

**District 5 Meeting**  
**September 2024 Minutes**  
**9/2/2024**

**Opening**

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

**Groups Present**

Steve– Thursday Night Men’s Group  
Tim G– Hampden Tuesday Night Group  
Juan/ JC - East Longmeadow Sunday Night  
Chris K– Belchertown Saturday Night  
Darryl- Brimfield Hitchcock Academy  
Ian /Sean– Cold Springs Group  
James – Keep it Green  
Taylar/ 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  
Ron/Corrie- Lost and Found  
Courtney-Morning Light

**Visitors**

Ray M.-Area 31 Alternate Delegate for Area 31  
Joe- Grapevine Committee Chairperson

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

**Group Share**

Juan, GSR/ JC, Alt 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

Taylor, GSR/ 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
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Cold Springs
  - Institutions: Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly

Group Share: saving money for prudent reserve and an anniversary celebration, group is interested in Thanksgiving Alcothon if we have enough volunteers

Steve, GSR – Thursday Night 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
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill Street
  - Institutions: Ludlow Jail, section 35

Group share Discussion: Continue to have 40-50; Group will be doing phone coverage for AA hotline

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
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI, Institutions, Accessibilities, Grapevine, Archives
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Randall Group

Institutions: StonyBrook at Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday

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
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Mulberry Group

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

Ian, GSR/ Sean C. Alt. GSR - Cold Spring Thursday 7:30 pm-8:30 pm

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: Pie
- Service Positions Filled: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Archives, Sheperd
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Do or Die

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: pie
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Bookie, Intergroup, Institutions, PCP, and group level
  - Incoming/Outgoing: yes

Group Share: Anniversary was very successful. Planning an Area 31 committee service commitment soon

Courtney, GSR-Morning Light

- Daily, 7am-8am, in person and online
- Address: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee
- Financial contributions: All

Service Positions Filled: all filled at group level, GSR, Bookie, Intergroup, Sheperd/Greeter, CPC, Archives

- Incoming/Outgoing: yes
- Institutions: Saturday evenings at Carlson, except first Saturday of the month

Sarah: GSR South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group

- Sunday 6-7PM
- Address: All Saints Church
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer

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

- Day/ Time meeting: 7:30-8:30

- Address: 859 Center Street, Ludlow
- Service positions: group level, GSR, Alt. Gsr, Bookie

Group Shared Discussion: Motion to move to East Street was tabled

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
- 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: pie
- Service positions filled: All but Archives and Institutions
- 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: pie
- Service positions filled: Chair, sec., treasurer, GSR

Group Share Discussion: Attendance 30-40

Ron., GSR/ Corrie, Alt. GSR- Lost and Found

- Day/Time: 6:30 Thursday
- Location of meeting: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee

John C. GSR/ Tom S., Alt GSR- Here and Now Group

- Day/Time of meeting: 7:30 PM
  - Location: ST. Mark's, 1 Porter Street, East Longmeadow
  - Service Positions filled: All
  - Incoming/Outgoing: Yes
- Group Share Discussion: Going to Institutions more and handing out Big Books

Darcy, GSR/ Sarah, Alt. GSR- Friday Night Wilbraham Group

- 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
- Incoming/Outgoing: A Way Out

Group Share Discussion: we had phone coverage last week

Darryl, GSR Brimfield Friday Night

Day/Time of meeting: Friday night 7:30  
Financial Contributions: Pie

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

**Old Business: Fall Assembly October 19/20 ST. ROSE de LIMA CHURCH, Chicopee. We are hosting this event, District 5!!!**

- Pizza from FALLS PIZZA was decided for lunch on Saturday. chips and sodas saved for the fall assembly brought over to site, and snacks and drinks will be picked up at COSTCO
- Bob M., Area Chair, will be at September meeting to discuss in detail events of the assembly.....VOLUNTEERS needed
- **Plain Language Big Book should be published in November!!! Perfect for gratitude month**
- **All GSR's asked to review group list of membership, and group numbers**

**New Business:**

- **DCM reports for District 5 read by Lara, all information found on the website**
- Thanksgiving Alcolthon at Morning Star Church, South Hadley, MA, 11/28/2024, from 11AM to 12 midnight. Slots will be offered at the October 10th meeting for interested groups.
- Round Up next year 2-3 day event, the week of 6/7/2025
- WMYPAA will be held in Springfield, MA next year!!!! Congrats on winning the bid! Week of 8/25/2025, more info to follow at October meeting

**Visitors**

**Ray M.-Area 31 Alternate Delegate**

- GSR's have a voice to be heard at all Assembly's  
MASS STATE CONVENTION-November 8-10, 2024 at the Best Western in Marlboro, Ma. More room available for the alcolthon. need volunteers for registration tables, other service positions. If your group is interested in doing a Group Inventory" contact Area Chair

**Joe I. Grapevine Committee Chairperson**

**The committee is looking for writers!!! Next workshop will be held in the winter..TBA  
Accepting audio files, written stories,etc., great way to spread the solution, do 12th step work**

**This Month Readings**

- Carl- Tradition 9- Concepts 3
- Jim-Chapter 3-The Area Assembly and Its Activities

**Next month's readings and discussion**

Dave- Tradition  
Matt-Concept 5

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

Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned. 8:30**

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