

District 5 Meeting
April 2022 Minutes
4/4/2022

Opening

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

Groups Present

Amanda from *Do or Die*

John and Rudy from *Randall Group*

Keith from *Thursday Night Wilbraham Men's*

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

Lara and Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham*

Visitor

John G., Area 31 Chairperson

Reading of S26, The GSR

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

Group Sharing

Keith from *Thursday Night Wilbraham Men's* reported they are well attended. Contributing to pie. Monthly Mill St. commitment. Main service positions filled.

Amanda from *Do or Die* reported they are H/A. Hybrid with great attendance. Contributing to pie. All service positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing commitments. GSR stepped down, Amanda will continue serving as Alt. GSR. Steps and Traditions banners are missing. Does Randall know where they are?

John from *Randall Group* reported they are H/A. Open format, chairperson's choice. Sunday meeting has ASL interpreter. Thursday night attendance is low. Intergroup posted a flyer on their website seeking support. April business meeting moved to Sunday after Easter. There will be a meeting on Easter. New treasurer, contributing to pie. John is the co-chair for the Grapevine Committee. He brought a display board, a flyer about the Grapevine meeting, and back issues of *Grapevine*. He said the Grapevine Committee has 2 display boards to display at group anniversaries. He asked that we announce at our groups to send members

to check out the Grapevine Committee meeting. John said he wasn't getting *Box 459* newsletter in the mail anymore. Kate said they have free digital subscriptions.

Jen from *Cold Spring* reported they are H/A. Contributing to pie. Service positions filled are Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, GSR, Institutions, and Intergroup. Incoming/outgoing commitments. A lot of new young people.

Jen also reported for *Sunday 123 Women's* they are H/A. Contributing to pie. Service positions filled are Chairperson and Treasurer.

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. Virtual option available for group members only. All service positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing commitments. Contributing to pie.

Tom is a member of *Back to Reality* and *Morning Light*. He reported there have been no changes in either group.

Visitor Report

John G. 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 5/31 at Sturbridge Host Hotel. Meet to carpool at 7pm at the bowling alley at the end of Route 291. Round Up Committee needs help. There's only one meeting left before the Round Up. Meet Saturday 4/16 at Clarion Hotel in West Springfield at 1pm for a short meeting and a walk through. Clarion has a water park available for an additional fee. Round Up is looking for Greeters. Tom got 3 Greeters and Carol said she is a Greeter. Tom said District 5 is scheduled for the Friday night Alcahion commitment at the Round Up from 9-9:50 pm, discussing Steps 4 and 5. Area is still looking for a new Webmaster. Bob has been doing it for 10 years now since it began. It is an unpaid position, requiring about 5-10 hours per week. An Ad hoc committee was formed to determine if it should be changed to a paid position. One person is willing to do it, but he already holds an Area position, so they are still looking. John asked that we announce it at our groups. Training is available. Reach out to John. Area Committee is available for service commitments, to share on how service has changed their lives. Area has a

commitment to *Cold Spring* this Thursday at 7:30pm. All info available at area31aa.org.

Tom gave a report from the March Area business meeting. Regular Area Committee meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. All are welcome, especially GSRs. There will be no April meeting because there was one at the Spring Assembly. Tom thanked everyone who attended the Spring Assembly. District 5 had the most attendees. There was pizza and workshops where 2 agenda items each were discussed. Tom brought a copy of the Area Treasurer's report, including a list of group contributions. He said there has been a change in the number of groups in Area 31. There is one online-only group in District 4, *Better Safe than Sorry*. Tom is going to ask Steve M., Alternate Delegate, to give a 15-minute slide presentation for GSRs at one of our District meetings.

Old Business

Continued discussion on changing District 5 meeting to hybrid format. Union Church of Christ is for sale. John G. said the pastor at United Methodist Church has to bring to the council whether we can meet there to use the Area's equipment to hold our meeting hybrid. The Area pays our rent at our current location. Tom will find out what we pay, and he is willing to increase it if needed so we can meet at the new location. John can train someone to host Zoom. Keith and Jen both said they know how to do it. We will continue to meet at our current location until further notice.

Jen read Tradition 4.

Kate read Chapter 11 from the *Service Manual*.

Next month's readings and discussion

Keith will read Tradition 5.

Kate will read Concept 7.

Next month's meeting will be Monday, May 2 @ 7:30PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

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