

District 5 Meeting  
October 2022 Minutes  
10/3/2022

**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*

Louise from *Morning Light*

Lara and Carol from *Friday Night Wilbraham*

Tony and Chris from *Belchertown Saturday Night*

Jen from *Cold Spring* and *South Hadley Sunday Night Women's*

**Visitor**

John G., Area 31 Chairperson

**Reading from GSR pamphlet**

Kate read *When You're a GSR*.

**Group Sharing**

Lara from *Friday Night Wilbraham* reported they are H/A. Virtual option available for group members. Monthly detox commitment. All positions filled except Archives. Incoming/outgoing. Contributing to pie. Coffee is now available.

Tony from *Belchertown Saturday Night* reported they are H/A when elevator is working. Church has ordered the part to repair it. Commitment to MiraVista the 3rd Saturday every month. Positions filled are Secretary, Treasurer, Institutions, GSR, and Bookie. Incoming/outgoing. Commitment to Ludlow Eye Opener 10/7. Last Saturday of month they raffle a book or Grapevine subscription.

Jen from *Cold Spring* reported some positions are open. Attendance increasing. Few more group members. Incoming/outgoing. Contributing to pie every few months. Group inventory planned for this Sunday. They meet in the same church as *Belchertown Saturday Night*, so they are H/A when elevator is working.

Jen also reported from *South Hadley Sunday Night Women's*. Positions filled are Treasurer, GSR, and Chairperson. Only a few active members. Rent is not high, they contribute to pie every few months. She was told by a group member that they don't pay for the GSR to attend Mass State Convention. Kate suggested someone in the group make a motion to send Jen to the convention, and a group conscience will be taken by vote. Kate suggested splitting the room with someone.

Louise from *Morning Light* reported they are hybrid, with Zoom only on Sundays. 30-40 members in attendance. 2-3 newcomers every month. All positions filled except Archives and Grapevine. MiraVista commitment every Wednesday and Sunday. Now ordering supplies in bulk. Group picnic in September was a success. They contributed profits to the pie. Group is paying for Louise for 1 night at the Mass State Convention.

Amanda from *Do or Die* reported they are H/A. Incoming/outgoing. Good attendance. Zoom just renewed for 1 more year. Voting this month or next for open positions. Church is in process of selling but they're going to stay where they are for now.

### **Old Business**

Tom said he and the Mass State Convention eastern co-chairperson decided alcahion chairpersons don't need to get a speaker. They can share their own experience, strength and hope. Tom brought formats. He asked that chairpersons stay until the next chair arrives. People who are just attending meetings don't have to pay to go to the convention. Meetings will alternate chairpersons east-west. Tom got a candle for meetings. Mass State Convention is 11/11-11/13. Registration available online. Hotel is \$127/night. Book room directly with hotel for convention rate.

### **New Business**

Tom passed around the list of GSRs to make sure it's correct. Tom said that GSO is down on book sales. GSO is over-financed. He said Delegate Mike B. will let us know at the Round Up what GSO is doing with excess funds. Mike will probably speak at the Mass State Convention. You can email Mike or ask at the Fall Assembly.

Kate asked about District 5 nominations next month and elections in December. Tom said we would do nominations now and elections in November, when GSRs will have to roll out. GSR is a 2 year commitment. Kate nominated Jen for Co-DCM. Jen nominated Kate for DCM. Lara nominated Tony for Secretary.

### **Visitor Report**

John G. reported Area continues to host monthly hybrid Service Manual and Concepts meetings. Login info available at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

John reported from the September Area meeting. Area has a lot of money right now. Because of Covid, Area wasn't paying rent but groups are still sending in the same amount of money. All area officers had a meeting, then went to Area meeting. They voted to fully fund the delegate to go to the General Service Conference, which includes food, hotel, and travel. It costs \$10,000 for the week. Area has always paid \$1,800 because it couldn't pay the full amount. This will be a one time thing. Area will also pay for the whole Area committee to go to NERAASA.

Webmaster has been working in his position for over 10 years but hasn't been paid. There is someone new lined up. The committee is considering if it's a good idea to pay the new webmaster.

Fall Assembly is 10/15-16 at Lenox Community Center, hosted by District 3. Saturday will be an "AA job fair" to recruit people to join committees. People can take shifts at service fair tables. Districts 1-3 will be at one table and District 4-6 at another table. Sunday will be the Area business meeting. It will be like a typical monthly Area business meeting but GSRs can vote and make motions. New business includes the Northeast Regional Trustee position, but nobody from our area has expressed interest yet. Saturday will be 9-3 and Sunday will be 12-4. Tom said GSRs are expected to go to the Fall Assembly. If you can only go for 1 day, go Sunday to the business meeting. John said we can tell him at the business meeting if we are interested in a 1 year position on area committees. Co-chairs are needed for all area committees.

### **Readings**

Jen read Tradition 10.

Tony read Concept 5.

### **Next month's readings and discussion**

Lara will read Tradition 11.

Chris will read Concept 4.

Next month's meeting will be Monday, November 7@ 7:30pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.**

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