

District 5 GSR ZOOM meeting  
December 2020 minutes  
12/7/2020

**Opening**

The regular zoom meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:30 by Bill our DCM.

**Groups present**

7 GSR's were present:

Kate from *Wilbraham*

John from *Randall*

Cindy from *Cold Springs*

Tom from *Miracles in the Making*

Jen from *Sunday 123 Women's Meeting*

Ali from *Chapter 2*

Savanna (Alt) from *Do or Die*

**visitors**

Mike B, our Alternate Area Delegate

Lara from *Wilbraham*

**Reading of S26, The GSR**

Cindy read the description of the GSR

**Secretary report from prior month**

Jim F read the notes from the November meeting

**LCM report**

There are no active LCM's at this time

**Reading and Sharing on readings for the month**

Tom read Tradition 12

*"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."*

Anonymity is more than keeping our names out of public view. It is really about humility at work, doing something for others without asking something back in return. Giving up personal desires for the betterment of AA

## Bill read Concept 12:

*The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.*

It is considered so important that it can be changed only by written consent of three-quarters vote of the directory-listed AA groups, and then only after six months has been allowed for deliberation. It involves the structure of AA and strongly warns about wealth and power problems

## Group Sharing

John from *Randall* reports that Randall is open on a live format. Sunday 1 PM and Thursday 7:30 are both live meetings. Very few active group members showing up. They just reopened after two weeks of church closure. Alerted us of need for a secretary for the area Institutions Committee for next year.

Kate from *Wilbraham* reports that they continue to zoom. Concern about lack of group member zoom participation. Still getting good attendance overall

Cindy from *Cold Spring* reports they are zooming still. Low group member attendance

Tom from *Morning Light* reports they have a live meeting on Saturday which is also zoomed. Other 6 days are on zoom. Low attendance lately.

Ali from *Chapter 2* says zoom meeting going well. Not making contributions to pie chart yet.

Savanna from *Do or Die* in East Longmeadow says they have a zoom meeting and a separate live meeting at a community room in Springfield with less than 25 allowed at this point. Collection is made at live meeting

Jen from *Sunday 123 Women's Meeting* averages 6 to 7 people thru zoom and is not collecting money while on zoom. They are getting a lot of newcomers.

### **Visitors Reports**

Mike B the alternate delegate joined us. He spoke of general zoom fatigue. He went to a US/Canada zoom forum last week. He has a Powerpoint presentation about the role of the GSR which will probably be presented at a workshop due to the 30 minute length. Area is in good shape financially but Intergroup could use donations due to ongoing fixed expenses. He is looking into getting a second zoom account for the area due to area meetings which happen on the same days and times.

### **Old Business**

Cindy organized Bill's list of area zoom meetings with no GSR representation

### **New Business**

Elections were held. Cindy is new DCM/Tom H is new Co DCM/Ali is new Secretary/Bill H is new LCM

Zoom groups with no representation at GSR meeting were handed out for contact during the next month.

### **Next month's readings and discussion**

Jen will read Tradition 1 and Tom will read Concept 1

Next month's meeting will be Monday Jan 4@ 7:30PM

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM**

### **Contact information**

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