

Tuesday, JULY 2, 2019 ~ Area 31 GV/LV Committee Meeting MINUTES
474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke 730p – 830p
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Present: Area 31 Delegate, Mike S., Chair, Tania H., GVRs: Alice H., Mark F., Signe O., Douglas A., John S., Lynn S. and Accessibilities ally, Joe K., with ASL interpreter.

Meeting began with a moment of silence, Serenity prayer, reading of the GV statement of Purpose, Tradition 7 & the FREE GV Daily Quote – all in English.

Chair provided news on the Committee Member accomplishments. Chairperson and one GVR facilitated the 50 minute workshop at the June 2019 Round Up in West Springfield attended by at least 45 people including Spanish speaking members with AA member interpreters. Co-chair visited District 1 in June and handed out La Vina to to GSRs present. Committee members were informed that she notified us that she cannot make the July and August committee meetings. We hope to see her back in September.

Area Delegate presented on pertinent items for us from the 2019 GSC. Namely, the Alcoholism At Large page (non-AA materials) in the monthly magazine will stay in both English & Spanish magazines & that the ‘Approval’ for new books to be published by the GV in English and Spanish has been forward to the Conference.

He also shared that the Fall Assembly will take place at Westfield’s Blessed Sacrament Church on Oct. 12 & 13. Area Delegate mentioned that the 2019 Mass State Convention’s Hospitality Committee is looking for members to shadow/train folks so a Committee (like ours) might consider shadowing the team during Nov. 8, 9 & 10th to be ready to perform services at next year’s 2020 convention. Anyone interested can join up with the monthly car pool that attends the Conv.’s monthly planning meeting. Committee Chair asked Delegate what his favorite dessert was at the 2019 GSC in NYC. He said it was the unusual flavors of the HAAGEN DAZS ice-cream in giant tub.

GVR/RLV presentations: ONE NEW MEMBER – Alice H. of Early Sobriety Group, Monday, 6p, Holyoke will look into checking the availability of a past GrapeJam speaker who has been published in the GV magazine as back-up speaker; Mark F. of Sunday Haydenville Group is making a variety of announcements from the back of the room to be more effective, he also worked on the FLIER with his sponsor, Sam & crafted a brand new display board for his home group; Joe K. of Holyoke’s Daily Reflections group is staying open to being useful in the deaf AA community; John S. of Randall Group visited for the first time in many years and suggested we could ask the Area for money in our budget to pay for GSO staff visit expenses at 75th anniversary on Sept. 14 in Becket; Doug A. of Florence i-opener still transports the GV/LV boards & supports the idea about inviting GV/LV staff from GSO; Signe O. got approval from home group’s Treasurer for 1 year GV subscription at her home group & will call past GV board member to speak at 75th anniv on 9/14; Lynn S. is representing the committee news to her Fri So. Hadley home group.

We had productive discussions about planning for the 75th anniversary to be held on Saturday, 9/14/19 12-4pm, 21 YMCA Road, Becket, MA 01223. Chairperson, Tania H., attended 2019 NERF in Tarrytown, NY and called GSO about their proposal to attend 75th anniversary celebrations. She heard back from the GSO Outreach Coordinator by email about a possible visitation. Confirmation awaited. DJ Al of Area 11 will come with his library of GV/LV books & audio for sale. D3 contacts have placed calls about Town Ordinances on parking and live music outside. Once we have clearance/confirmation,

we can add that to the 2019 GV 75th Anniversary flier. To conclude: We have agreed upon inviting 2 Speakers, to having a writing workshop, to inviting someone from GSO and possibly, if town ordinance allows it, to have outdoor LIVE music by only one AA member for FREE/tip jar available.

We will work on refreshing the GV/LV boards for the 2019 Mass State Convention after the 75th anniversary. Chairperson reminded all about the 2019 75th Anniversary GV/LV toolkit that groups can buy for spreading the 75th anniv. news. Delegate & Chair reminded everybody to mention applying for annual subscriptions for sponsees and the Inmate subscription Program is still active – contact Corrections Desk at GSO. Anybody can sign up for the DAILY FREE QUOTE at the main GV website. Invited GVRs and anyone at home groups to email us with ideas and suggestions to serve better.

Next meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 730p at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA.

We closed the meeting with the AA RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE.

In service,
TANIA H.