

## **District 4 GSR Meeting notes:**

May 19, 2026 **Chairperson:** James

**Alternate:** Patrick

**Attendees:** James, Nancy (Am. Fri. Night), Jack (Suffield Grapevine), Beth, Patrick, Kathleen K, Shelburne falls BB, Ray M, Craig C., Samantha, Norah, Sarah S.

7p start. **Serenity Prayer**

**Tradition of the month:** Tradition Five – primary purpose

Samantha: life of fellowship requires the preservation of this principle. Story about a drunk Irish guy. Cost? Sobriety, happy life. Spirituality?! ... Humility.

Patrick: “Shoemaker stick to thy last.” Stay focused on alcoholism.

**June Tradition.** Samantha

No new GSRs.

### **Group check ins:**

**Beth** – Northampton beginners Meeting. Attendance high. Newcomers pick topic.

**Sarah** – Florence Eyeopener. Zoom an in person. May separate the meeting. Great attendance at both meetings. Getting sober and staying sober.

**Kathleen** – Shelburne Falls BBB study, Thursday @ 7. Windows open in heat. Attendance 18-20 every week. Group inventory question. **Used to be a regular thing.**

**Craig** – Recently completed a group inventory. Amazing. Tanya facilitated. 90 mins-2hours. Serving and connecting with newcomer. Group dynamics. Meeting versatility? Take inventory back to business meeting. Meeting in good place.

**Norah** – Sunday morning Lydenwoods Big Book Step Study. Anniversary breakfast. Packed room. Wonderful speaker. Great message. Food was amazing. Newcomers asked for BB. Attendance steady, a little low for Mother’s Day. 40-50 people. Last business meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> step workshop discussion. Round up announcement.

**Nancy** – Amherst Friday Night Group. Influx of newcomers. Lifeblood of AA. New people covering service work. Heard of “Junior Secretary”. Attendance goes up and down. Joiners and then no-shows.

**Samantha** – Only Requirement Group, Sunday 6p, Grapevine, Greenfield. Good attendance. Issue: People dropping responsibilities.

**Richard W** – Sunderland Security Group. Great Meeting. Great speakers.

**AREA REPORT:** James

Treasures' Report: Donations slightly up. Re-imbursements have happened. Next month will gain traction. Treasury is not what it should be.

Richard: Message not always well-received.

Kathleen: Encourage groups that aren't giving to give.

Sarah: Price of one drink.

Registrar: 303 groups, up two. Virtual group split off from in-person group. All groups should check anniversary ad update.

Archivist: busy in warmer months. Mapping out Area 31 for re-districting. Oldest group in Holyoke. Archivist Carl loves to talk about history.

Webmaster: non-profit status submission. Hosting will be switched to new provider before end of June. No interruption.

Accessibilities Committee. Attendance is down. Nonetheless, all commitments are filled.

Archives doing two events at Round-up. Speaker recording party.

CPC: good attendance. Upcoming group inventory. Professional commitment at Baypath, AIC, nursing homes.

Grapevine: Low attendance. Disappointed. Workshop. July 25, 11-3p. Faith Community Chapel, Ludlow. Pizza and Potluck.

PI Committee. Looking for people to go into high schools. Training: Speaking at Non-AA meetings. Finally got a secretary. Psyched. Radio slots. Rock 102. UMASS website.

Berkshire Intergroup. Good attendance. Stocked. Meditation meeting info forthcoming.

Institutions. Rolling strong. 5 new commitments. 224 books handed out for use at institutions. Problems with Bridging the Gap program. Interactive sign-up page online. Family picnic on August 16 @ Moose Family Center. Chicopee. Discussion about what should and should not be posted on homepage. Phone coverage.

Delegate report: Ray

Bill W meeting will be screened.

### **ROUND-UP:**

May 29-30, Friday (5-9) and Saturday (8-930). Wesley United Methodist Church. Pre-reg. = 30. At the door, \$35. Buy one get one free on Friday night, if you bring a dish. Lunch and dinner provided on Saturday. Checks payable to WM Round Up.

Workshop topics. Robert's Rules.

Voted to get 5<sup>th</sup> edition BB printed. 26 new stories. Lots of young people's stories. Transgender stories. Common themes: feel the recovery in the stories.

Purchased an app: Everything AA. Revenue neutral.

Round-up report will be recorded.

Lost to VT for 2029 NERASAA.

Delegate report at 12:15p on Saturday.

District 4 Workshop: Saturday @ 3:15, Rule 62

Ad hoc Redistricting committee - Jack

Service manual is sketchy about size of district.

20-40 groups in a district. District 4 is 69 groups. 9 groups making decisions for 69 groups. If we had less groups in each district would that increase participation? How to get more GSR's in the room? Since 6 districts were created 151 groups, groups have increased, 300+.

Sam: participation in committee? Closed to DCMs and former DCMs.

Nancy: redraw or add?

Ray: conversation sparked by District 1 Low participation. Dissolution of district 1?

Work Shop discussion:

Positive feedback from groups.

\$300 budget

Kathleen: "do it and promote the hell out of it". Follow intuition.

Craig: not a panel, experiential

*Motion to structure workshop around 11<sup>th</sup> step; seconded. Unanimous.*

Location and timing?

June, July, August, September

Norah: Mediation can happen anywhere.

Nancy and Patrick: Grapevine is centrally located? Further south? How to include entire district?

Craig: Series.

Motion to have 11<sup>th</sup> step workshop at Greenfield Grapevine. Second.

Discussion: not comfortable to vote would like to explore other places.

Motion withdrawn.

Other locations for 11<sup>th</sup> step workshop to be explored.

Patrick: Donations to Round Up?



## **Area Report:**

Justin: Ad hoc committee is starting. Areas are large, GSRs are only coming from certain parts. Encourage GSRs to show up. Everyone will have a voice. Two assemblies to vote, nothing to happen this year. Service enhances sobriety speakers and inventory leaders available. Concept meetings, monthly and online. Round up is coming.

Nancy: Service commitments question. How much is story, how much is service.

Justin: 50/50, no rules. Qualification + service enhances sobriety.

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Area 31 does meeting on Rule 62 at 3:15.

Ray presents report on Saturday after lunch.

Workshops. Roberts Rule.

Email Jill to volunteer.

## **New Business:**

District 4 workshops. Sam wants to be involved. Craig proposes 11<sup>th</sup> step as a theme. Kathleen suggests that we seek input from homegroups.