

District 4 GSR Meeting

February 18, 2025

Meeting opens at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Sascha shares on Tradition 2: “For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

☒ Steps keep individuals sober; traditions keep AA sober ☒ (Patrick) Be mindful of getting wrapped up in ‘ego’ being of service to AA, our traditions guide us to be ‘humble servants’ to AA, our group, & our fellows.

☒ (Nancy) Reference to “AA Comes of Age” & how it mentions the value of ‘old timers’ & their experience in helping guide the group conscience.

James volunteers to read Tradition 3 at next meeting.

Secretary (Dan B) gives secretary’s report Group Check-Ins:

Michael S. (Conway Monday Night): Meetings going ‘swimmingly’

Sascha (Lyden Woods Way Out Meeting): There has been a reduction in their rent, now able to donate more to AA services Rachael P. (Florence Eye Opener Zoom): Meetings going well, getting new members.

Anniversary breakfast with great attendance. Eye Opener Zoom & in person meetings looking to collaborate on pie chart donation proportions.

Patrick B. (Shelburne Falls Meeting): Small group with good & growing attendance, new people stepping into service positions. New changes to meeting format going well.

Kris L. (Amherst 11 th Step Group): Strong, growing attendance from previous years. Business meeting doing well.

Michael (Attitude Adjustment Group Greenfield): Starting to get on their feet with donations.

Group anniversary breakfast (started in 1989).

Grace H. (Sunny Side Up Group Amherst): No Jan. business meeting. Group started as an offshoot from another group, but is coming into its own now with a GSR, working on registering group. Meeting doing well.

Dan B. (Sunday Night Life Group): Just held elections, most positions filled, meeting doing well.

Area Recap: International Convention will be added to Area 31 Hand Book.

Carl received letter from GSO thanking him for their archival donation.

Carl reported on how

Round Up got its name, will include detail in an email to District 4 GSRs Webmaster mentioned Area 31 homepage will be replacing moving images on homepage with stills, groups interested in submitting images for consideration may do so on Area website; please remember no faces or copywritten images.

Grapevine committee is looking for Grapevine issues from 1993 to date for their scavenger hunt, they would be grateful for any donation of back issues.

Round Up taking place June 6-June 8 at the Holiday Inn in Pittsfield, mention the Round Up if reserving rooms with hotel. Registration for Round Up coming soon, scholarships will be available.

Intergroup elected a treasurer.

Wayne from Berkshire area Intergroup mentioned a joint workshop with Western Mass Intergroup, interested persons can find more details on Intergroup webpage MSCYPAA won bid to host Convention 8/16-8/17 at Marriot in Springfield MA. Business meeting/planning committee meets 2 nd Monday of the month at the Serenity Club in Springfield, could use support in planning for convention. They will be holding a 'Bachelor Auction' for a fundraiser.

Some groups are doing a NERASSA watch party on Zoom. It is strongly encouraged that any group doing so register & pay \$35 registration fee to support NERASSA.

District 4 hosting Spring Assembly weekend of March 29 th -30 th at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in S. Deerfield 29 Sugarloaf St. Our delegate (Steve) will be present to take our group conscience to NY Area 31 Delegate Report (Steve): Mentioned MSCYPAA winning bid to hold Convention. Mass State Convention Planning Committee meeting las Tuesday of odd numbered months at 7pm, next one March 25 th . Convention to be held at Best Western in Marlborough 11/14-11/16.

Sally Area 31 Registrar shared on her enjoyment of holding that position, & on its importance in registering new groups. There is a master list of group ID#s on Area homepage. Will include registration form in chat.

Old Business: Grapevine in Greenfield happy to host our District 4 workshop planning at their usual fee of \$25 (hour) New Business: Workshop at Grapevine Greenfield dates May 10 th or 17 th ? Discussion leads to motion passing to hold workshop planning on May 17 th . Nancy will contact Grapevine to solidify. Discussion on length of workshop 3-4 hours? Start time-end time? 3 speakers about 20 minutes each, lunch, possible discussion after? 4 hours seemed sufficient, motion made & passed unanimously for length to be 4 hours (we can book for 4 hours and if wrap up in 3 can

pay accordingly). Motion made & passed for start time/end time to be 10am-2pm. Topic is “Working Together & Building Trust”. There will be a format. Will need help setting up & breaking down tables & chairs. Will need speakers, Nancy & James to ask a few possible speakers, will need a for a 3 rd speaker, will discuss next meeting.

Ideas mentioned to invite

Young People to table at workshop.

Hosting Spring Assembly in S. Deerfield March 29 th & 30 th . Arrive early to help setup (Ask Nancy if interested in helping.) Assigned workshop at Round Up in June “Principles Before Personalities”.

Nancy, James to

share a few minutes each & then open for discussion.

Alcathon in Pittsfield in June topic “K.I.S.S.”

Meeting closed with Responsibility Prayer Next meeting March, 18 th 7pm