

## **District 5**

### **April Meeting Minutes**

April 1, 2019

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the District 5 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 2019 in Ludlow by Andy, DCM.

#### **Present**

18 GSR's were present.

#### **New Members or Visitors?**

Mike , the Delegate for Area 31 present. Melissa, new GSR for New Beginnings in Wilbraham on Wednesday and Rob, new GSR for Miracles in the Making in Chicopee.

#### **Reading of S26, the GSR**

Bill H, Co-DCM

#### **Secretary's Report from the Previous Month**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

#### **LCM Report**

Kate went to the Monday night Thorndike meeting, they can't send a GSR because they only have three members and can't afford to lose someone once a month. She did get the name of one person at the meeting. Brought in Melissa and spoke with Ginger from Monday night in Palmer.

#### **Reading and Sharing on Readings for the month**

##### **Reading 1**

Catrese: Tradition 4 – Didn't study the tradition, studied the concept 4 instead. Concept 4. Maintaining traditional right of participation, that each group must have representation so that all may participate in the conference. Voting members are not only the delegates, but also the board members and trustees may vote. GSR's have the right to vote at the assembly, but not at the area meeting. We are all equal as members of AA.

## **Reading 2**

Kate V: the annual conference meeting in New York that our area delegate attends. Our mini conference April 27<sup>th</sup> at Berkshire Community College 1350 West Street, Pittsfield Saturday 10 to 4 and Sunday 10 to 3 or whenever it ends. The Area delegate hears what we have to say and will bring that with them to the GS Conference at the end of May in New York. Assembly is where the GSR represents the group.

### **Group Sharing Forms**

#### **Jack from Green Street, Monson Thursdays**

Contributions to the pie on a monthly basis, although no donation in March. Most group officer positions are filled except for Secretary. GSR, Intergroup, Institutions and Bookie are filled, and there is a jail commitment as well as incoming and outgoing commitments. Last Thursday of the month is the anniversaries for the month.

#### **Sharon representing Eye Opener group Friday in Ludlow**

Step and Tradition group, contributes to the pie chart. There is a GSR, Intergroup Rep, they have incoming and outgoing commitments but no Institutions commitment. Other group officer positions are filled.

#### **Willie representing no name group Wednesday night Ludlow.**

Pie contributions, currently only a GSR. Incoming and Outgoing commitments on a monthly basis.

#### **Chris – Ludlow Group, Thursday Night.**

No information on financial contributions. Group positions are filled, have a bookie, GSR and intergroup rep. No other committees are represented.

#### **Jeff, Alternate for Tuesday Night Hampden group**

Deferring to Catrese for the report.

#### **Catrese, GSR for Tuesday Night Hampden Group.**

Group gives to the pie chart, do a monthly detox commitment at Carlson detox, also monthly incoming/outgoing commitments. Group officer positions are filled, also have a GSR and an Alternate. We are doing well.

**Rob – Miracles in the Making , Chicopee Street, Chicopee.**

The group is not self supporting at this time, and needs help. They do not contribute to the pie chart. Service positions currently filled are GSR, Bookie. Group positions are chair and treasurers. They have incoming and outgoing commitments and there is an individual who does an Institutions commitment.

**Juan, Sunday Night East Longmeadow group**

Pie contributions done every month. Most service positions are filled, although we do not currently have a bookie so we are not doing incoming or outgoing commitments. We do the Carlson detox commitment on the second Monday of the month.

**Kate V, Wilbraham Friday Night.**

Give to the pie most months, all service positions are filled except Grapevine, CPC and Archives. Incoming and outgoing commitments monthly, as well as a commitment to Carlson Detox and one to Providence Hospital. WE are losing some of our young people as they only come to the beginners meeting (reading Living Sober) and do coins but don't stick around for the speaker meeting, and often do not participate in the business meeting.

**Melissa, representing Wednesday Women's New Beginnings Group.**

New GSR, group has never had one before. Does not have information on any group contributions to the Pie, only have a chair person as a group officer. No incoming or outgoing commitments as it is a discussion group.

