

District 5 Meeting
March 2022 Minutes
3/7/2022

Opening

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:30pm by Tom, our DCM.

Groups Present

Tony from *Belchertown Saturday Night*

Leah and Amanda from *Do or Die*

John from *Randall Group*

John from *Thursday Night Wilbraham Men's*

Jen from *Cold Spring and Sunday Women's 123*

Louise from *Morning Light*

Lara and Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham*

Visitor

Mike B., Area 31 Delegate

Reading of S26, The GSR

Kate read the description of the GSR from the A.A. Service Manual.

LCM report

There are no active LCMs at this time.

Group Sharing

Tony from *Belchertown Saturday Night* reported they meet for Beginners at 7pm and Speaker Discussion at 8pm, at 18 Park St. Handicapped accessible. Strong attendance, membership growing. Contributing to pie. Service positions currently filled are Secretary, Treasurer, and GSR. MiraVista commitment the third Saturday of every month.

John from *Thursday Night Wilbraham Men's* reported they meet at 7pm at Grace Union Church. Increased attendance. Contributing to pie regularly. Ongoing monthly Mill St. commitment. Mask mandate has been lifted.

Leah from *Do or Die* reported they meet on Wednesday at 7pm at 335 Longmeadow St. in Longmeadow. Handicapped accessible. Hybrid with great attendance, room filled with people standing in the back. Contributing to pie. All service positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing commitments. Contributed \$100 to Round Up for coffee.

John from *Randall Group* reported they meet on Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 1pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Longmeadow. Handicapped accessible. Sunday meeting has ASL interpreter for hearing impaired and deaf A.A. members. Celebrated 67th group anniversary February 27, with double the normal Sunday attendance. Area committee attended as service commitment. Group members and non-group members helped with food. In person incoming/outgoing commitments booked for all of 2022 except for December.

Jen from *Cold Spring* reported they meet on Thursdays at 7:30 at 18 Park St. in Belchertown. Handicapped accessible. Good attendance 30-40 people. Contributing to pie every 2-3 months. Service positions filled are Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, GSR, Institutions, and Intergroup. Incoming/outgoing commitments.

Jen also reported for *Sunday 123 Women's*. Meet at 6pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in South Hadley. Handicapped accessible. Great attendance 18-20 people. Contributing to pie. Service positions filled are Chairperson and Treasurer.

Louise from *Morning Light* reported they meet daily at 7am at 284 Montgomery St. in Chicopee. Meeting is hybrid except Sunday, which is virtual only. Membership is growing, 25-30 people both online and in person. Room is filled, especially on Saturdays. A lot of new young people. Contributing to pie. Most service positions are filled. Commitment at MiraVista.

Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham* reported attendance continues to be good at both the Beginners meeting at 6:30 and Speaker meeting at 7:30. Meeting at Grace Union Church in Wilbraham. Virtual option available for group members only. All service positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing commitments. Contributing to pie. Mask mandate has been lifted.

Visitor Report

Mike B. reported the Area continues to host a hybrid Service Manual meeting the 3rd Wednesday and a hybrid Concepts meeting the 1st Thursday of every month at 30 Carew St., South Hadley. District 3 hosts Traditions meeting virtually the 2nd Sunday of every month. Next Mass State Convention Planning Committee meeting is hybrid on March 29 at Sturbridge Host Hotel. Meet to carpool at 7pm at the bowling alley at the end of Route 291. Round Up Committee looking for support, meets hybrid the 2nd Wednesday every month. Spring Assembly and Mini Conference 3/26 from 9:30am-4pm and 3/27 from 1pm-4pm at 300 Appleton St., Holyoke. Agenda items listed on Area 31 website. Area Committee is available for service commitments, to share on how service has changed their lives. All info available at area31aa.org.

Old Business

Continued discussion on changing District 5 meeting to hybrid format. Union Church of Christ is for sale. Tom spoke to Area Chair John G., who will ask the pastor at United Methodist Church if we can meet there because Area has the needed equipment to hold hybrid meeting. Will continue to meet at current location until further notice. Would we consider meeting on a different night or at a different time?

Continued discussion on how to encourage more GSRs to attend the district meeting. Tom was told that postcards have been tried but aren't effective. Tom suggested that we visit meetings in District 5 a couple of times, attend their business meetings, and announce that we are looking for GSRs to attend the monthly district meeting. Explain the GSR position and what we do at the district meeting.

New Business

Tom brought registration forms for the Round Up 5/20-5/22. Registration also available online. He suggested homegroups pay registration fee for GSRs. Kate read the DCM Roundtable report from NERAASA.

Carol read Chapter 8 of the Service Manual, *Conference Committees*.
John read Tradition 3.

Next month's readings and discussion

Jen will read Tradition 4.

Tony will read Chapter 10 from the Service Manual, *The General Service Office*.
Kate will read Chapter 11 from the Service Manual, *A.A. World Services, Inc.*

Next month's meeting will be Monday, April 4 @ 7:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

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