

District 4 GSR Meeting
May 20, 2025

Meeting opens at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Matt shares on Tradition 5: "Each group has but one primary purpose: to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

- As AA grows, carrying the message is our purpose & focus, why we are here & where we come from. We saw what happened with another recovery group when they got involved with outside issues & how that contributed to their unraveling.

Patrick volunteers to read Tradition 6 at next meeting.

New GSRs? Samantha Only Requirement Group Greenfield & Kathleen K. Big Book Study Group Shelburne

Secretary (Dan B) gives secretary's report

Group Check-Ins:

Nancy (Amherst Friday Night): Planning group anniversary, haven't had one in a while, speaker secured, collecting separate donations. Monthly commitments going well

Rachel P. (Eye Opener Florence): Attendance growing, zoom attendance strong.

Sascha (A Way Out Big Book Meeting Lyeden): Group anniversary, 20+ years. Meetings well attended, full house.

Patrick B. (Big Book Study Group Shelburne): Goin well, good attendance 17-20 average. New group members stepping into service positions.

Michael T. (Attitude Adjustment Group Greenfield): Having issue with being a closed meeting & having someone regularly attend who identifies as an addict who felt unwelcome & walked out; discussion followed. Looking for feedback/suggestions. (some GSRs in attendance gave feedback)

Dan B. (Sunday Night Life Group Haydenville): Business as usual, commitments going well, group signed up for phone coverage for month of June.

Samantha (Only Requirement Group Greenfield): New GSR, good attendance, commitments going well.

DCM Nancy P. shares on last Area meeting:

- Registrar (Sally) shared many groups GSR info not updated, there is a Group Contact that can be named as a backup/alternative to listing/updating GSR so groups can remain in contact with Area, it is available on Area 31 website.
- Archivist (Carl) shared on the history of the Downtown Group & on an old 1st edition Big Book Panel 10 donated to archives.
- Webmaster (Tom) still looking for still photos for Area website background (the seasons, churches, landscapes) anyone can submit, please no copywritten material. He also could use a co-chair who has web-design/maintenance experience; anyone interested please reach out.
- Rick (?) shared on a recording party coming up "Got Sober On Zoom".
- CPC (Karen) needs secretary & co-chair ASAP!
- Grapevine (Joe) will be at the Round Up holding a writing workshop, will also be at Young People's convention.

- P.I. (Brian) they are focusing on outreach & contacting institutions to get AA info to the public. He also mentioned a radio show in Great Barrington
- Round Up (Jack) Banquet deadline soon, cost \$35. Round Up 6/6-6/8 in Pittsfield Holiday Inn & Suites, can find info on Area website.
- Berkshire Intergroup (Dwayne) they hold a bookie meeting before their Intergroup meeting for anyone looking for commitments.
- Institutions received 30 donations of around \$1,900, they also support Berkshire Intergroup which is a subcommittee of Western Mass Area 31
- WMYPAA (Matt) Convention in Springfield in August, 2 more planning meetings left to prepare. A camping weekend is coming this summer in Dorsett VT, flyers available on website.
- Area Delegate (Steve) NY looking for a non-trustee director. NERF coming December in Providence RI, it is free, but you do need to register.
- Alt Delegate (Ray) Mass State Convention 11/14-11/16 more info to follow
- Area Chair (Bob) Fall Assembly in October 11/18-11/19, D2 is looking for a location. There will be elections at the Assembly.
- DCM (Nancy P) D4 Workshop went well, great speakers (Ray Alt Delegate, Sally Registrar, & Bob Area chair). Thanks to everyone for attending & those who help setup.

New Business

- Round Up 6/6-6/8 D4 to host workshop 10am Saturday "Principles Before Personalities", can be casual. Michael S., Kathleen K., & Nancy P. to host. Also responsible for an Alcahion meeting 10pm Friday, "Keep It Simple"?
- NMH AA meetings to be held during their Annual Alumni Weekend gathering. Meetings coordinated by James to meet 5:30pm-6:30pm on 6/6 & 6/7 at their Social Hall. Anyone wanting to attend/support the meetings are invited.
- Area Delegate (Steve) shared that traditionally it is the GSR's responsibility to attend the Round Up & report back to their group & that their group should pay their GSR's way. Steve also shared on NY looking for a non-trustee director: AA has two companies, AA World Services & AA Grapevine, each of these works with a Board of Directors which currently has an opening. There is a 7/1 submission deadline for a letter of interest. Lastly, the Mass State Convention will be in Marlborough, in November. Registration is open.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Prayer

Next meeting June, 17th 7pm