

Area 31, District 6 Monthly Meeting – March 16, 2020
Hazardville United Methodist Church, Enfield, CT

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by DCM John M
Also in attendance: LCM John
GSR duties and responsibilities read
Went over last month's district meeting minutes

Group Reports

GSR Luke / Build A Foundation Group, Enfield – attendance has been good, seeing new faces, trying to find an Intergroup rep.

GSR Tom / Tuesday Men's Group, Suffield – attendance is down a little, averaging around 20 people, otherwise status quo.

GSR Tim / Thursday Night Big Book Group, Enfield – meeting has been growing over the last 6 – 12 months. Tim told us that Enfield Young People's is moving from St. Adalbert's to Holy Cross in Enfield starting in April 2020 (but no meetings until further notice due to corona virus).

GSR Bob / East of the River Group, Enfield – meeting attendance had been really strong on Wednesdays and Fridays, they moved into a bigger room at Holy Trinity because of attendance and as a precaution because of corona virus, this past Friday meeting attendance was down about 30%.

GSR Tom / Hand of Hope Group, Enfield – probably cancelling this week's meeting because of corona virus. All else is good.

GSR Paula / Tuesday and Wednesday Women's Group, Enfield – members made suggestion to cancel meetings for now due to corona virus.

GSR Nick / Whip City Nooner, Westfield – had 6 year group anniversary party, no food because of corona virus, meeting cancelled until further notice per Governor's ban on any gatherings of more than 25 people.

Area Chair Steve

- Spring Assembly that was scheduled for April 4th – 5th at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield has been cancelled due to corona virus.
- General Service Conference scheduled for April 19th – 25th will be virtual instead of in Rye Brook, NY. GSRs (and any AAs who want to) should provide feedback on the background info packets directly to the Area Delegate via email (delegate@area31aa.org).
- All committee meetings (Accessibility, Archives, CPC, Grapevine, PI, Round-Up, Website) held at 474 Pleasant St in Holyoke are cancelled until further notice.
- Area 31 has Phone Hotline coverage May 4th – 10th. Steve will reach out if he needs help with coverage.
- Mass State Convention planning meeting cancelled for March. These are bi-monthly meetings, so the next one is scheduled for May 26th.
- Intergroup office is **not** tracking which meetings are open/closed.

Old Business

- Workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 30th from 12:00 – 4:00pm at United Methodist Church at 41 Brainard Rd in Enfield. Discussed topic ideas. Some ideas were:
 - o How to run a successful/productive business meeting, Robert's Rules
 - o Sponsorship in the 21st century, how sponsorship has changed, service sponsorship
 - o Benefits of service work, attraction through service work, Service Committees explained
 - o Resources of Recovery, in general and in emergencies (corona virus)

Group voted and topic will be Resources in Recovery. We also discussed breaking the 4-hour workshop into 2 sub-topics. Tom offered to supply pizza and salads from his restaurant for food. We will coordinate other snacks/refreshments in the weeks leading up to the workshop.

Corbin texted Intergroup rep Dan during the meeting, and Dan volunteered to participate with the workshop and speak if we want him to.

New Business

- Discussed ways we can help during corona virus outbreak
 - o Share information about phone and virtual meetings with fellow AAs
 - o Discussed having someone from groups physically at meeting locations (eg: parking lot) to talk to people looking for a meeting
- Still want to encourage more groups to get GSRs. Co-DCMs John M. and Corbin would like to visit some groups in an effort to encourage more GSRs.

Service Manual Reports

- Next month Tom will report on Chapter 1, and Paula will report on Chapter 8

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20th.

Closed at 8:20pm with I Am Responsible.