

District 5 Meeting

July 2022 Minutes

July 11, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:52pm by Tom, our DCM.

Groups Present

Carol – Wilbraham Group

Tony – Belchertown Saturday Night Group

Tom – Morning Light

Dave – Brimfield Hitchcock Academy

Jen – Cold Springs Group

Visitor

John, Area 31 Chair

Reading from Chapter 1 of the AA Service Manual

Kate read *What it means to be a GSR* from the AA Service Manual.

Group Sharing

Carol from the Wilbraham Group reported they are handicap accessible and hybrid. They have a monthly detox commitment. All positions are filled other than Archives. On a whole doing quite well.

Tony from the Belchertown Saturday Night Group reported they meet at 18 Park Street Belchertown. Handicap accessible. Beginner's meeting 7pm until 7:45pm. Followed by a Speaker meeting 8pm. Contributing to the pie. No issues or concerns to declare at this time.

Jen from Cold Spring Group reports nothing has changed from last report.

Dave from the Brimfield Hitchcock Academy reports to be their new GSR. Asked for details on the Mass State Convention. John, Area 31 Chair and Tom, our DCM responded with details including “Mass State Convention Committee meets last Tuesday of July, September and October. The event is Friday, Saturday and Sunday of November 11th weekend.

Visitor Report

John Area 31 Chairperson reports that the Mass State Convention will be on the weekend of November 11th, 2022 at the Sturbridge Host. Detailed information on the event and ways to get involved with the planning are provided on area31aa.org.

New Business

Tom, our DCM and present district 5 participants discussed more on the Mass State Convention. Stated there to be opportunities to get involved in the planning for the event. Also mentioned that those interested in chairing a 50 minute meeting at the Mass State Convention to contact him for guidance on how to do so and next steps for locking in a slot.

Readings

Kate read Tradition 7. “...Can’t buy influence in AA no matter how rich we are..... Money could be a problem if a group grows too fast and decides to launch off or away from it’s purpose and spend money elsewhere..... Put money towards the services of AA, group shouldn’t hold onto a large sum.....”

Tom read Chapter 12 of the Service Manual *AA Grapevine*. “.....started by 6 volunteers in 1944..... to always serve, never dictate or command..... *Grapevine* receives around 150 manuscripts per month..... 1996 the 1st issue of *La Vina*.... Anticipated that each AA group has subscription information available.....”

Next Month’s Readings and Discussion

Tony will read and report on Tradition 8.

Jen will read and report on Concept 3.

Next month’s meeting will be Monday August 1st @ 7:30pm in person or on zoom. Zoom information is provided on area31aa.org

Responsibility Pledge

Discussion picked up again from participants with vocal arrows on July 4th landing on a Monday. Tom, DCM states “the next July 4th Monday will be maybe 12 years from now”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24

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