

**District 5 Meeting**  
**August 5, 2024 Minutes**  
**6/3/2024**

**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 G– Hampden Tuesday Night Group  
Juan/ Dave - East Longmeadow Sunday Night  
Chris K– Belchertown Saturday Night  
Mary-Sunrise  
Ian /Sean– Cold Springs Group  
James – Keep it Green  
Taylor/ Lily– Do or Die  
Sarah-South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group  
Carl/ Matt-Eye Opener Step Group  
Justine-South Hadley Friday Night Meeting  
Darcy/Sarah-Friday Wilbraham Group  
Tom S. Here and Now  
Alan C.-Wilbraham Monday Night Step Group  
Chris B.- A Way Out Group

**Visitor**

Steve-Area Delegate for Area 31  
Adam- PI CO-CHAIR

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

Darcy filling in for Louise as secretary. Thank you!

Lara read district 5 area report.

## Group Share

Juan, GSR – East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group

Dave, Alt GSR

- 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: Joy of Living
  - 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: 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow
- Financial Contributions: not at this time until prudent reserve is reached
- Service Positions Filled
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Holyoke Group
  - Institutions: Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly

Group Share Discussion: Finances: saving money for prudent reserve, possible purchase of more chairs, not sure of an anniversary celebration at this time, and discuss the Thanksgiving Alcothon, if we have enough volunteers for a slot.

Working with the new church on things likewifi, A/C and kitchen usage

Sonny, GSR – Wilbraham Men's Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Thursday 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions: Per Pie Chart
- Service Positions Filled: Only Group level, GSR, Secretary, Intergroup, Greeter, Supply
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill Street
  - Institutions: Ludlow Jail, section 35

- Group share Discussion: Continue to have 40-50

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:
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI, Institutions,
- Assessibilities, Grapevine, Archives
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: A Better Life 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 K- 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: Scrambled Eggs
  - Institutions: No

Group Share Discussion: Attendance down slightly for speaker meeting / beginners meeting doing very well

Ian, GSR - Cold Springs Thursday 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: Pye
- Service Positions Filled: ,Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Archives , Sheperd
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Here and Now

- Institutions:

Group Share Discussion: Group Inventory in October

James, GSR - Keep it Green

- Thursday 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
- Address: Green St, Cushman Hall, Monson
- Financial Contributions: pye
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Bookie, Intergroup, Institutions, PCP, and group level
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: yes
  - Institutions: no

Group Share Discussion:

- Anniversary in August 22,, 5-6 food and fellowship, 6:15-7:30 speakers

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

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

Carl H. GSR/ Alt. Matt- Eye Opener Group

- Day/ Time meeting:7:30-8:30
- Address: 859 Center Street, Ludlow
- Financial Contribution: none this month
- Service positions:group level, GSR, Alt. Gsr, Bookie
- Commitments
- Incoming/Outgoing: Thursday Night Step Group

Group Shared Discussion:

Justine, GSR- South Hadley Beginners Meeting

- Day/Time of meeting:Friday 6:00
- Location:11 North Street, South Hadley
- Financial Contributions: Yes
- Service positions filled: All
- Commitments
- Incoming/Outgoing:
- Group Share Discussion:Beginners meeting the last friday of the month we give out coins

Alan C., GSR- Wilbraham Monday Night Step Meeting

- Day/Time meeting: Monday 6:30-7:30 / 7:30-8:30
- Location of Meeting: Grace Union Church,10 Chapel Street, Wilbraham
- Financial contributions: pye
- Service positions filled: All but Archives and Institutions
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:Yes
- Group share discussion: still looking to make a sizeable contribution to the jails and institutions

Chris B.-GSR, A Way Out

- Day/Time of meeting: 7:00-8:00pm, Saturday
- Location of meeting: St. Mark's Church, 1 Porter Road
- Financial Contributions: pye
- Service positions filled: Chair, sec., treasurer, GSR
- Commitments
- Incoming/ Outgoing: Wilbraham Friday Night Group

Group Share Discussion: Attendance 30-40

Mary M., GSR, Sunrise

- Day/Time: 7AM-8AM Daily
- Location of meeting: Palmer Historical Cultural Center
- Financial Contributions: pye
- Service Positions Filled: all but CPC, Alt GSR
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:
- Institutions: Ludlow Jail and Mill Street

Group Shared Discussion: Anniversary August 16th, Party August 14, Pulaski Park, : pot luck 6;00PM to 7:00PM followed by a meeting

Tom S., GSR, Here and Now Group

John C. Alt GSR

- Day/Time of meeting: 7:30 PM
- Location: ST. Mark's, 1 Porter Street, East Longmeadow
- Financial Contribution:
- Service Positions filled: All
- committments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: Yes

Group Share Discussion: Going to Institutions more and handing out Big Books

Darcy, GSR, Friday Night Wilbraham Group

Sarah, Alt. GSR

- Day/Time of meeting: 6:30 beginners, and 7:30-8:30PM
- Location: Grace United Church, 10 Chapel Street, Wilbraham
- Financial Contributions: Yes
- Service Positions Filled: Yes
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: A Way Out
- Institutions:

Group Share Discussion: we had phone coverage last week

Darryl, GSR Brimfield Friday Night

Day/Time of meeting: Friday night 7:30

Location: Brimfield

Financial Contributions: Pye

Service positions;  
Commitments:  
Incoming?Outgoing:  
Institutions:  
Group Share discussions:

Pam, GSR Darcy Alt.GSR, Clear cut Direction  
Day/Time of Meeting: Tuesday 6:30-7:30  
Location: St. Mark's Church, East Longmeadow  
Financial Contributions:yes  
Service positions filled: yes  
Commitments: Incoming/Outgoing:  
Institutions:  
Group Share Discussion:

Ron,GSR, Lost and Found  
Day/Time:Thursday 6:30,  
Location:Chicopee  
Financial Contribution:  
Service positions filled: GSR  
Commitments:Incoming/Outgoing:  
Institutions:  
Group share discussion:

**Old Business:Traditions Play was a Success! Positive feedback, entertaining and educational. 59 people in attendance and 9 online**

- Remainder of food distributed to groups that were meeting that night
- chips and sodas saved for the fall assembly
- Thank you to all the actors and volunteers that made the Traditions Play such a success!
- **Plain Language Big Book should be published in November!!!**

- **New Business: DCM reports for District 5 read by Lara, all information found on website.**
- FALL ASSEMBLY -October 19/20, 2024, to be held at St. Rose de Lima Church in Chicopee, MA
- District 5 is hosting the Fall Assembly, Lara will discuss with Bob and Justin details and more info to follow
- Saturday will be Area Inventory, and Sunday will be Area business meeting

### **Visitor**

#### **Steve-Area Delegate-GSO**

- Gave full description of the Fall Assembly
- No elections only on the odd years
- each area is allowed to put in one candidate for trustee at large
- GSR's have a voice to be heard at all Assembly's
  - MASS STATE CONVENTION-November 8-10, 2024
  - Convention will be held at the Best Western in Marlboro, Ma.
  - More room available for the alcothon
  - need volunteers for registration tables, other service positions

Info found on website

#### **Adam PI Co -Chair**

- **Committe is looking for volunteers!!**
- On the Average of 6 people per meeting, with 302 active groups, we all need to be aware of the importance of this committee
- Suggestions are radio station, schools, tables at fairs, etc. Suggestions are welcome,
- Info for meeting times found on the website

### **This Month Readings**

- Chris B.- Concepts 3
- Sonny-Tradition 8



## **Readings**

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

Carl will read and report on Tradition 9

Jim will read and report on Area assembly and committees

Next month's meeting will be Monday, Sept. 2, @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned. 8:30**

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Hello everyone, I would like to share a little update on Sharla our Co-DCM. Recently Sharla has had a procedure that has left her more alert and ready for a transfer to a rehab to continue her recovery at the hospital! Positive thinking and a Higher Power...lets keep sending our love and kindness and prayer of recovery for Sharla, her doctors, and family. Blessings, from your District 5 family!