

District 5 Meeting
March 2024 Minutes
3/3/2024

Opening

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

Groups Present

Sonny /Mick– Wilbraham Men’s Group
Tim – Hampden Tuesday Night Group
Juan - East Longmeadow Sunday Night
Chris – Belchertown Saturday Night
Darryl – Brimfield Friday Night
Ian – Cold Springs Group
Jim – Keep it Green
Taylor/ Lily– Do or Die
Darcy-Wilbraham Friday Night
John- Here and Now Group
Sarah-South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group
Carl-Eye Opener Step Group
Pam- Clear Cut Direction BB Step Meeting

Visitor

Ray-Area 31 Alternate Delegate
Max- Accessibility Committee Chairperson

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

Group Share

Juan, GSR – East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Address: 1 Porter Road East Longmeadow, MA

- Financial Contributions: We contribute to the pie every month
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Sunderland
 - 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
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Forest Park
 - Institutions: Carlson 3rd Thursday monthly

Group Share Discussion: Weekly donations about half of what they were, voted to have someone walk around with the basket..something that they used to do in the past

Sonny, GSR – Wilbraham Men’s Group

Mick, Alt. GSR-Wilbraham Men's Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Thursday 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Only Group level, GSR, Alternate GSR, Secretary, Intergroup, Greeter, Supply
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill Street
 - Institutions: Ludlow Jail

Group Share Discussion:

- Celebrating 1ST ANNIVERSARY in April
- Continues to be well attended

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,
- Assessibilities, Grapevine, Archives
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Way Out Group
 - 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: GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Whip City Nooner
 - Institutions: No

Group Share Discussion:

Ian, GSR - Cold Springs

- Thursday 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled: ,Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Archives
- Commitments

- Incoming/Outgoing: Top of the Hill
- Institutions: Mira Vista

Group Share Discussion:

- None at this time

James, GSR - Keep it Green

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

Group Share Discussion:

- Since back at Green Street, more attendance..anticipating contributions to the pye in the near future

Courtney, GSR-Morning Light

- Daily, 7am-8am, in person and on line
- Address:284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee
- Financial contributions:All
- Service Positions Filled: all filled at group level, GSR, Bookie, Intergroup, Sheperd/Greeter, CPC, Archives
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing
- Institutions: Saturday evenings at Carlson, except first Saturday of the month
- Group Share Discussion: None
Non

Darryl GSR Friday Night Wibraham Group

- Friday 6:30-7:30 beg / 7:30-8:30, 1 speaker
- Address- 10 Chapel Rd. Wilbraham
- Financial Contributions: next month
- Service Positions Filled:
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:

- Institutions:
- Group Share Discussion: none at this time

Darcy GSR Wilbraham Friday Night

Beginners meeting 6:30- 7:15, speaker 7:30-8:30

- Address: 10 Chapel Street, Grace Union
- Financial Contributions: Donate to the pye
- Service positions Filled:
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: Conway- Zoom, Westfield Soup Kitchen
- Institutions: Detox in the future
- Group Share Discussions:

John:GSR: Hear and Now Group

- Wednesday, 7:30PM
- Address: 1 Porter Street, East Longmeadow
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled:PI, GSR, Institutions, Accessibility, Grapevine
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: Monthly
- Group Share Discussions:

Sarah: GSR South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group

- Sunday 6-7PM
- Address: All Saints Church
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:
- Institutions:

Group Share Discussion

Pam GSR Cle

Old Business

- **DCM Reported on February Area Meeting, report on line also**
- **Discussion on Traditions Workshop**

New Business

- **Handouts with agenda for the Spring Assembly were available to bring back to groups before event**
- **Handout of agenda items for the 74th General Service Conference**
- **Round up is looking for hotels and needs positions filled**
- **'When and Where' booklets would be available next few weeks**
- **Info found on : www.area31aa.org**
- **Round up-June 1**
- **Intergroup Picnic-August 18**
- **Golf tournament- May 25**
- **Plain Language Big Book- Not replacing the BIG BOOK: will be able to be an easier explanation of the Steps and Traditions of AA with grace and easy, and an understanding of a Higher Power**

Visitor Reports

Ray, Alternate Delegate

- **Spring Assembly March 23/24, 2024**
- **Check website for time and location for all offices and their meeting dates and times**
- **Positions open for the MA State Convention to be held in Marlboro, Ma. Carpool leaves from Mercedes Benz dealership.. meeting dates on website, area31aa.org.**
- **Next years NERASSA will be on line!**

Max: Accessibility Committee Chair

- **Bringing the message to others who may be home bound, in a nursing home, need a ride, hearing impaired, companionship, etc.**
- **Working on a pamphlet for information about Accessibilities**
- **They meet every 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm, all are invited**

This Month Readings

- **Justine- Tradition 3 - The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking**
- **Daryl- Chapter 7 Service manual- Received a handout**

Readings

Next month's readings and discussion

Darcy will read and report on Tradition 4

Daryl will read and report on Chapter 9, Service manual

Next month's meeting will be Monday, April 1 @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at area31aa.org.

Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned. 8:19

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