new Alternate ART. Thursday night Men's Closed Discussion** Lots of new members. Working on filling the positions. GSR (Art took the alternate position after Intergroup was filled by new member so he rotated out) Question: if Mark goes to the Assembly as Wilbraham GSR, can Art vote as the ALternate GSR for Thursday..After discussion, it was strongly suggested that because Mark is already a GSR of Wilbraham Friday night, that Art should be the GSR for Thursday and Mark can be his alternate. They will bring the suggestion back to their group and discuss it.

5. **Jeff(alternate) - Hampden Group Tuesday night . Step meeting 630 - 715**

speaker meeting 730 - 830 All is good Incoming and outgoing commitments and Carlson Detox on 1st Monday (**Catrice also attended at 8:00**)

- 6 **Juan Sunday E. Longmeadow** Still looking for a Bookie..Asks if Intergroup Rep can Do the Bookie Job..(Made me wonder if we shouldn't have a workshop describing these jobs and the Spirit of Rotation.)still looking for Archives rep.

7. **Willie No Name Ludlow** Service positions fill Chair/Ass't/ Secretary GSR 30 members no Institution Incoming and Outgoing commitments all set. But wondering if we are Apathetic group?

8. **RJ Singleness of Purpose 24th Anniversary Feb 19 @ 6pm food and fellowship followed byTwo Speaker meeting 730 - 900.** Most proud of the Greeters and how welcoming the group is.

9. **Jennifer - Cold Spring Group Belchertown.** Doing better financially. Space has been renovated so come see us.

Visitor Report Mike Delegate

1. Northeast regional aa Service Assembly District is ordering two vans to get people there.

2. He has just received the 70 item agenda .
3. GSO has a new book coming out "Our Great Responsibility" This is the first book in 20 year published by the Gen Service Office
4. Mike Described the Concept meeting and encouraged all of us to attend and start to study the 12 Concepts so that we will be more in tune with the idea of the service structure, and why it is so important to push people into service. Once AA's have settled into their sobriety by going through the 12 steps, and they get involved in their group and understand how the 12 traditions keep our group united and autonomous at the same time. Then it is time for people to continue to grow in AA by taking a job in the service structure itself. Concept meeting is held on the first Thursday of the month 7:00 at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke. Good meeting to come to and get to know some people Who have been around the service structure past delegates, trustee etc. ALL present GSR's (and potential ones) are encouraged to attend these meetings and Begin in earnest the study of the concepts which in turn will help us be better GSR s but also keep AA safe.
5. Workshop this past weekend.. Takeaway : Lots of groups do not understand that Intergroup is not the General Services Office.. The Gen Service Rep IS the one who has the voice of their group at the General Service office.
6. Alternate Delegate in preparation for the MINI conference (which is Saturday of the Spring Assembly; we GSRs should all be there!!) Paul will give out some packets on questions to ask people to prepare to respond to certain items they find of interest.
7. Sunday of the Spring Assembly is the Business Meeting where we vote on the items discussed. We do not yet have a date for the Spring Assembly.
8. NERAASA feb.22-24 Mike describes this event as a THINK TANK of AA service. His favorite part is the Round Tables that happen at night:
People are broken up by positions: GSR, DCM, Delegates, Standing Committees.
Topics that come out of the Assemblies are discussed. He Strongly recommends ALL GSR's Go to understand what is being discussed and voted on and how it may impact your group.
9. NEW MEETING GUIDE for AA is up and running -- go to your play store choose the Ap that has a Folding Chair logo.
10. **50th Annual Western Mass Round Up Save the Date**
Friday, June 14th to Sunday , June 16th The Clarion Hotel W, Springfield.
\$109 per room

Bring the Round up Flyer to your Group

7. **Next Month's Readings: Tradition 3 Mark B will read and respond
Concept 2 Kate V.**
8. **Next meeting : March 4th at 730**

Motion to adjourn

8:45 Andy closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge