

District 4 Minutes 3/17

- Patrick O opens with Tradition 3

New GSRs

- Greg P; Friday night Chapman St Group
- Tim B; All are welcome, Saturday night 6pm Greenfield

Group Check-Ins

- Beth; Northampton Beginners meeting 7pm Center Street. Av attendance of 50 people, huge turn out, handing out chips for monthly milestones. First Saturday is a focus on step 1-2-3
- Kathleen K; Shelbourne Falls BB Study Group, Thursday Nights 7pm Trinity Church. Read from the front of the book one week, and back of the book next week. Average attendance 16-22. Going well, extremely service focused group.
- Nancy; Amherst Friday Night Group, South Amherst 8-9:30. Fluctuating attendance—almost full house to crickets. Some transientness with group members, suffering from that. Tried to have group elections recently, started trying to do it in December, pushed and pushed till February. Not enough people to fill the basic positions. Some newcomers holding on which is cool. Feel like they're getting thrust in to positions they are not qualified for yet. Exceptions being made to sobriety time limits/requirements.
 - James; quick reminder that group inventory is available from Area folks
- Haas; Haydenville Sunday Night Life group. Last months secretary minutes incorrectly noted that we are lower on cups of coffee. 60-70 to 100 attendees. Feels good to see the group grow. Ton of new members. 8-12 new members in the last year. People showing up on commitments, at least 2x per month. Ongoing Swift River commitment, thinking of picking up another Institutions Commitment. Really healthy group, a lot of input.
- Urygen, Northampton LGBT Meeting Fridays 7:30. Steady attendance, 20-30 people every week. Healthy business meeting. Group elections, filled positions. Grapevine rep for the first time in many years.
- Craig; 7am Greenfield Grapevine. Went to NERAASA, learned many things. One in particular— to bring someone in for group inventory. Brought it to the group and everyone was open to it, have reached out to Area, moving forward with that. Looking forward to that— some things very strong and getting stronger, and some are challenging— particularly same person is business meeting chair and treasurer, is a little sticky. Having 2nd anniversary founders day party in April although meeting has been around for 30 years. 30 people most mornings.
- Greg P; Friday Night Chapman St Group at Grapevine in Greenfield. Attendance between 45-55, 8-10 in business meeting. Good health outgoing and incoming commitments.
- Tim B; All Are Welcome; 20-40 people every Saturday. 8ish people in business meeting, every 3rd Saturday. Growing and attracting more people.
- Dexter; Conway Group Monday Nights. Doing good, just had elections. Come join us!
- Tommy; Northampton Wednesday night, Doing good, good attendance, good group.

Area Meeting Recap (James)

- Old business at Area meeting; motion was voted on of removal of CT committees from our handbook/maps
- Treasurers report– treasury is not what it should be. Please share with people that you can send contributions to Area through website/chekc etc
- Closing Feb balance of 2474.71 plus prudent 8501. Scraping along, doing a bit better than previously, spreading that word is working
- Webmaster; when contract ends, we voted to move to a non profit hosting service that will save us a bunch of money
- Business as usual for archives and archivist. Group history form can be found on the Archives section of the website. Springfield Young People's latest meeting to submit their history
 - If you're having an anniversary, reach out to James and he can connect you with Archivist to bring history displays
- Accessibilities committee looking for people to take commitments in to nursing homes/home bound members etc. If you want to bring a meeting to the "older guard", please reach out
- CPC; 2 commitments to bring AA message to professionals. Springfield College April 9th 7-9pm and 2nd week of Sept Baypath College
- PI; Problem with attendance. Rep said people are signing up for things and not following through. PI is looking to get radio slots on the local radio stations, collaborating with GSO in NY
- Roundup; Jill is here to share more so I won't talk too much.
- Institutions; Attendance and donations are up, always looking for more donations. Quite a few open institutions commitments available.
- Intergroup; New Western MA Intergroup rep packets available for pickup. Looking for phone coverage
 - June 20th Annual Intergroup Golf Event, \$100 at Agawam Community Golf club.
- Young People's; March 15th Alano Club Pancake Brunch and Bingo
- Spring Assembly April 11th and 12, Holy Trinity Church 300 Hazzard Avenue in Enfield.
 - GSRs are expected to attend, main thing a GSR does.
 - Talk about agenda items that delegate is going to bring to the General Service Conference in New York. Very important to do, a way to give input and affect change in the AA structure. All the [agenda items](#), 8-9 of them, can be found on Area 31 AA Website (area31aa.org)

Roundup Chair Jill F.

- Roundup will be held May 29-30 at Wesley United Church in Hadley
- Districts will hold different workshops, Dist 4 Saturday 3:15-4:00 topic will be rule 62. **Kathleen K volunteers to chair the meeting!**
- One of the primary purposes; Forum for the delegate to report on the general service conference.

- Area delegate provides the channel between area and general service office.
- Good opportunity to connect with people, do workshops on the theme (humility and action). Provides an opportunity for learning and reflection, and connecting with fellows .
- Roundup committee meets every month just before the Area Meeting, hybrid.
- Need volunteers and registrations!! Fully self supporting, need people to show up.
- Hospitality– asking districts to help stock that
- Reach jill at roundaup@area31aa.org
- Need help the day of
- Registrations [available online](#) and the day of in person.
- Friday; home group day– bring something for the potluck and get buy 1 get 1 registration. There will be an ask it basket, home group celebration, service countdown.
- Saturday; fully catered day. Dist 2 will do workshop on Roberts Rules of Order. CPC and PI will send out formal invitations to professionals to attend a workshop for them.
- Trying to shake things up a bit this year! Should be a really great time
- Asking for raffle donations– anything Wellness related. Jill can provide a drop-off address or 30 Carew St on particular days, or Jill can meet with you somewhere. Just reach out to roundup@area31aa.org

Berkshire Intergroup Chair; Dwayne

- AA trivia event in the beginning of May, still figuring out details
- Big meditation meeting event in July
- GSR Speaker Jam meeting in September
- Trying to get people involved.
- 4138419745 Dwayne M Kaliyahfaith01@gmail.com if you want to connect

Old Business

- Last month we elected Haas as LCM, Local Committee Member. After we did that, James looked in to it (in handbook and talking with Carl the Archivist). Realised that Haas can't be LCM because he's an acting GSR. LCM can't be a GSR, because at the roundup both positions have a vote and that would be a conflict. LCM needs to be a past GSR/Past DCM or other Area officer. Technically can be anybody, suggested 2 year sobriety and some experience in area service.
 - Putting this to bed and moving on since there doesn't seem to be conversation around it

New business

- No new business

Motion to close 7:55pm

Passes

Meeting closed 7:55pm with Responsibility Pledge