**Felicia, Do or Die group, East Longmeadow Wednesday night.**

April 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Quarterly contributions to the pie. Service positions are GSR, Intergroup, CPC, bookie, group shepherd. Monthly incoming and outgoing commitments, Phoenix House commitment third Thursday of the month. They are doing phone coverage in April, and are donating coffee for the round up. Group is doing well.

**Micky L, Brimfield Tri Area Group, Monday night**

Anniversary April 15<sup>th</sup> Give to the pie twice a year, down from quarterly last year. Service positions filled GSR, Intergroup, Secretary, Treasurer. No bookie, no outgoing or incoming commitments until June. Collections have been down. Prudent reserve of four months rent. Group will be reviewing the safety procedures again next month.

**Jennifer, Cold Spring Group, Belchertown Thursday night.**

Gave to the pie last month. We have two new group members, some service positions are filled but not all. GSR. Monthly incoming and outgoing commitment, and we participate in the LIP service program.

**Michael, Barnabas Step Group. Tuesday night in Longmeadow**

Give to the pie quarterly. Group positions are filled, also Intergroup and GSR. No incoming or outgoing commitments. No real issues, group attendance is steady, same 6 to 8 people at the business meeting every month.

**RJ, Singleness of Purpose, Tuesday, Chicopee**

Give to the pie quarterly, all but three of the service positions are filled. Incoming and outgoing commitments regularly, an institutions commitment is in progress at this time. Still no Grapevine or Archives reps.

**Laura, Back to Reality, Monday, Chicopee.**

No information on financial contributions, GSR and Alternate GSR are the only positions filled. No information on commitments. Anniversary at the end of May.

**John, Chicopee Group, Tuesdays**

Two meetings, 10 am and 6 PM. Give to the pie, incoming and outgoing commitments, and a commitment to Carlson Detox the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. No other information given.

**Art, Wilbraham Men's Group , Thursdays**

Give every quarter to the pie, between 100 to 200 dollars. GSR and Intergroup, other group positions. Only do commitments with other men's groups. Last Tuesday of the month do a commitment at Mill Street (old Howard Street)

**Vicky, Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield Friday night.**

Give to the pie quarterly, all group positions are filled, no Intergroup rep, do have a Bookie and a GSR. No committee reps. Monthly incoming and outgoing commitment, and monthly Honor court. Still seeing a lack of participation in regular attendees, membership is stagnating and the same people are doing all the service work for the group. No new members, no one wants to stick around for a business meeting on a Friday night.

## **Vicky, Courage to change Step group, Monson Sunday night.**

We don't give to the pie, we are talking about doing an annual donation. We have an Intergroup rep and a GSR, but it's a small group of about 4 solid core members so most of the rest of the jobs are just done by all of us. No commitments we are a step meeting, started doing the Tradition of the month on the last Sunday of the month.

## **Visitor's Reports**

Mike, Area Chair:

Reminder that there is a Service Manual meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, and a concept meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the Intergroup location at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke. If you would like a Group Inventory or a group Conscience, or a Service Commitment, please contact Mike at [areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:areachair@area31aa.org) or (413)531-7945.

The Area website carries the PI radio show streaming now. Usually has the last 5 shows available.

Spring Assembly is coming up April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> and it's very important that GSR's attend the meeting, as this is the meeting before the GSO conference in New York, and the Area Delegate will need our votes.

NERF North Eastern Regional Forum is being held May 31-June 2 in Tarrytown, NY. This is meant to enhance communication between GSO and the areas. Often referred to as the GSO Roadshow.

## **Old Business**

RJ, Mike and Chris need GSR packets.

## **New Business**

Big Book/Step meeting – needs suggestions to break the ice. Old timers do not want to circle the chairs even though this makes a friendlier atmosphere because it takes too much time.

Round up registration forms are available. \$15 to attend, \$25 for the banquet, \$10 for the dance. GSR's need to show up that Saturday to hear the delegates report from the conference.

Also, if you are doing an institutions commitment and someone there wants a Grapevine, they can write a letter to the Grapevine and get a free one year subscription.

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### **Next Month's readings and discussions**

Tradition Five – Kate V

Chapter 9 the GSO- Vicky W

### **Adjournment, Next month's Meeting Date:**

Meeting was adjourned by Andy D at 8:59 with the Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting date for May is May 6th.

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