

AREA 31 DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Participants: 16

Anne M., 2nd year Co DCM

Chris K., 1st year Co DCM

GSR's and Alternates = 8: Peg C GSR, Paula D GSR, Evan C GSR, Scott M Interim GSR, Bill L Alt GSR, Debbie G Alt GSR, Joe I Alt GSR, Candie Visitor

Visitors = 1: Mike B Area 31 Alt Delegate

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Each individual gave their name, home group, and service position that brought them to this meeting. Candie was a visitor from the Step Group, who may stand for GSR at upcoming group election.

Reading from AA Service Manual (pg S26) The General Service Representative (GSR)

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

Area Financials Reports: e-mailed prior to meeting. GSR's asked to share with their groups.

Concept 10 & 11 Concept 10 summarized by Joe I (on behalf of Kerri) and Concept 11 summarized by Scott M.

Volunteer to summarize Concept 12 during the December meeting is Scott M.

Home Group Business:

Peg C. The Holyoke Group will be meeting in person at their new location starting November 18, 2021. The Holyoke Group meets on Sunday and Thursday evenings at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center on Main St. in Holyoke. The meeting room is located on the third floor of the Catherine Horan Building rather than in the main part of the hospital. There will be greeters outside to provide directions.

Evan C. Provided information about upcoming events sponsored by the Young Peoples Committee.

NECYPAA XXXI - Save the dates



NECYPAA XXXI - Freedom from FEAR

Join Us Dec. 31st, Jan 1st & 2nd

click on the image to download the flyer.

go to: necypaahost.org(link is external) for registration and more information.

Location:

The Sturbridge Host Hotel
366 Main St.
Sturbridge, MA

Dates:

Friday, December 31, 2021 - 3:00pm to Monday, January 31, 2022 - 12:00pm

Old Business: None

New Business: None

DCM Report:

Fall Assembly happened at the Brimfield Academy and on zoom the weekend of October 16 & 17. District 2 was very well represented. Thank you to each of you, who attended either in person or on zoom.

Saturday's presentations of Concepts was very interesting. Especially captured my attention since we have been having brief summaries of each all year long. There was a discussion with the Ad Hoc Committee about moving the Area. It is official that the Area will be moving out of 474 Pleasant Street and over to South Hadley in December.

Sunday was the business meeting which featured reports from all of the various committees, districts, and officers that make up Area 31.

Also, the elections for 2022. Starting in January:

Mike B. will be Delegate

Steve M. will be Alternate Delegate

John G. will be Area Chair

Ray M. will be Secretary

Steve B. will be Treasurer

The 57th Annual MASS State Convention will be this coming weekend. It will be only virtual on Zoom. The zoom links are supposed to be emailed to everyone registered this Thursday.

Saturday November 13 will start 7:45am with a Daily Reflections Meeting followed by a packed agenda of Theme Meetings, Step Meetings, a Home Group Celebration, AA Jeopardy, Sobriety Countdown, and the Main Speaker at 6:30pm

Sunday morning November 14 will start at 8:00am with an As Bill Sees It Meeting and the Spirituality Meeting at 9:00am

It will be a scaled down version of what people were used to when it was in-person. Registration is necessary and can be done online at aamastateconvention.org

The fee is only \$10

Please, announce at every meeting you go to this week. Encourage many people to attend. The planning committee has put a LOT of effort into this event.

There probably will be an In-Person MA State Convention next year on November 11 thru 13, 2022 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge. Paul, our Delegate shared at the Fall Assembly that the contract had not been signed, yet, at that time but that he was very hopeful that it would be shortly.

The Area Grapevine Committee is NOT hosting the photo contest I had announced at our September meeting. The dates were too crunched to be able to do it and get the winners submitted to NY on their timeline.

WMA Intergroup announced they will be hosting the 24-hour Christmas Alcahthon at @ 474 Pleasant Street starting at 6:00pm on Christmas Eve straight thru to 6:00pm on Christmas Day. Be sure your group's sends an Intergroup Rep to the meeting this Thursday November 11 if you want to be entered in the drawing for hosting one of the Alcahthon hours.

The Archives Committee is going to be hosting a talk given by Brian O'Shea, past delegate, about how AA started in our area at their regular meeting Wednesday December 7th at 7:30pm. It's a hybrid meeting with a zoom link on the area calendar or in-person ... hmmm depending on where the area is in December ... maybe 474 Pleasant or maybe S. Hadley.

All AA members are welcome to attend.

NECYPAA 31 – Freedom from Fear (New England Committee of Young People in AA) In-Person Conference will be December 31, January 1 & 2 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Main Street in Sturbridge, MA. Registration is \$25 For information and registration ... there is a link on the Area31aa.org website or the direct address is necypaahost.org

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

There is an Announcement from (GSO) the General Service Office posted on our area31aa.org website right on the home page.

New Revisions to Service Materials about Safety in AA. Safety is an important issue within AA – one that groups and members can address to develop workable solutions to help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

There are links to printed information available in English, French, and Spanish:

A Safety and AA Flyer, Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare, and the Safety (Yellow) Card for AA Groups.

The flyer and safety card are available for download on aa.org or to order at no cost from the AA World Service Online Store.

I just briefly looked at the links. There are lots of helpful suggestions and reminders that groups can use to address things that include: dealing with disruptions, safety and the digital age, group safety and unity, AA and the law, emergencies, diversity and inclusion, and what groups and members can do.

Always Mention the Area Website at Business Meetings area31aa.org Our area website has a plethora of information.

Visitor: Mike B. Area 31 Alternate Delegate

District 4 Virtual Workshop on December 4th Theme is “Ways to Carry the Message during Covid-19.” The link will be on the AA Calendar.

As of December 1st, most Area Committee meetings previously held at 474 Pleasant St. in Holyoke will move to 30 Carew St. in South Hadley. **Two notable exceptions** are **Institutions** and **District 2**, both of which will continue at their present location.

****The Area Website Calendar has been updated to reflect the new locations.****

Our Next District 2 GSR Meeting will be held on Monday December 13th starting at 7:00pm – same choices for attendance: either in-person at 474 Pleasant St.in Holyoke or on Zoom (ID is 884 1126 9312 AND Password is 1e5Dje)

Closing “I Am Responsible” pledge

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