Area 31 - District 6 GSR Meeting Minutes February 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order by District 6 DCM Carl H. at 7:30p at the Alano Club in Agawam, MA.

Present at the meeting were:

- Carl H. DCM
- Wayne M. Co-DCM
- Wendy S. LCM

Invited Guests:

- Mark N. Alternate Delegate
- Karl H. Western Mass. Intergroup

GSRs:

- Erick M. Enfield Young People's (Enfield, CT)
- Joey L. Secretary / Somers Sunday Night Beginners (Somers, CT)
- An L. Tuesday Enfield Women's (Enfield, CT)
- Bill E. Granville Group (Granville, MA)
- K. H. Women's Fellowship Saturday Morning Group (Westfield, MA)
- Tara P. Women's Fellowship Saturday Morning Group (Westfield, MA)
- Brian M. Southwick Nooner (Southwick, MA)
- Don F. Westfield Primary Purpose (Westfield, MA)
- Joe D. Suffield Men's (Suffield, CT)

Group Reports:

- An L. Business meeting moved to end of last meeting, group decided to keep it a closed meeting, transgendered woman welcomed.
- Bill E. More incoming & outgoing, elections mostly same people stayed.
- K. H. & Tara P. group getting bigger, travelling to visit more meetings.
- Brian M. group may have to move, people from Howard St. & Noble Hospital visit.
- Don F. members visit Samaritan Shelter to offer rides to the meeting.
- Joe D. large groups for outgoing commitments, 2-5 newcomers every week.

Area Report: Carl H.

- New regional directory is coming out registrar is asking for updated group phone contact info by May. 2nd. Some of the groups in our district have outdated info.
- Will make copies of contact info to hand out assignments for visits for the next meeting.
- Archives open for workday on 3/15 from 11a-1p.
- Call accessibilities at 413.214.2365 for help getting to meetings and other related things.
- 40th Western Mass Roundup June 7-8 our district's workshop topic is "Lifting the Burden" of picking up the first drink, obsession, etc. Carl will ask Roundup Coordinator for more info. Carl will also ask if we're doing a meeting too.
- NERAASA at Crown Plaza in Warwick, RI on Feb 21-23.

- Talked about buying a few service manuals for new GSRs until they get theirs in the mail.
- Concept meeting first Thursday of the month at Intergroup office.
- Area traditions meeting may be starting.
- Handed out Western Mass AA pins.

Alternate Delegate Report: Mark N.

- Spring Assembly April 12 10a-4p, April 13 1-5p.
- On Saturday, committees will discuss service issues important to AA in breakout meeting.
- On Sunday, general area committee meeting with reports from districts & committees.
- Delegate will bring info to General Service Conference in New York.
- GSRs are the voice of groups in AA.
- Northeast Regional Delegate (NERD) meeting March 7-9 in Maine where 2nd year delegates share info on the Conference for newer Delegates.
- Mark will give a presentation on GSR responsibilities at next district meeting.
- Mass State Convention planning committee meets in odd months, there is a carpool from the Plantation Inn in Springfield.

Intergroup Report: Karl H.

- Intergroup info at westernmassaa.org
- 75th Anniversary Big Book preorders can be made at the Intergroup office, no shipping & handling charge \$12!
- New When & Where is out.
- Intergroup meeting is the 2nd Thursday at 7:30p, Bookie meeting at 7p.
- Need new people for the backup phone list can set flexible times around your schedule, and could be advertised more.

LCM: Wendy S.

- Trying to connect with groups without GSRs.
- Wants to bring GSR pamphlets for those groups.

Brian M. summarized Concept 1. The responsibility pledge was read and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.

The next meeting is March 17th at 7:30p at the Alano Club in Agawam, MA.