

Ad hoc committee for redistricting in area 31

Ad hoc definition- A temporary committee established for a specific task and then dissolved.
This committee should determine if Area 31 should add/change districts in the area

Present: Jack the chairperson, Pat, Carol, Karen, Mark, Justin(area chair), Patrick, Nancy

Districts large and unwieldy

Linguistic district

Too small, no participation

Changes are structural in nature and would require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote at 2 area assemblies (?)

Background: Justin (area chair)-

- Past dcm district 6. Keep doors open to service. Travel time and gas are issues for some, affordability. However in person promotes participation.
- D-1 has 21 groups, D-4 has 69 groups, redistricting could even out the vote from district to district.
- Berkshires- too big?

Jack,(chair)-

- Dcm of D-6 and registrar have raised these issues before. That re-districting is too hard is not a good enough answer.
- Areas around us have recently gone through this. Average groups per district 30.

Justin-

- No direct route between Enfield and Westfield (Southwick?)
- D-1 needs help. Many struggling groups.

Pat-

- _Perhaps Enfield and Somers could join D-1, Springfield
- D-1 and D-6 could be redistricted as an experiment

Jack-

- Suggests Enfield,Somers,, Longmeadow, E. Longmeadow to attend D-1 meeting
- Dcm's in D-6,D-1 visit those groups in those towns. Invite them to join the D-1 meeting.

After months get feedback. Two assemblies to confirm

- Ask gsr's to bring it back to the groups. D-3 huge with a lot of groups. D-2 two meetings in three towns(?)
- Some towns don't want to do service

Pittsfield and Greenfield have enough groups to be their own district.

We need a spark!

D-1 might stabilize if active groups were added

Jack-

- D-6,D-4,D-1 will be visited

- Area 11, Ct. went from 9 districts to 39 with a linguistic district

Justin-

Access is an issue, we have the right to participate

Jack-

- Consider and open invitation to all groups

Next Area Assemble- October 10-11 to be hosted by district 3 in Pittsfield

Invite gsr's early!

Next meeting July 15, 2026