

# AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

### **Participants:** 11

Anne M., 2<sup>nd</sup> year Co DCM

Chris K., 1<sup>st</sup> year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 8:

Kerri O., GSR; Peg C., GSR; Gina D., GSR; Megan G., GSR; Scott M., Interim GSR; Paula D., GSR; Bill L., Alt GSR; Dave C., Alt GSR

Visitors = 1: Paul H., Area 31 Delegate

### **Opening-**

Expanded moment of silence after announcement of three recent deaths in the Area 31 service community: Mike R., the Western MA Intergroup Chair; Craig C., the Cooperation with Professionals Committee Chair; and Megan S., longtime active member of the Young Peoples Committee  
Followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Secretary Report:** Motion to accept secretary's report was unanimous.

**Financials Report:** e-mailed to all GSR's and Alternates. Request to share with homegroups and report any possible mistakes with homegroup donations ASAP.

**Monthly Summary Report** of Concept 9 read by Megan G.

Volunteers to summarize at the next District 2 meeting in November 2021:

Concept 10 Kerri O. and Concept 11 Scott M.

### **Home Group Business:**

Kerri announced the Wild Cats have increased attendance at their Monday Beginner's Meeting to approx. 80 each week, and to be mindful of the hand sanitizer. She relayed a hospital-related incident that happened when one of the clients of an adolescent program drank the contents of one of the hand sanitizers. They now only provide the hand sanitizer on the table near the meeting chair so that it can be monitored. Encourage letting all groups know to be aware.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Vote was unanimous to cancel the District 2 GSR meeting for October 11, 2021. All were encouraged to attend the Area 31 Fall Assembly during the weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Especially on Sunday because of the area business meeting and election of officers. If a GSR or Alternate is not present then that homegroup forfeits their vote.

Election for the new 1<sup>st</sup>-year co DCM for 2022 was held according to Third Legacy Voting Procedure. Two candidates stood for the position. Gina D. was ultimately elected as 1<sup>st</sup> year DCM beginning January 2022. Gina will serve along with the 2<sup>nd</sup>-year co DCM, Chris K.

**DCM Report:** Fall Assembly at the Brimfield Academy on Saturday October 16 10:00am – 4:00pm and Sunday October 17 1:00 – 5:00pm

Fall Assembly is a mandatory event for GSR's. If the GSR cannot be present both days then, the Alt GSR is supposed to stand in. Both are, of course, welcome and encouraged to attend along with any other members of AA. Please, announce the Fall Assembly at meetings you go to. Encourage participation.

Saturday will be a day-long workshop on the Concepts ... with the last 2-hours being a discussion about the possible new home base for our area.

Sunday is the semi-annual Area Business Meeting – most important in the Fall is the elections for the Area positions. If neither the GSR or Alternate attends on Sunday, then your homegroup forfeits having any votes.

From the Area Committee Meeting:

Brian O., Chair of the ADHOC Relocation Committee tasked with looking for a new home for Area 31 gave an update report ... they offered three possible options. However, all currently have issues where they don't quite fit our needs (storage space for especially the equipment to use zoom and all of the archive items) along with adequate meeting space. The committee is not finished searching. They are planning to use the last 2-hours of the Fall Assembly time on Saturday to discuss.

If you want more background information before the assembly, their meeting minutes are posted on the Area website under the Documents link – click on ADHOC Committee.

The General Service Conference Final Report is available digitally. It is currently posted on the Area website. If anyone wants a hardcopy of the report when it comes out – have them send Paul a message to [DELEGATE@area31aa.org](mailto:DELEGATE@area31aa.org) He is making a list of names and US mail addresses so he can send them right out as soon as it's available.

Workshop Hosted by the Accessibility Committee. Saturday Oct 2 1:00 – 3:00 on zoom only. Everyone is welcome. Announce and Encourage attendance at homegroups.

Grapevine Committee is hosting a photo contest. Sometime in December will be the deadline but, they are accepting entries now. The committee members will select two winners – prize for each will be a 1-yr subscription to GV and the picture will be sent to GV in New York for possibly publication in the magazine. No portraits, no faces, nothing that would identify anybody ... usually nature, flowers, animals, objects in the world, etc.

Announce and Encourage any members to send entries to [grapevine@area31aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area31aa.org)

WMA Intergroup announced they will be hosting one last Christmas Alcathon at the church @ 474 Pleasant Street ... unless something happens to the building. It's just easier than using their current location. Be sure your group Intergroup Rep attends the meeting if you want to be entered in the drawing of times to host one of the Alcathon hours.

MASS State Convention will be Saturday November 13 8:00am – 8:00pm and Sunday November 14 9:00am – Noon. Zoom Only

It will be a scaled down version of what people were used to when it was in-person. More information will be available soon such as the program.

They still need volunteers to help with planning and putting the convention on. If anyone is interested to help with the planning – the planning meetings are on zoom – send Mike an email [ALTDELEGATE@area31aa.org](mailto:ALTDELEGATE@area31aa.org) and he will send you the sign on information.

NERASSA 2022 (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) – Registration is Open. It will be held in Pittsburg, PA the weekend of Friday February 25 thru Sunday February 27. More information is available online @ [www.nerassa.org](http://www.nerassa.org)

NOTE: Be sure to always mention the [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) website at your homegroup business meetings cause it's a superb resource of information for AA members

**Visitor:** Paul H., Area 31 Delegate presented an update:

1. MA State Convention Mike and Jerry are putting this together Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm is the Planning Committee Meeting. Tuesday, October 26, at 7pm is the last MA State Convention Planning Committee Meeting before the convention.

Purpose of NERRASA is on the Website Flyer.

2. General Service Conference is available digital all votes, and results.

3. Service Manual the new one is phenomenal, and will be available online on November 5, 2021. Print copies will be available on November 26, 2021. Please email Paul H. he will mail to you, and it's available in English, and Spanish.

4. There is a new Grapevine book called, Prayers & Meditation. It will include several articles written by AA members that describes many different forms of prayer and meditation practices. \$11.50 is the cost.

**Closing** "I Am Responsible"

Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. Attendance options are in-person at the Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke or on zoom: Zoom ID is 884 1126 9312 Password is 1e5Dje

Respectfully submitted: Paula D., Secretary for The District 2 GSR Meeting