

**District 5 Meeting  
March 2023 Minutes  
3/6/2023**

**Opening**

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

**Groups Present**

Sharla - *Wilbraham Friday Night*  
Louise - *Morning Light Chicopee*  
Carl - *Eye Opener Ludlow*  
Juan - *East Longmeadow Sunday Night*  
Tim - *Hampden Tuesday Night*  
Alex - *South Hadley Friday Night*  
Dave - *Hitchcock Academy Brimfield*  
Chris - *Belchertown Saturday Night*  
Amanda - *Do or Die*  
Ian - *Belchertown Cold Spring Group*  
Corrina - *Tuesday Night Step Group*  
Cory - *Chicopee Beginner Step Group*  
Alan - *Monday Night 12<sup>th</sup> Step Group*  
Mike - *Wake UP Call Group*

**Visitor**

Sally, Registrar  
Steve, Area 31 Alternate Delegate

Lara read *What It Means to be a GSR* from the AA Service Manual.

**Group Sharing**

Dave - *Hitchcock Academy Brimfield*  
Carl - *Eye Opener Ludlow*  
Juan - *East Longmeadow Sunday Night*  
Alan - *Monday Night 12<sup>th</sup> Step Group*  
Harvey - *Wilbraham Men's Discussion Group*

- "What is Crosstalk?"

Corrina - *Tuesday Night Step Group*

Louise - *Morning Light Chicopee*

Alex - *South Hadley Friday Night*

- “Topic discussion and setting time limits with hopes of sharing the floor for all present.”

Ian - *Belchertown Cold Spring Group*

Cory - *Chicopee Beginner Step Group*

Amanda - *Do or Die*

Tim - *Hampden Tuesday Night*

Chris - *Belchertown Saturday Night*

Sharla - *Wilbraham Friday Night*

- Googled and provided definition on Crosstalk.

Mike - *Wake UP Call Group*

## **Visitor Reports**

Sally, Area Registrar

- Introduction: What is a Registrar
- Shares on the importance of developing and maintaining accurate group information.
- Blank Group Change Forms provided.
- List of groups in the Area provided for verification, prompting some members to complete and return Group Change Form.

Steve, Area Alternate Delegate

- Login info available at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).
- MA State Convention Committee meets last Tuesday every month 7:00pm.
- This year’s convention will be the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup> at Sturbridge Host. Steve offers his truck for those seeking transportation.
- North East Regional Forum (NERF) info at [Area31aa.org](http://Area31aa.org)
- RoundUp will be at Clarion Hotel West Springfield. Info on [Area31aa.org](http://Area31aa.org)
- GSRs report back from the Round-Up.
- Shares on the importance of GSRs getting information to their groups, gather a group conscious, then to return and share with the Delegate.
- Details on agenda items can be found at [Area31aa.org](http://Area31aa.org). Click on “Mini Conference Agenda Items”.
- Simple language Big Book, 12 & 12 change, and Preamble items.
- Preamble being asked to be changed back.

- There's a big push to have Big Book translations return to original plain language.
- There will be an open mic, open discussion session at end for those to offer vocal arrows.
- Provides explanation on "Right of Decision".
- Group conscious can be second to "Right of Decision".
- Final Report from General Service Conference is provided in August.

### **Old Business**

NERAASA: Did you attend? Any reports?

John will ask the pastor if we can change our meeting time to 7pm

### **New Business**

What are the agenda items the Delegate is voting on and what should we bring to our groups for their opinions?

DCM report from Area meeting

Spring Assembly March 25-26

Dave from Hitchcock Academy identifies Secretary's lengthy monthly reports.

Requests vote to reduce time spent group shares recap portion.

Secretary to provide the highlights only.

All participants agreed.

### **Readings**

Alan read Tradition 3

Carl read Concept 2

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

Alex will read Tradition 4

Sharla will read Chapter 7 Annual Conference Meeting

Next month's meeting will be Monday, April 3rd @ 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 9:05 pm.**

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