

February 16, 2024 District 6 Area 31 Meeting Minutes
7PM Christ Lutheran Church 568 College Hwy Southwick, MA

13 in person attendees
4 zoom attendees

DCM – Paula
Co-DCM-Greg
Secretary-Annette

Paula opened meeting by reading what a GSR does

Annette read January minutes

GSR Reports:

Mike-Southwick Noonan (alternate for Keith). Meetings going well. Today they had 50 people and usually run about 30 people.

Jared-Friday night young peoples. Seeing some very young people attending and 20-30 typically in attendance.

Teddy-Westfield Tuesday Night Group. Meetings vary 20-30 people. They now have about 8-10 group members

Dianne-Whip City nooner varied topic, something different everyday. 50 people usually in attendance. 10th anniversary of the group will be held Saturday March 16th.

Caroline-Southwick Sunday night Big Book Meeting average about 40 people per week. Had 60 people last night.

Annette-East Mt Group – Friday night was had a big turnout. Typically 50 + ppl. Group is going very well.

Annette-Path to Recovery – Wednesday night Big Book meeting. About 20 + attendees. All going well.

Jeanette-Woman's Group on Tuesday night. Varied meeting. About 40 people attend.

Jeff-Suffield Men's (alt GSR) will let Kyle update
Kyle (ZOOM) – Suffield Men's Tuesday night about 15-20 people. Going well.

Rich-Hilltown Group Wednesday night 10-15 ppl per meeting. Have incoming & outgoing commitments. Picking up from Covid on commitments.

Judy (ZOOM) -Hand of Hope Group Saturday mornings at United Methodist Church in Hazardville. About 30 people per week. Attracting new comers. They give out packets to them and also a Big Book.

Bill (ZOOM) - East of the River group in Enfield, CT. About 20 ppl per meeting. They read from BB and Living Sober.

Paula recapped the Area meeting that she & Greg attended. They talked about NERASSA in PA. Feb 22-25th. May have a bus available, please email the area chair if interested. Concept meeting 1st Thursday of every month. Mass State Convention planning committee every other month starting March 26th. Plain language BB Feb 25th 2-4 on ZOOM. Tradition workshop Feb 29th 6:30. Spring assembly (GSR's expected to go) Area 31 Sat March 23rd 9-4 business meeting the 24th 1-5.

Bob Area 31 Chair-This will be his 1st spring assembly. The 24th mini conference will have break out groups. Budget is \$3000 for both assembly's. 6 pizza's 4 cans of coffee. Justin offered to get the supplies because he has a charge card. Chips etc. Name tags needed. Paper goods etc. We need to make a list and give it to Justin. Anyone can attend the assembly. You can also bring something like a cookies or muffins etc. and get reimbursed. Teddy will be there at 7:30 am to let people in to set up. Email Bob if you think of anything that may be helpful. Pens & paper should be available as well. Coolers and ice, Bob will bring. We will make the assembly a Hybrid (zoom) available.

Ray-alt delegate explained what the assembly is all about. We will discuss 7 agenda items. We will be in break out groups to discuss the items. He reviewed the items up for discussion. Paula will email all the agenda items to all GSR's so that we can take them back to our group and get a general consensus on the items.

Ray reviewed the area meeting. Next state convention meeting will be March 26. They need all kinds of positions filled. Anyone interested, please let Ray know. They do the meeting hybrid but it isn't great quality. Area chair put out a question regarding the 2025 NERASSA meeting to see if our area could do it. The vote was to have the meeting virtual for 2025. The International convention will be in Vancouver for 2025. He talked about the concept meeting and encouraged people to attend. They all have a spiritual nature.

Ray Reviewed the GSR presentation again.

There was a question about the definition of an Ad-hoc committee. That committee is tasked to research things such as a new location when Pleasant St in Holyoke closed.

Old business-none

New business- Paula suggested that we thing about the fall assembly and mini conference. Please think about a topic for the fall workshop and date. Any suggestions for a Speaker? Table it until next meeting.

Next meeting Andrew will come and talk about CPC.

Judy reviewed Concept One.

Rich volunteered to do Chapter 8 for next month

Next meeting date is: March 18th