

District 2 - Area 31 Meeting minutes

DCM's: Tim G – 2nd year DCM

Suzanne L – 1st year CO DCM

Attendees: 13 GSRs, 2 alternate, 1 DCM, 1 CO DCM, 1 Area Delegate

Tradition 12: Tim G read

Chapter 12: Deb read

Secretary's report: read and accepted

Group Concerns/ News:

Daily Reflections in Holyoke meets daily at 300 Appleton St., had a unanimous vote (more than 2/3 vote) to move to intergroup office building. Going to have a 2nd vote. Main concerns were security which may be a concern at intergroup as well. Suggestions were made on having a committee search out location as well as weigh pros and cons all of which has been conducted by the group as well as the 2/3 vote. Another suggestion was that both properties are owned by the same entity ensuring that even if the group moves it is more than likely an option to return if the group would like to.

Mulberry st group last year had 60-80 attendees, 50 active members. Now , currently has 12 group members, 5 active. Looking to have a group inventory even though the thought has been turned down in the past. Having the area scheduled as an incoming group. Strongly encouraged to read Tradition 1.

DCM District 2 Report

December 9, 2019

District Committee Member - DCM - "is the vital link between the group's GSR and the Area service structure. By maintaining active contact, both with the groups in the district and the Delegate, the DCM is the key link in ensuring that all the A.A groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services."

NERAASA - February 21-23, 2020 - Nashua, NH 2020 General Service Conference Theme - 2020: A Clear Vision For You. Pre-registration deadline- Must be postmarked by 2/4/20. On-line Pre-registration deadline: February 6, 2020. www.neraasa.org NERAASA registration \$25.00

Round tables Friday and Saturday evening facilitated by past delegate

GSR PowerPoint Presentation - District 2 - January 13th - Alternate Delegate Mike B.

Concepts meeting - Thursday - Jan. 2, 2020 7:30p - 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke

AA Service Manual Meeting - Wednesday Jan. 15, 2020 7:30p - 74 Pleasant St, Holyoke

Area Treasurer's Report - ● Contributions in October 2019 have increased by \$156.42 from contributions in October 2018. ● Contributions 2019 YTD have increased by \$5,527.02 from contributions 2018 YTD.

Area Secretary's Report - read and accepted

Delegate's Report:

● A DVD of the big book in American Sign Language has been released by the General Service Office, in it, the book Alcoholics Anonymous is signed, spoken, and subtitled. ● There is a proposed agenda item to remove the words He, His, and Him from the twelve steps and twelve traditions and replace them with God. ● There is a proposed agenda item to translate the book Alcoholics Anonymous into plain language. ● There is a proposed agenda item to change the wording of the Preamble from "men and women" to "people"

Alternate Delegate's Report:

● There is a proposed agenda item to develop a book titled "AA Comes of Age II" to chronicle the history of AA from the end of "AA Comes of Age" until the present. ● There is a proposed agenda item to consider an amendment to the title of "Living Sober" to "Living Sober: How Not to Take the First Drink." ● There is a proposed agenda item to develop literature that shares experience, strength, and hope on meditation. ● There is a proposed agenda item to develop a pamphlet that describes how the AA Grapevine can be used to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic.

NEW BUSINESS:

● Motion was made that the area supports a general service conference agenda item that was started and passed unanimously by the Southern Berkshire Group and passed unanimously 5 by District 3 that AA World Services develop a piece of literature devoted to relocating in sobriety.

● Motion passed unanimously and will be voted on again at the Spring Assembly

Old Business: Dec 14th workshop Providence hospital Holyoke MA 11-1 pass out flyers food fellowship raffles. A clear vision for you 2020. Topics keeping AA relevant and practicing these principles in all our affairs. 2 speakers. Brunch. Third legacy voting revealed no **LCM**. Dan started as secretary and Sue rolled out.

New Business: Suzanne L New DCM rolling in for Jan with new plan for traditions, chapter from service manual, concepts and BOX 459, with possible bouncing format to keep it fresh with the times, agreed upon as a group.

Invited Guests: Mike area delegate read dcms report and alternate delegate(above).

When and Where deadline to submit for new printing to be believed Jan 3rd 2020

Also please continue to use the meeting guide app and share it with members

12 and 12 proposed to be printed in sign language

80,000 people expected to attend international convention in Detroit July 2-5.

Paul H rolling in as new delegate Jan.1

Gratefully your secretary,

Dan G