

September 19, 2022 – Monday Night Meeting opened @ 7:00PM District 6, Area 31
Meeting Minutes at the United Methodist Church, Enfield, CT

Attendees:

Jenny - DCM

Justin – GSR - Southwick Big Book – Daily Grind

Ned – GSR – Whip City Nooner – Westfield

Rhonda – GSR – Soup Kitchen – Westfield, taking notes for tonight’s meeting

John – Area Chair

Todd – GSR – Suffield, CT

Keith -

Jenny: Brief introduction of “What is the GSR position”
Introduction of names in attendance and reports

Meeting Notes:

Ned: Healthy, Saturday’s can have as many as 60 people, plus, with
Vans driving in for meetings.

Sober Dance scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2022. Two speaker meeting.
6 pm to 7 pm, 7-11 dance. Snacks and beverages provided. Donations accepted.

The next business meeting, discussion of a short paragraph or two regarding 13
stepping, a safe place for newcomers.

Rhonda: The Tuesday Night Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous (Soup Kitchen)

Grapevine information, weekly Monday live podcasts at 10:00 AM.
Submissions for editorials 2023. Upcoming writing workshops to
Come. Gave out handouts to each GSR.

www.aagrapevine.org

Losing group members with senior sobriety due to issues with
Smoking pot and participating in meetings.

Attending, chairing, speaking at meetings obviously high.

Sharing at meetings and collecting coins being sober but not

Clean. How do we handle the situation? Requested feedback from
GSR’s.

Justin: Southwick Big Book meeting. Group up to 35 members. Big book
study with reading the stories at the end of the month.

Some disruption and slow down due to getting a new chairperson.
Healthy group.

Todd: GSR Suffield Tuesday night Men's group 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Lebanon Pines visits. Donations needed.

Keith: GSR – Southwick Nooner, Southwick
Good number of members. Everyone is adjusting to the move to a
New location.
Time has been limited due to taking care of his brother.

John: Announced that the MA State Convention is coming up soon.
Stress to groups that if you never attended should attend. The
First since COVID.

Area 31 Fall Assembly, October 15 and 16 in Lennox, MA 65 Walker
Street. Lennox MA. That Sunday from 10 AM until 4:00 PM is the
Business meeting. WE CAN VOTE and GSR's should definitely
Attend.

Jenny: Form to fill out for meetings. www.area31aa.org
Area Assembly
Delegate area 31
. institutions
. Services

Topic of Safety and respect in literature form.

Once was a yellow card with information, service material and a PDF version along with AA
service brochure.

Old business: Workshop Round Table, October 1st (see attached) flyer.
Three Sponsor Hosts: What is it like to be a sponsor.
Question and answer questions.

VOTED unanimously three speakers THEN Q & A afterwards

Rhonda and Ned will be arriving at 1:00 pm sharp to help Jenny set up.

If an Area is too big, not connecting, need for a new area. There is a process, requires an 'area'
form to be completed.

New Business:

The Soup Kitchen is having issues with sober but not clean (weed) members.

Jenny will email Rhonda the PDF of the Safety Card that has been used in the past. Also, there is a service brochure available.

The Soup Kitchen is located inside a Federally Funded building which does not allow anyone under the influence inside. This may turn people away.

Justin: His opinion is that the “weed” issue is a “slippery slope” issue. The group has a right to be wrong.

John: His opinion is not to kick someone out. In private, use kind words and be gentle. Drop a suggestion. If you kick them out for being high, but still sober from alcohol, they may go back out and die.

Keith: His opinion is, he remembers the “Sniffers” “looking for alcohol and drugs. “Don’t shoot wounded. Group conscious. Love and tolerance.

Jenny: Her opinion, if you just drank or drugged today, do not chair, speak, share or collect coins.

Listen, not share.

One on one discussion

Bring issue to a group discussion. Don’t block God out. Group conscious.

One group decided on “Tough Love”, excluding that person from being allowed back in the group for one year.

Next meeting in October Justin will read and report on “Concept 5.”

It was an excellent meeting, and we will be having a busy two months ahead of us. Let’s pass the word on the events and round up our groups to experience the power of AA strength!