

District 5 Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 2, 2019

Opened by **Andy D.** with a moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Secretary's report was read by Andy due to the absence of the Secretary.

**Kate V.** offered to take minutes. The Secretary's minutes were accepted as read.

**Bill H.** read: "What is the GSR?"

**Jennifer F.** (new LCM?) reported on going to the Chicopee Beginners meeting and not finding it at the address listed. She also went to the NO Name Group in Ludlow, where she was told that they didn't have a GSR. However, Willie L. has been reporting as their GSR for that group since Bill H. visited there last fall.

Jenn also reported that Friday Belchertown group is also Closed. There was some confusion on the list of meetings that she got from Andy. it seemed to be just the active groups?

1. Readings

Tradition 7 --Mark ABSENT

Chapter 6 of the service Manual - Sharon did a great job. The Delegate job is a very busy one with many responsibilities and a huge time commitment.

Group Sharing Forms

a. **Wilbraham Friday Night Group Kate V. alt. GSR**

Financial contributions are good /Pie Chart set, Positions: All but CPC and Grapevine are filled Incoming and Outgoing one each per month. Detox 3rd Thursday of the month. Also: 1

Wednesday per month we have a standing jail commitment.

b. **Brimfield Monday night:** All is calm. Mickey did not leave his sheet.

c. **South Hadley Friday night.** Gwen: Financial contribution to the pie when we have a prudent reserve. Positions all filled but Grapevine

Institutions, and CPC (?). Only 1 outgoing commitment due to the nature of their meeting? Otherwise no issues.

- d. **Randall Group: John S.**; Currently Financial Contributions are confusing due to two treasurers. Intergroup, Institutions and GSR are the positions FILLED . Commitments: Carlson Detox, Western Ma Wellness & Recovery They have 2 Incoming and 2 outgoing commitments usually. Ongoing issue: The Group Shepard Rudy contacts members before outgoing commitments and business meeting as a reminder. Aug. 29th business meeting had both treasurers in attendance. Main treasurer said he recently contributed \$50 To all 4 Entities of the Pie Chart. GSO, WM Intergroup and Area Committee, Institutions. He also said when he gets busy in his life, he forgets to make contributions for the group. A group member said if you cannot do the job you ought to step down, our contributing to the pie chart is important. Another group member asked how we would be moving forward regarding the contributions; Treasurer made a motion that we contribute to each entity on pie chart \$30 quarterly. Then said it would likely be more. Motion Passed. Sunday 9/1 we had 3 Nursing students attend our 2:15 (OSD) meeting.
- e. **Miracles in the Making: Rob G. Sat Chicopee:** ½ of their positions are filled. No Comment on contributions or outgoing/incoming commitments... Group anniversary (6th) meeting Sept. 28th 630 fellowship 7-8 meeting Pizza will be served afterwards.
- f. **Back to Reality: Laura P alt Eddie B.** regular Contributions 40/30/20/10 after paying rent Positions filled: Chair, Treasurer, GSR Intergroup no in or outgoing commitments. No issues Small group read from the big book and discuss reading.
- g. **Wilbraham Thursday Men's Group: Art P.** Financials: 2-3 months to the Pie Chart Service Positions filled GSR, Intergroup, PI Institutions West Mass Mill St. last Tuesday of the Month. No issues.
- h. **No Name Group: Willie L.** Financial no. Positions filled: GSR, Bookie. They have regular incoming and outgoing commitments. Group running Smoothly.
- i. **Hampden (Tuesday Night) Group: Catrese S.** Financials: give to the pie chart. Positions currently filled: Intergroup and GSR. They have

incoming and outgoing commitments 1 each per month. Institutions  
1st Monday of the Month at Carlson Detox  
Doing very good.

- j. **East Longmeadow Sunday night group Juan F.** (no Sheet left).  
Positions filled: Institution, GSR, missing shepherd and treasurer?  
Commitments: Carlson Detox and West Ma Wellness center.  
Anniversary Meeting Sept 15th 530 -63- Fellowship followed by 2  
Speaker meeting.
- k. **Eye Openers (Ludlow) Friday night** Financial: having trouble doing  
PIE Chart. Elections are next month Group shepherd might be a good  
idea. They just got two new members.
- l. **Belchertown sat. Night George** (no Sheet left) Financials: monthly or  
bi-monthly to pie chart. Positions filled: Only CPC /PI not filled Group  
Inventory is on Sept. 22nd We do not really have any issues. Church  
has decided they want to make up handicap accessible.
- m. **Cold Spring Group: Jennifer F.** Thursday night. Financials: just  
donated \$50. Positions currently filled: We need more filled  
Commitments: 1 in and 1 outgoing per month Institutions LIP service,  
1st Sat Detox @ Providence NO MEETING on Sept 19th due to the  
Belchertown Fair. Issue: to help the church fund the elevator they  
have left a clearly marked can by the coffee pot separate from the  
regular meeting collection.

**Visitors Reports:** Alternate Delegate Paul H.

a. Announced the Fall Assembly at Blessed Sacrament Westfield All GSR's  
should be there to represent our groups; The Elections for Area committee Chair,  
Asst Delegate, Delegate (Didn't write down the date) (Dates are October 12th and  
13th)

b. Commercial for the Mass State Convention held Friday 11/8- Sunday 11/9  
Come get involved in planning the next Mass State Convention.

Final Planning meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:30 pm

Location: Sheraton Framingham hotel

1657 Worcester Road Framingham, MA

c. Area Service Manual Meeting is on 3rd wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke, MA. Next meetings are Sept. 18th and Oct. 16.

d. Area Concept Meeting same location first Thursday of every month Sept 5th and Oct 3rd.

E. General Service Conference final report is completed. The more familiar we are with these things the better we will be at being a GSR.

### **OLD Business**

Area 31 Workshop September 21st at Brimfield Hitchcock Academy. We are all expected to attend and bring anyone we think is interested or ready for exposure to service. Workshop runs from 10- 1 We are expected to arrive early and stay to clean up. Andy and Bill have gotten their speakers; Jen and Catrese are working on theirs.

### **NEW Business**

Wed. 7PM Belchertown Young People's Group:

Andy went and did the paperwork 9 group members and about 30 people

Institutions Committee \*\* Announcement\*\* If your group will be taking an institutions commitment ---they all need to be tolled in through the Institutions committee. The new liaison is Andy.

### **Next Month's Reading**

Tradition 10: Kate V.

Concept 10: Catrese

Next month meeting **October 7 at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate V.