

District 5 GSR ZOOM Meeting  
February 2020 Minutes  
3/1/2021

**Opening**

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

**Groups Present**

8 GSR's were present:

John from *Wilbraham Men's Group*

Jennifer from *South Hadley and Cold Springs*

Alli from *Ludlow*

Kate from *Wilbraham*

John from *Randall*

Savana from *Do or Die*

Courtney from *Morning Light*

Jessica from *Miracles in the Making*

**Visitors**

Charlie (Western Mass Intergroup)

Mike B. (Alternate Area 31 Delegate)

**Reading of S26, The GSR**

Kate read the description of the GSR

**Secretary report from prior month**

Alli read the notes from the February meeting

**LCM report**

There are no active LCM's at this time

## Reading and Sharing on readings for the month

Alli read Tradition 3

Kate read Concept 2

## Group Sharing

John K from *Wilbraham Men's Group* reports that they've lost a lot of group members since the start of Zoom. There is a good turnout at meetings. If groups would like information on getting a commitment at Mill Street, they should attend the Institutions meeting.

John from *Randall* reports that they continue to meet in person and are doing well. They have gained some new members.

Kate from *Wilbraham* reports that they continue to zoom and are doing well. They collect through Venmo and PayPal.

Alli from *Ludlow* reports that they continue to zoom and are doing well. Still looking for a new church to meet at.

Jennifer from *South Hadley Sunday Women's* and *Cold Springs Group* reports that they continue to zoom and encourage donations to the area.

Courtney from *Morning Light* reports that they are meeting on Saturdays in person at the Church of Christ of Greater Springfield on Montgomery Street in Chicopee. They are allowed to have 19 people downstairs and 40 people upstairs. The meeting is hybrid, and they continue to meet on Zoom the rest of the week. She raised the issue of how to deal with diversity issues in the group setting and how to discuss controversial issues. The conversation was continued in new business.

Savana from *Do or Die* reports that they continue their hybrid meeting. They have told the webmaster that they are open to alcoholics other than group members

now. They meet on Plainfield Street and there are 34 seats. They do not have to pay rent and are contributing to the pie.

Jessica from *Miracles in the Making* reports they are going down to 25 seats at the church. They are currently discussing whether or not to keep the meeting going.

Tom gives a report to *Back to Reality* but is not their official GSR. He reports there are 10-12 people meeting on Zoom. Their only positions are a chairperson and a treasurer. Believes they had their first in person/hybrid meeting tonight.

### **Visitors Reports**

Charlie gave an update on the intergroup office. If you would like to order materials, call Joy ahead of time as the office remains closed. If members would like to be on the phone list, they can call Joy to get on it. The intergroup newsletter is available on the Western Mass Intergroup website. The area does need more intergroup reps and he suggested we send members from our groups.

Mike B. reports that the Concepts meeting is the first Thursday of every month and the Service Manual meeting is the third Wednesday of every month. The information for those Zoom meetings can be found on the Western Mass Intergroup website. If you have any questions for Mike, his number is (413) 531-7945. Mike also gave an update on the mini conference.

### **Old Business**

There are still members who haven't received a packet. However, it can be obtained electronically. Cindy is going to look into this and provide more information. Kate visited the Monday Night Step meeting and they expressed interest in sending a GSR. They might send someone next month.

### **New Business**

Cindy shared information on the topics for the mini conference. We discussed diversity and equality in the groups. We should encourage group members to go

to Accessibility meetings where this will be discussed in further detail. Kate to cover as secretary next month while Alli is unavailable.

**Next month's readings and discussion**

Lara will read Chapter 7 of the Service Manual  
John will read Tradition 4

Next month's meeting will be Monday, April 5 @ 7:30PM

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

**Contact information**

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