

District 5 Meeting
May 2022 Minutes
5/2/2022

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 from *Randall Group*

Louise from *Morning Light*

Lara and Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham*

Visitor

John G., Area 31 Chairperson

Reading from Chapter 1 of the A.A. Service Manual

Kate read the role of the GSR from page 7 of the A.A. Service Manual.

Group Sharing

John from *Randall Group* reported they are H/A. Sunday meeting has ASL interpreter. Thursday night attendance has improved but has gotten as low as 5 or 6 people. Format says if you see any flyers you like on the bulletin board, feel free to snap a picture of them. A former group member said they are violating Tradition 4. John asked a past Delegate, who told him as long as no pictures of people are taken, Tradition 4 isn't being violated. They will discuss it at their next business meeting, as each group is autonomous. John brought flyers for the Grapevine Committee and reminded us about registration forms for the Round Up, which can be mailed in anytime right up until the start of the Round Up.

Amanda from *Do or Die* reported they are H/A. Hybrid with great attendance. Discussion about buying a laptop to continue with Zoom. Contributing to pie. Incoming/outgoing commitments. Working on picking up an Institutions commitment. Looking into getting new Steps and Traditions banners. All service positions filled except GSR. They tabled discussion on electing a new GSR at last month's business meeting, but they will elect a new one soon. Amanda will

continue serving as Alt. GSR. Tabled discussion at last month's business meeting about getting Venmo for 7th Tradition contributions.

Louise from *Morning Light* reported they're doing well financially, contributing to pie. Most positions filled except Archives. New Alt. GSR, David. MiraVista commitment Wednesday afternoons and Sunday nights. MiraVista will be having nightly meetings from 6-7pm, looking for groups to fill the commitments. Last time Louise was there, there were at least 10 people in the room.

Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham* reported attendance continues to be good at both Beginners and Speaker meetings. Virtual option available for group members. All service positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing commitments. Contributing to pie. Still no coffee being served. BYOC.

Visitor Report

John G. reported Area continues to host hybrid Service Manual meeting 3rd Wednesday and hybrid Concepts meeting 1st Thursday of every month at 30 Carew St., South Hadley. District 3 hosts Traditions meeting virtually 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 bowling alley at end of Route 291. Round Up 5/20-5/22. Delegate just returned from General Service Conference. Will report back at Round Up, on Saturday at 1pm. Anyone who wants to help out at the Round Up, just show up and say you want to help. Area still looking for new Webmaster. Ad hoc committee has been formed and will meet this week. One person is still willing to do it, but he already holds an Area position, so they are still looking. Ad hoc committee will probably recommend a back-up Webmaster as well. John asked that we continue to 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. All info available at area31aa.org.

Old Business

WE ARE MOVING OUR DISTRICT MEETING TO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 30 CAREW ST., SOUTH HADLEY. This will allow us to hold our meetings hybrid, potentially having more GSRs in attendance. OUR JUNE 6 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW LOCATION. Our move will be posted on Area and Intergroup websites, with reminder of when it takes place, and request to send GSRs to

meeting. Tom asked us to attend Area meeting and stay after for training on setting up equipment. Round Up registration is available by emailing Tom or filling out the form. Groups can pay \$20 registration fee to send GSRs to the Round Up if they choose. Tom reminded us that District 5 has a commitment at the alcathon on Friday night at the Round Up from 9-9:50pm, discussing Steps 4 and 5. Tom will send out a reminder email to everyone.

New Business

Kate made a motion to move our July meeting to the second Monday, so we won't have to meet on July 4. Motion passed. MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 11. Carol asked about working together to go to other District 5 meetings. Tom will put an intro together for us to go to groups and discuss why GSR position is so important.

Kate read Concept 7. She recommended everyone read the Service Manual. Carol has Concepts pamphlets for anyone who needs one.

Next month's readings and discussion

Tom will read Tradition 6.
Carol will read Concept 8.

Next month's meeting will be Monday, June 6 @ 7:30pm at 30 Carew St., South Hadley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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