

**District 5 Meeting  
December 2023 Minutes  
12/4/2023**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:00pm by Lara, our Co-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  
Ian – Cold Springs Group  
Jim – Keep it Green  
Taylor – Do or Die  
Lily – Do or Die  
Rob – Miracles in the Making  
Ron – Lost and Found  
Sharla - Wilbraham Friday Night  
Launa – Wilbraham Friday Night

**Visitor**

Mike B., Delegate

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

**Group Share**

Sharla, GSR – Wilbraham Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:15pm and then 7:30pm-8:30pm

- Address: 10 Chapel Wilbraham, MA Grace Union
- Financial Contributions: Pending change over to new Treasurer, (Bank Docs)
- Service Positions Nominations in November and elections in December
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Yes
  - Institutions: Carlson

#### Group Share Discussion

- Elections at December Business meeting

#### Carl, GSR –Eye Opener Friday Night

- Day/Time of Meeting: Friday @ 7:00pm – 8:30 pm
- Address: 51 Center St Ludlow
- Financial Contributions: \$100.00 to Church for oil - \$100.00 Pie
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing None
  - Institutions: Looking to take one on

#### Group Share Discussion:

- Church has been sold – We are told we can stay waiting for a meeting with new owners.
- Elections in 2 weeks

#### 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:
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:

#### Group Share Discussion:

- No concerns

#### Taylor, GSR – Do or Die

#### Lily, Alt GSR – Do or Die

- Day/Time of Meeting: Wednesday 7:00pm
- Address: St. Andrews Church, Longmeadow MA
- Financial Contributions: Contribute to Pie
- Service Positions Filled: All are filled
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Young People – Alakathon 11 pm slot
  - Institutions: Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly
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#### Group Share Discussion:

- Amanda rolling out , Taylor GSR and Lily Alt GSR

#### Mike, GSR - Wake UP Call Group

- Sun 7am-8am Sun 7pm-8pm
- Address: Virtual
- Financial Contributions: None
- Service Positions
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:

#### Group Share Discussion:

- Cut out Saturday meeting due to lack of attendance
- Group needs support

#### Sonny, GSR – Wilbraham Men’s Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Only Group level, GSR, Intergroup and Archives
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions: Mill St. Last Tuesday Outgoing

#### Group Share Discussion:

- Voted on having Ludlow Section 35 commitment one Saturday a month
- Our group # and name has been resolved

- Continues to be well attended
- Discussion on changing meeting time
- Elections/voting end of December
- Xmas dinner for group members
- Voted to purchase more 12 & 12 books

#### 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: None, spent on Anniversary, Oil for church, rent, and a microphone for speaker meeting, the funds were low.
- Service Positions Not Filled: We have quite a few open positions after elections we are trying to fill CPC, PI, Institutions, Accessibilities, Grapevine, Archives
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
- Anniversary, Tuesday, November 21, 2023, was a successful event with about 60 or so guest
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Randall
  - Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday

#### Group Share Discussion:

- No concerns at this time

#### Chris - GSR - Belchertown

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

#### Group Share Discussion:

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary December 16, 2023 Food 6:30 pm Speaker to follow

18 Park St Belchertown, MA

Alan, GSR – Monday Night Step Group

- 6:30-7:15 pm Beg 7:30-8:30 pm 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 Share Discussion:

- Group elections will take place Dec 18<sup>th</sup> .

Darryl, GSR – Brimfield

- Friday 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Address: Hitchcock
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: 7:00 am Morning Light
  - Institutions:

Group Sharing Discussion:

- Need assistance in having a Group Inventory

Ian, GSR - Cold Springs

- Thursday 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Address: 18 Park St Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: None
- Service Positions Filled: Treasurer, Secretary, Accessibility, GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Alkathon 5 pm slot
  - Institutions:

Group Share Discussion:

- None at this time

#### James, GSR - Keep it Green

- Thursday 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
- Address: Green St Cushman Hall
- Financial Contributions: None this month
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Bookie, Intergroup, and group level
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Every month
  - Institutions: no

#### Group Share Discussion:

- Wed have changed our name back to Keep It Green

#### Rob, GSR – Miracles in the Making

- Saturday 6:00 pm – 7:00pm
- Address: Chicopee
- Financial Contributions: None
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:

#### Group Sharing Discussion:

#### Ron D., GSR – Lost and Found

- Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Address: The Church of Christ, Montgomery St, Chicopee
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing:
  - Institutions:

#### Group Sharing Discussion:

- New to Service and this position willing to learn the process.

#### **Old Business**

- How are people doing with visiting groups that do not have a GSR?
- Lara went to Miracle in the Making and a Rep is here tonight.

## **New Business**

- \$600.00 allocated for a Chromebook for District 5. Lara's husband will help research one that would best suit our needs. Our thanks
- Workshop ideas – Table this for future discussion
- Next year area committee to fund NERAASA
- Thoughts on how Conventions went – Good and Bad Most were positive but would have liked more workshops.
- Next year's convention in Marlboro, MA

## **Visitor Reports**

Mike B., Delegate

- Mass State Convention, 2024, first planning meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> in Marlboro, MA There will be a car pool to meeting, more to follow
- New hotel for convention
- Things that will probably be there: Musical Bingo, Saturday dance, Meditation meeting

## **This Month Readings**

- Carl Tradition 12- Principle before Personality. Humility was a common bond throughout the tradition.
- Sonny – Chapter 3 – He was assigned the wrong Chapter

## **Readings**

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

Sonny will read and report on Tradition 1

Jim will read and report on Chapter 2

Next month's meeting will be Monday, Jan 1<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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