

GSR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2014

Called to order by Pat, DCM with a moment of Silence @ 7:34pm.

Pat, DCM introduced self as DCM of District 1-

Goes to Area mtg once a month & we can bring our problems from our groups & if he can't resolve it here he will find the answer for us.

Attendance: Kat: Co-DCM, Trials & Smiles, Samantha: Alt GSR, Original Downtown Group, Tyrone: GSR, Better Life Group, Dave S: GSR, All About We, Pat S: DCM, Better Life Group, Ed P.: GSR, Second to None, Michael: GSR, Forest Park Group, Julie C.: GSR, Uni Nuevo Amonecer, Rogelio D.: GSR, La Luz de un Milagro, Linda B.: GSR, Trials & Smiles, Launa T.: GSR, New Hope.

Ed P-Read Concept 6

Samantha-Read Tradition 6

Pat shared the Area 31 web site area31aa.org for the Full report from our Delegate, Anne from The Round Up. We will get Full reports in Sept. from NY. GV needs subscriptions both in paper & on line & La Vina. Those 2yr Subscriptions are over & are now struggling.

GSO is now struggling BC the PIE chart is seemingly being forgotten on the small portion of the chart.

The Spirituality Pamphlet-The various ways a Higher Power can be understood.

ALL Standing Committees-Invited Committees.

Web Committee looking for help.

Institutions has 14 open meetings right now.

August 24th is the Annual Picnic @ The Moose Club. Cash & Coffee.

Reordered 100 75th Anniversary Edition Big Books

Young People, GSO, Friday Sept 19th Holyoke KMART Parking Lot Leave @ 6am for The Annual NY Bus Trip. It's \$35 a ticket. Tickets are available @ the WMIG.

Only Sold 2 Tickets @ The Round Up.

Dist 2 Workshop-Singleness of Purpose-1-4: September 6th.

Concept Meeting: First Thursday of the month @ 7:15 pm @ WMIG upstairs

Tradition Meeting: Third Wednesday of the Month @ 7:00pm @ WMIG upstairs.

Anne-Delegate: Brought up to be Very connected to GSO Year Around, Not Just During Conventions, etc.

*Who's Not coming to AA D/T (Due to) Fragrance Allergies? We now Have Fragrance FREE Meetings. Fragrance id a Small Piece as to WHO we're missing.

Who is UNDERREPRESENTED? Speech-to-Text for the Hearing Impaired is in the 'Works'.

GROUP REPORTS:

Tyrone: GSR, Better Life Group- Two Mtgs @ the same time:Topic/Speaker. Going well. Split d/t high Capacity. Treasury is good. Surplus to the pie. Group members 10-15 people in group. We have a Detox Commitment every week @ Carlson.

Michael: GSR, Forest Park Group- Beginner's Meeting/Speaker Meeting. Now have about 7 working members. Treasury is in the Black now & able to put away for The Prudent Reserve. Not able to give to the Pie yet. Inside people doing service. One person doing Institution. Hard to get people to do Service.

Samantha: Alt. GSR, Orig. Dwn tw n. Grp.-Hard to get people in group to do service. Have a Commitment each month @ Carlson Detox. Group overall is good.

Linds B.: GSR, Trials & Smiles, Two Speaker Meeting. Pot Luck Dinner on the 3rd Friday @ 6:30pm before the meeting for Fellowship continues. Have a Commitment @ The Hope Center on The 3rd Monday of the Month & the Fourth Friday of the Month have a commitment @ Detox. New members & new young people. Treasury is good. Giving to the Pie.

Julie: GSR, Spanish AA, State/School Tuesday.-Two Issues is Attendance has been kinda low. Many members join, 10-12, but then when it's time to set up & do stuff the same 2 or 3 people are doing everything. Trying to get the Spanigh population to participate in English events is very difficult.

Launa T.: GSR, New Hope, Attendance has been down about 30-40% @ our Speaker meeting & about 30-35% @ our Beginner's meeting. As a result our Treasury has been down as well, about 50%. At our business meeting we voted to stop buying doughnuts & switch to cookies. To save \$\$\$\$. Can buy 2 pkgs of Stop & Shop Cookies for \$4. as opposed to a Dozen & ½ of Doughnuts for \$13 for the Beginners meeting & a dozen for \$11 @ the Speaker for a total of \$24 a night down to \$4-\$6 for a total Savings of \$18-\$20/week. Which will help our Treasury a Great Deal. The Smoking issue...we are COMPLETELY NON SMOKING. Everyone Must Go to The Bus Stop to Smoke. We've even put it into our format that if they have difficulty with this than they can find another meeting to attend, thus they may have done so.

Ed: GSR, Second to None, Attendance has been up a lot. Average 30-40. Seven Active members now & it was put out there ? To remove “confine your discussion only to alcohol”. Looking to have a group inventory. Money situation is pretty good.

Rogelio: GSR, La Luz de un Milagro, Saturday night group, 13-14 yrs old. We donate to the pie. We do commitments with institutions, Howard St, Ludlow Hampden County House of Corrections, & Carlson Detox. Attendance in the Summer is down. We have 3 active members out of ten(10). We don't have back-up when we get sick or go out of town.

Bruce: GSR, After Dinner Group. Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Attendance is Good. Less attendance. At the Business mtg 19 attended. Ten min after the meeting ends the room's ALL picked up. Treasury is Good.

Dave: GSR, All about We. Tuesday BB Discussion. Attendance Up & Down BC of the Weather...30-60, depending on the weather. Treasury leveled off. Paying rent. Trying to build up for purchases for new Big Books. There's a little dissension...people in the group but Not there for the past 3 business meetings. All over starting to see a lot of new faces. A couple people show interest in joining but don't come to the business meeting.

PROBLEMS: Getting members to be active is tough...When I was Active in Service. It helped me so hopefully we can just encourage people to get involved.

AREA:

Paul: Area Chairperson- A Lot of the same things have been coming up all over, but the bottom line is: “I am Responsible.....”

Trying to Rejuvenate Important dates...We Do Not this in Spanish! So We Need to Work on This!

If a Group wants us to come in, call me(Paul), See me after the meeting. Seek him on the web site. area_chair@area31aa.org.

Grapevine is Celebrating ir's 70th Anniversary.

WMIG:

Eddie: CHAIRPERSON, WMIG. Kevin was Transferred to Mass General Hospital. He needs a laptop. Please continue your Prayers! His heart muscle is rejuvenating.

Donations to the Pie Chart Really Helps to keep Book Prices Down.

WMIG Picnic is Sunday August 24th. Only able to have it there BC Kevin Cont to keep up his membership there. Bobbie has agreed to stay one more year to do the raffle.

Donations will be taken @ the WMIG office for the Raffle: Gift Baskets/\$\$\$

Carl H.: Events Coordinator

ALL Kids Will Leave with a Toy.

PHONE COVERAGE: MOST Important Thing We Do! If we Don't have an IG Representative, sign up for specific times, hours.

Direct to When & Where

If Group Participates, Thank You!

Instituted Pay Pal Program-fro Credit/Debit-to ship to any valid address

Steering Committee for meeting: Eddie ####-###-#####

To discuss why is a Prudent Reserve necessary?

It takes \$3200/month to run the WMIG office. We have Customers All over the World!

Bookie Meeting is @ 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

Motion to Close @ 8:50pm

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Cc: Launa T. It's Both a Privilege & my Pleasure to Serve. Revised 7/9/14