

**District 5 Meeting
April 2023 Minutes
4/3/2023**

Opening

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

Groups Present

Sonny – *Wilbraham Men's Group*

Dave - *Hitchcock Academy Brimfield*

Alan - *Hampden Step Group*

Chris - *Belchertown Saturday Night*

Louise - *Morning Light Chicopee*

Juan - *East Longmeadow Sunday Night*

Ian - *Belchertown Cold Spring Group*

Amanda - *Do or Die*

Sharla - *Wilbraham Friday Night*

Mike - *Wake UP Call Group*

Visitor

John, Area Chair

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

Group Sharing

Sharla, GSR – *Wilbraham Group*

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:15pm and then 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Address: 10 Chapel Wilbraham, MA Grace Union
- Financial Contributions: \$300.00
- Service Positions Filled: All but 2-Grapevine/Archives
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Yes, Whip City Nooner
 - Institutions: Yes Carlson
- No Concerns
- Celebrated 68th Anniversary on May 12th

Dave, GSR – *Brimfield Friday Night*

- Day/Time of Meeting: Friday @ 7:30pm
- Address: Brimfield Hitchcock Academy
- Financial Contributions: \$150.00 to pie
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Accessibilities
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Woodstock, CT April 16th
 - Institutions:
- No Concerns

Juan, GSR – *East Longmeadow Group*

Jean Claude, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Address: 1 Porter Road East Longmeadow, MA 01028
- Financial Contributions: We contribute to the pie every month
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Accessibilities
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions:
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Louise, GSR - *Morning Light Chicopee*

Katherine, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7am-8am Hybrid M-SA Online Zoom=Sundays
- Address: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee MA 01020
- Financial Contributions: All
- Service Positions Filled: No Accessibilities
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: March w/W.S Step Group
April 22/23 Agawam Morning Group
 - Institutions: Mira Vista – Every Wednesday Afternoon + Sun PM
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Ian, GSR - *Belchertown Cold Spring Group*

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Address: 18 Park Street Belchertown, MA 01007
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions:
- No Concerns

Amanda, GSR - *Do or Die*

Taylor, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: Wednesday 7pm
- Address: St. Andrews Church, Longmeadow MA
- Financial Contributions: Rent/Pie \$100 to contribute to RoundUp
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: 4/9 out w/Haydenville incoming 4/6
 - Institutions: N/A, working on it, hoping for Friday night TSS in Berkshires
- Working to get back to old church in East Longmeadow
- Voted to celebrate our group's anniversary on 6/21/2023. Food at 6pm, meeting at 7pm
- Voted to give to RoundUp

Chris - *Belchertown Saturday Night*

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-7:30pm Beginner's. 8pm-9pm Speaker
- Address: 18 Park Street Belchertown, MA 01007
- Financial Contributions: Pie
- Service Positions Filled: All but CPC + PI
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Haydenville 4/15, Outgoing 4/16
 - Institutions: 3rd Saturday of the month at Mira Vista
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Mike, GSR - *Wake UP Call Group*

- Day/Time of Meeting:
- Address:
- Financial Contributions: Donate to Pie
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions:
- Great Attendance

Sonny, GSR – *Wilbraham Men's Group*

Harvey, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-8pm
- Address: Wilbraham, MA
- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Most of Them
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill St. Last Tuesday Outgoing
 - Institutions:
- Meeting continues to grow along with business meetings
- Concerns brought up on how to have everyone have a chance to share, final outcome was to have everyone be aware of time and with 15 minutes left Chairperson will announce burning desires!
- Also, concern about having tables placed in circle verses rows to hear better! Unresolved @ this time!

Tim, GSR – *Hampden Step Group*

Alan, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 2 Speaker
- Address: Federation Community Church, 590 Main Street, Hampden, MA
- Financial Contributions: We still need to pay rent for April and we needed to purchase 2 new coffee pots. After which our Treasurer will be contributing to the Area and World Services this month; but the amount is not yet known
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI Rep, Intergroup Rep
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: To Keep It Green on 4/13, In Keep It Green 4/18

- Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Old Business

- How are people doing with visiting groups that do not have a GSR?
 - Laura and Kate will start visiting local meetings.
- Anyone have any papers to turn in for Accessibilities? Complete the Survey?
 - Sharla passed link around.
- DCM report on the Area Committee/Spring Assembly
 - Sonny acknowledges PayPal is helpful.
 - Louise asked about Venmo, passing a virtual basket. Wanting to the financial breakdown.
 - One person receives money from zoom link.
 - Lara states GSO, Area, Intergroup all accept PayPal. Institutions does not.
 - Mike suggests PayPal account.

Visitor Reports

John, Area Chair

- RoundUp is 5/19-5/21.
- First of all, AA as a whole doesn't change on its own
- Our Delegate, Mike B, jovial guy who never frowns. He represents us. He will vote as if he is in our shoes.
- RoundUp is for when Mike comes back. He shares what he voted, why he voted, how he chose his vote.
- Encouraged to go to the whole event, a lot of fun.
- People involved are a lot of fun.
- Next meeting is 2 Wednesdays from now 4/12/2023.
- Mike B, Delegate gave a speech on one person canned. She was upset and so were some friends, they quit too. All parties provided written responses, sharing their side of the story. GSO can only say certain things. No one will really know what truly happened, Bob can't say anything.
- The reason they let her go is she was speaking poorly about AA.

New Business

- Annual Picnic in August
 - Golf Tournament in June
 - GSO address in New York has changed to P.O. Box 2407 James A Farley Station NY, NY 101106-2407
 - RoundUp registration is open. 5/19-5/21 Clarion Hotel \$129/night
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 - Topics included are agenda items that the Delegate is voting on and what should we bring to our groups for their opinions followed by discussion.
 - RoundUp Committee has asked that we cohost a panel with District 2 titled "Give It Away To Keep It".
 - As attendance here is required of all GSRs; Kate, DCM looks forward to a lot of support at this event.
 - Saturday afternoon is also when Mike the Delegate gives his report on what happened at the conference.
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- ❖ Check westernmassaa.org

Readings

Next month's readings and discussion

Sonny will read and report on Tradition 5

Tony will read and report on Chapter 9 General Service Manual

Next month's meeting will be Monday, May 1st @ 7:00pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at area31aa.org.

Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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