

District 5 Meeting
August 2022 Minutes
August 1, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:37pm by Tom, our DCM.

Groups Present

- Lara – Wilbraham Group
- Tony – Belchertown Saturday Night Group
- Tom – Morning Light
- Jen – Cold Springs Group
- John – Grace Union

Visitors

- Mike B, Area 31 Delegate

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

- 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. Introduced Belchertown Saturday Night's newly appointed Alternate GSR Chris.
- Jen from Cold Spring Group reports nothing has changed from last report.
- Lara 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.
- John from Grace Union Men's Group reports that they are handicap accessible, averages 40 participants, donated to pie chart, all positions filled and doing pretty good.

- Tom (DCM) from Morning Light Group reports a text from Louise presenting a coin, doing well, meeting 6 days weekly hybrid, has a commitment to Mira Vista Wednesday afternoons, donates to the pie chart, aware of some positions to be filled.

New Business

- Carol suggested new idea of having each other's phone numbers. Tom will create phone list for those interested. Jen expresses concerns of remaining anonymous. Mike states that first and last names of GSRs are already listed and provided to Registrar.
- John has a full assembly in October.
- 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. He can be reached via email through district5@area31aa.org.

Visitor Report

- Mike Area 31 Delegate reports that the Mass State Convention will be on the weekend of November 11th, 2022 at the Sturbridge Host. The event will be taped. Those interested can order a cassette or flash drive. Not hybrid, in person only. September 27th is the last planning meeting in hybrid. Reports there was a huge surplus of funds sent to GSO and/or area committees which will be discussed August 10th 7:30. Detailed information on the event and ways to get involved with the planning are provided on area31aa.org.

Readings

- Tony read Tradition 8. "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special worker...Identifies and highlights the concerns of money..... It became clear to the early members that no AA should ever ask or accept payment for carrying the message....."
- Jen read Concept 3. "...coincides with Step 3... to ensure effective leadership we should endow each element of AA – The Conference, the General Service Board and it's service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision" There may be times we will need to trust our trusted servants to make decisions without a group or service entities approval..... Mike (*Jen turns dialogue towards Mike B Delegate as an example*)

Next Month's Readings and Discussion

Kate will read and report on Tradition 9.

Lara will read and report on Chapter 4.

Next month's meeting will be Monday September 5, 2022 @ 7:30pm in person or on zoom. Zoom information is provided on area31aa.org

Responsibility Pledge:

"I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible."

Meeting adjourned at 8:24

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