

**District 5 Meeting
July 2023 Minutes
7/3/2023**

Opening

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:00pm by Kate, our DCM.

- Moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer.
- Sharla read “What is a GSR?” from the handbook.
- Kate, DCM, welcomed new GSRs and asked if there were visitors.
- Tony, Secretary, read June Meeting Minutes.

Groups Present

1. Sonny - Wilbraham Men’s Group
2. Tim - Hampden Step Group
3. Chris - Belchertown Saturday Night
4. Carl - Eye Opener Group
5. Juan - East Longmeadow Sunday Night
6. Ian - Belchertown Cold Spring Group
7. Sharla - Wilbraham Friday Night
8. Mike - Wake UP Call Group
9. Alex - South Hadley Friday Night

Visitors

1. John, Area Chair

Group Sharing

Sharla, GSR – Wilbraham Friday Night Group

Noreen, Alt. GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:15pm and then 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Address: 10 Chapel Wilbraham, MA Grace Union
- Financial Contributions: Yes
- Service Positions Filled: All but 2
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Genos end of the month
 - Institutions: Carlson
- No Concerns

Juan, GSR – East Longmeadow Group

Jean Claude, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Address: 1 Porter Road East Longmeadow, MA 01028
- Financial Contributions: We contribute to the pie every month.
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: July 23, 2023 Better Life Group outgoing
 - Institutions:
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Ian, GSR - Belchertown Cold Spring Group

Jen, Alt. GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Address: 18 Park Street Belchertown, MA 01007
- Financial Contributions: Not this month
- Service Positions Filled: Many
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Welcome Home Group 7/13 incoming, 7/14 outgoing.
 - Institutions:
- Upcoming Anniversary: Official anniversary is June. This years' celebration will be October 12, 2023 @ 5:30pm. Food Fellowship and Speaker Meeting.
- Concerns: Having a conflict with the church events and group scheduling, parking situation during town and church events.

Chris - Belchertown Saturday Night

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-7:30pm Beginner's. 8pm-9pm Speaker
- Address: 18 Park Street Belchertown, MA 01007
- Financial Contributions: No pie this month
- Service Positions Filled: All but CPC + PI
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Incoming Eye Opener Florence 7/15. Outgoing Monday 7/17.
 - Institutions:
- Concerns: Elevator is broken. Church knows and is working on it.

Carl – Eye Opener Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Fridays 7pm-8:30pm Step
- Address: 51 Center St, Ludlow, MA
- Financial Contributions: Not this month
- Service Positions Filled: Bookie, GSR and Treasurer
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: yes? This month
 - Institutions: Ludlow Jail
- Concerns: The church is for sale.

Mike, GSR - Wake UP Call Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Daily 7am
- Address: Zoom link provided on area31aa.org
- Financial Contributions: Pie
- Service Positions Filled: No having trouble
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: N/A
 - Institutions:
- Concerns: Should be more people trying to bring in more. Group inventory voted in. Had to take count 3 times. Sent email to the Area Chair John. He got back to me the same day and he is going to send me a Past Chair to facilitate group inventory.

Alex, GSR – South Hadley Friday Night Beginners/Mixed Format
Deb, Alt. GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: Fridays 6pm-7pm
- Address: 11 North Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions: ???
- Concerns:

Sonny, GSR – Wilbraham Men’s Group
Harvey, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-8pm
- Address: Wilbraham, MA

- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Most of Them
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions: Standing commitment last Tuesday every month
- Concerns/Comments: New Treasurer taking over. Business meeting great turnout. Solid group. Doing very well.

Tim, GSR – Hampden Step Group

Alan, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 2 Speaker
- Address: Federation Community Church, 590 Main Street, Hampden, MA
- Financial Contributions: Our Treasurer will be sending contributions for General Service \$80, Area \$100 and Intergroup \$150.
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI Rep
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: July 11, 2023 Mixed Nuts incoming and July 12, 2023 Mixed Nuts outgoing.
 - Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) July 5, 2023 and July 19, 2023.
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Old Business

- a) DCM report on the Area Committee. Next Area meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:30pm. All GSRs are welcome!! Meet at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA.
- b) July 25, 2023 is Mass State Convention Committee meeting.
- c) Delegate report is on area31aa.org.
- d) Archives has a listening committee on July 29, 2023.
- e) There is a radio station. Lara spoke on it last week. More details available on the area31aa.org website.
- f) Institutions Committee. Call Matt, Chairman, to get on the list. This is to provide rides to for Bridging the Gap Committee.
Phone number (860) 343 3467
- g) Picnic at Moose Lodge is looking for volunteers. Details available on area31aa.org website.
- h) 1st Annual Intergroup Golf Tournament August 25th. \$45 entry fee.

- i) Justin is running for District 6
- j) Currently as site search for next years' Mass State Convention. More details on area31aa.org website.

Visitor Report

John, Area Chair

- Like visiting this meeting because the Secretary keeps really good notes. Writes down everything I am saying. But let's see, what can I say for this report.
- The Fall Assembly will be at St. Catherine's Church at 1023 Parker Street Springfield, MA October 14-15 2023. Saturday will be, and this is just a rough explanation, on Saturday most likely Area Inventory. "Don't hold me to that." On Sunday, business meeting where we all get together to sometimes make changes. All GSRs will get a vote. This will be the time to make really big decisions. Another cool thing, we will be doing elections. Delegate, Alt Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary. All participants stand. Criteria for each position is read, people sit as requirements are announced. Last standing can run for the position, there will be a vote. If this sounds appealing, or if there is something you would like to run for, it's a great time. I've had a lot of fun. Stand up it's really good stuff. Time consuming.
- Concept meetings Thursday here at 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA.

New Business

- a) Reviewed list of active registered groups in District 5. Kate, DCM, asked if any of the GSRs present attend any of them regularly. Also, asked if there was any knowledge of what day and time each group meets, if the group listed is still active, if they have a GSR. She also mentioned that GSRs don't have to attend the meetings that have GSRs already active in District 5 participation. Juan, GSR of East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group, was at the ready to provide information for many groups mentioned. This alone provided evidence that Juan is a GSR for many groups, or that he is highly active in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Readings

Ian, GSR from Cold Spring Group, reported on: Concept 11

Kate, DCM, reported on: Tradition 7

Next month's readings and discussion

Tim, GSR for Hampden Step Group has agreed to report on: Tradition 8

Sharla, GSR for Wilbraham Friday Night Group has agreed to report on: Chapter 5

Next Meeting

Monday August 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm

30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA.

Zoom Login info at area31aa.org.

Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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