

District 2 – Area 31 Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016

DCM's: Janis A – 2nd year DCM

Mark B – 1st year DCM

Begin meeting: 7:00 pm

Attendees: 2 DCM's, 8 GSR's, 2 Alt. GSR's, Invited Guest, Area 31 Alt Delegate, Mike S. and Chair of CPC Committee Steve M.

Jan A. **Opened the meeting** with a moment of silence

Jan then read the Articles of Purpose for the G.S.R.

Secretary's minutes from September read and accepted with 1 change...the Fall Assembly will be held October 15 & 16, 2016.

Service Manual – Chapter 10 – Lin S.

The Board's Operating Corporations

The General Service Board is responsible for the General Service Office (G.S.O.) and the Grapevine and it takes care of its administrative duties through two operating corporations. One is A.A. World Services Inc., which oversees the General Service Office and its service activities in the U.S. and Canada, as well as communications with A.A. service boards and offices around the world. In addition, A.A.W.S. publishes and distributes A.A.'s books, pamphlets and other items. The other is A.A. Grapevine, Inc., which oversees the Grapevine office and publishes and distributes the A.A. Grapevine magazine, the Spanish edition, La Vina, and related items. The two entities handle all aspects of the day-to-day operation of A.A.'s business.

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. S74).

Concept 9- Judy K. – Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

(From A.A. Service Manual, pg. 34)

Concept 10 – Bill S. – Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority-the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

(From A.A. Service Manual pg. 41)

Next Month presenters: Chapter 11 – Rick W. & Concept 11 – Suzanne L.

District 2 Group Topics, Concerns & Follow-Up

- 67th group anniversary November 14, 2016 for the Pioneer Valley Group which meets at the Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield, MA.
- Hand in Hand Group, meets in West Springfield, MA on Sunday night at 7:00 pm at the Grace Lutheran Church needs members

DCM Report – by Jan A.

- There will be no regular October meeting for Area 31. The business meeting will be held as part of the Fall Assembly on Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 1-4 pm at the 2nd Congregational Church in Holyoke.
- There is a Task Force for Area 31 from the inventory done earlier this year. The task force identified that there are no role descriptions for committee chairpersons. The task force is looking to put the definitions for each chairperson of Area 31 standing committees together. Hopefully it will help with people who want to be active but aren't sure what the position entails.
- Fall Assembly will be held at the 2Accessibility Committee and Public Information Committees 2nd Congregational Church (Appleton, High and Maple streets-where "Daily Reflection" meets) on Saturday, October 15th from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday October 16th from 12 noon to 4 pm.
- The Alkathon at the MA State Convention needs volunteers to take meetings. If interested please contact Carol L. Write to Mike S., Alt ailsw.area31aa.org

Old Business – None

New Business –

- **The Kitchen at 474 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA.**
 - A group of A.A. members would like to spend a day at the church to clean up the kitchen so it will be a little more pleasant to use.

- Recommended to contact Sue A. who can arrange a date for volunteers with Mike, the liaison with the church.
- One group looking for suggestions on how to bring up cell phone use during meetings. It has been a distraction at many meetings.
- Suggestions: put it in the format asking attendants not to be on their cell phones during the meeting; another suggestion is to ask cell phone users to leave the meeting room to take or receive calls or messages and the third suggestion is to kindly tell the phone users to stop, lovingly or by making it a “light joke” so as not to offend the user.

Area 31 Alt. Delegate – Mike S.

- ❖ Thank you all for your Service
- ❖ The **Fall Assembly** will be held October 15 & 16, 2016.
- ❖ The **2016 MA State Convention Alkathon Committee** needs volunteers to run meetings. Contact Carol L. if you are interested. You can also reach Mike S. on the Area 31 website... see above for Carol L’s phone #.
- ❖ All G.S.R.’s are strongly encouraged to attend the Fall Assembly to represent their group and exercise the right to vote in the Business meeting on Sunday.
- ❖ Copies of the Confidential Annual report from G.S.O. will be available.
- ❖ The Area 31 Handbook should also be available at the Fall Assembly

Invited Guest Steve M. from the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) committee presented a summary of the CPC commitments and how they are conducted. He asks that we take the information back to our group to see if any group members are interested in being active in this type of service position.

The CPC presents individually or to groups of professionals such as; health care professionals, lawyers, human resource personnel managers etc. for more information you can visit the Area 31 website and click on the CPC link or you can attend the Fall Assembly. Saturday during lunch, the CPC will present a short preview of what CPC is and what they do.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm with “I am responsible pledge”

Minutes submitted by: *Lee M*

Next Meeting: November 14, 2016