

**District 5 Meeting  
November 2023 Minutes  
11/6/2023**

**Opening**

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

**Groups Present**

Sonny – Wilbraham Men’s Group  
Tim – Hampden Tuesday Night Group  
Carl – Eye Opener Group  
Juan - East Longmeadow Sunday Night  
Mike - Wake UP Call Group  
Chris – Belchertown Saturday Night  
Alan – Wilbraham Monday Night Step Meeting  
Darryl – Brimfield Friday Night  
Louise – Morning Light  
James – Keep it Green  
Amanda - Do or Die  
Taylor – Do or Die Alt  
Sharla - Wilbraham Friday Night  
Beatrice –Visiting

**Visitor**

Mike B., Delegate

Lara read *What It Means to be a GSR* from the AA Service Manual.

**Group Sharing**

Sharla, GSR – *Wilbraham Group*

*Noreen, Alt*

- 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 Nominations in November and elections in December

- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Yes
  - Institutions: Carlson
- No Concerns

Carl, GSR –Eye Opener Friday Night

- Day/Time of Meeting: Friday @ 7:00pm
- Address: 51 Center St Ludlow
- Financial Contributions: \$100.00 to Pie
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing
  - Institutions:
- Looking for new church our church is for sale.

Juan, GSR – *East Longmeadow Group*

- 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: GSR,
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Amanda, GSR - *Do or Die*

Taylor, Alt GSR

- Day/Time of Meeting: Wednesday 7pm
- Address: St. Andrews Church, Longmeadow MA
- Financial Contributions: Contribute Quarterly
- Service Positions Filled: Yes
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Morning Light
  - Institutions: Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly
- Working to get back to old church in East Longmeadow
- Special meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> for elections

- Not using correct Group# for donations need help to correct. Mike directed her to the Registrar's email.

Mike, GSR - *Wake UP Call Group*

- Sat & Sun 7am-8am Sun 7pm-8pm
- Address: Virtual
- Financial Contributions: Donate to Pie
- Service Positions Filled: Most filled
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:
- Stop mailing out Big Books and Daily Reflections to new members

Sonny, GSR – *Wilbraham Men's Group*

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Most of Them
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions: Mill St. Last Tuesday Outgoing
  - Section 35 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month
- Meeting continues to grow along with business meetings
- Issue with group # we use on donations for Pie. Treasurer is using old # confirmed with Registrar. Group is happy using old# not getting credit what do I do?

Tim, GSR – *Hampden Step Group*

- 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: Treasurer will be sending to General and Area31
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI Rep, Intergroup Rep
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
- Anniversary – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Food and Fellowship 6-7 Speaker 7:00pm
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Hitchcock, Brimfield

- Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday
- No issues or concerns at this moment

Chris - GSR - Belchertown

- Sat 7:00 Beg 8:00 Speaker
- Address: 18 Park St Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: Not this month
- Service Positions Filled: Most filled not PCP OR CPC
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Holyoke Step Group
  - Institutions: no

Alan, GSR – Monday Night Step Group

- 6:30-7:15 Beg 7:30-8:30 1-12
- Address: 10 Chapel St Wilbraham
- Financial Contributions: Not this month
- Service Positions Filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Archives
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:
- Group elections will take place Dec 18<sup>th</sup> . I have been tasked with finding all available positions at the group level. Where do I find that, pg 6 pg 24 Mike helped him out.

Darryl, Dave GSR – Brimfield

- Friday 7:30 – 8:30
- Address: Hitchcock
- Financial Contributions: Donate to Pie monthly
- Service Positions Filled: Group level filled Accessibility GSR
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Hampden
  - Institutions:
- Need Intergroup Rep

### Louise GSR – Morning Light

- 7 days 7am-8am
- Address: 284 Montgomery St
- Financial Contributions: Donate to Pie
- Service Positions Filled: All but Accessibility
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Do or Die
  - Institutions: Carlson

PayPal finally installed 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition usage issue resolved. Anniversary/coins resolved. FYI there are a lot of new meeting is Chicopee starting up at 35 Center St on Sat & Sun.

### James - GSR – Keep it Green

- Thursday 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
- Address: Green St St. Patrick
- Financial Contributions: When we can
- Service Positions Filled: Most position filled
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Every month
  - Institutions: no

Problems: Concerns with attendance. Hope it picks up.

### **Old Business**

- How are people doing with visiting groups that do not have a GSR?

### **Visittor Reports**

Mike B., Delegate

- Thanked everyone for letting him serve as our Delegate.
- District 5 is killing it with their GSR participation
- Mass State Convention this weekend
- Grapevine Workshop Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Name 6-8 Going over App and Group Celebrations

### **New Business**

- Elections Lara, DCM – Sharla, Co DCM- Sonny, ALT Co DCM- Louise, Secretary
- Fall Assembly went well. All who attended learned a lot about the election process. The Registrar was very informative.

### **This Month Readings**

- Dave Tradition 11 Stay out of using our own name. Example of personalities not associating with a specific program use the term 12 Step Program. Attraction not promotion.
- Louise – Concept 9 – Back each other up, the Assembly was an example. What is a leader? Never pass the buck. Sponsorship is the strongest example of leadership. Service teaches us how to handle ourselves.

### **Readings**

#### **Next month's readings and discussion**

Carl will read and report on Tradition 12

Sonny will read and report on Chapter 3

Next month's meeting will be Monday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

Responsibility Pledge.

### **Meeting adjourned.**

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