

District 5 Meeting
November 4, 2024 Minutes
11/4/2024

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
Corrina- Tuesday Night 12 & 12 Group
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

Mike B. Area 31 Immediate Past Delegate
Steve M. Area 31 Delegate

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

Lara read district 5 area report.

Louise read the October Secretary 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:
 - 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 except for Intergroup
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Scrambled Eggs
 - Institutions: Carlson 3rd Thursday monthly

Group Share Discussion: Finances: Holding elections in November. Concerns for storage of cabinet, tables, etc.

Steve, GSR – Wilbraham Men's Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Thursday 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions: Yes
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill Street
 - Institutions: Ludlow Jail, section 35, Stonebrook
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Group share Discussion: Discussion on length of shares being limited to 2-3 minutes and being put in the Preamble
Voted on starting a Grapevine raffle monthly

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: 400.00 used to buy books for donations to Newcomers!
- Service Positions Not Filled: CPC, PI, Institutions,
- Assessibilities, Grapevine, Archives
- Attendance good 25-40 people at each meeting
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday
- Group Share Discussion:
 - 53rd Anniversary to be celebrated on November 5, 2025

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: Amherst Friday Night Group
 - Institutions: No

Group Share Discussion: December Anniversary Date TBA

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

Sean C. Alt. GSR

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: Pye

- Service Positions Filled: ,Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Bookie, Institutions, , Sheperd
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: After Work Group
 - Institutions:

Group Share Discussion: Group Inventory was on October 27th

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

- Area 31 committee service commitment went good

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, Grapevine
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: yes
- Institutions: Saturday evenings at Carlson, except first Saturday of the month
- Group Share Discussion: Group elections held last Thursday of November

Sarah: GSR South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group

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

- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:
- Institutions:

Group Share Discussion

Carl H. GSR

Alt. Matt- Eye Opener Group

- Day/ Time meeting:7:00-8:15
- Address: 485 East Street, Ludlow, Ma
- Location:Faith Community Chapel
- Financial Contribution: none this month
- Service positions:group level, GSR, Alt, Bookie, Chair,Institutions, Treasurer, Secretary,
- Commitments
- Incoming/Outgoing: Jericho Step Group

Group Shared Discussion: New location: 485 East Street,Ludlow, Ma. at Faith Community Chapel. Website is updated

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: need PI
- Commitments
- Incoming/Outgoing: Miracles in the Making
- 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:
- Service positions filled: Treasurr, Secretary, GSR, Alt.
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:Yes
- Group share discussion: Attendance for beginners meeting down around 10-15 people, 25-30 for Step meeting.

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:
- Service positions filled: Chair, sec., treasurer, GSR
- Commitments
- Incoming/ Outgoing:

Group Share Discussion: Attendance is great. November is election month.

Ron., GSR, Lost and Found

Corrie, Alt. GSR

- Day/Time: 6:30 Thursday
- Location of meeting: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled: GSR
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing:
- Institutions:

Group Shared Discussion: Possible anniversary celebration in January

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:
- Service Positions Filled: all
- Commitments:

- Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions:
- Group Share Discussion:

Corrina, GSR Tuesday Night 12 & 12 Group
 Day/Time of meeting: Tuesday night 6:00PM
 Location: All Saints Episcopal Church, South Hadley
 Financial Contributions: 150.00 to pye
 Service positions; GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair
 Commitments:
 Incoming/Outgoing:
 Institutions:
 Group Share discussions:

Chris B. GSR A Way Out
 Day/Time of Meeting: Saturday 7:00-8:00PM
 Location: St. Marks Church, 1 Porter Road, East Longmeadow
 Financial Contributions:
 Service positions filled: Treasurer, Secretary, GSR
 Commitments: Incoming/Outgoing:
 Institutions:
 Group Share Discussion:
 Attendance is great. Holding elections for service positions in November.

Old Business: Nominations have been made for 2025!

DCM-Chris K.

Co-DCM-Darcy

Secretary- Daryl

Thanksgiving Alcothon will be November 28, 2024 from 11AM to 12midnight.

Morning Star Church in South Hadley. All slots are filled

Thanksgiving Zoomathon will also be on November 28, 2024, 10AM to 7PM, info found on the Area website

- **New Business:**
- **DCM reports for District 5 read by Lara, all information**
- **found on the website**

- Fall Assembly went very well. Saturdays attendance aprox. 37, and Sunday 50, with Mike B. our Past Delegate voted in for Trustee! Congrats Mike!
- Round Up next year 2 day event, looking at May or June of 2025.
- Chair of Round Up, Jack, asking for any suggestions of venues in the area to be looked at for this event, volunteers, and would like to see all DCM's run a workshop, more to be discussed.

Visitor

Mike B.-Area 31 Immediate Past Delegate

- Mass State Convention held November 8-10, 2024, to be held in Marlboro, MA has to potential to expect up to 800 people. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Saturday being the highlight day filled with an Alcothon, Archives with history of AA, evening dinner, 2 speaker meeting, and much more throughout the day!
- Immediate Past Delegate becomes the Chair to the Mass State Convention
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Steve M. Area 31 Delegate

- **The Area Committee can be contacted to do a commitment for your group**
- **The website has all the dates , times , and locations for any meeting you are looking for. Check out the calendar!**
- **NERAASA 2025 will be hosted by AREA 45 , South Jersey next year, HYBRID ONLY!!!!**
- **Website-NERAASA.ORG.**

This Month Readings

- Matt- Tradition 11
- Chris B.-Concept IV

Readings

Nexmonth's readings and discussion

Chris B.- Tradition 12

Sonny.-Concept XII

Chris K.- Service Manual Chapter 2

Next month's meeting will be Monday, December 2, @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at area31aa.org.

Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned. 7:56

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