

District 5 Meeting
December 2, 2024 Minutes
12/2/2024

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
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

Yolanda - Western Mass Intergroup Chairperson
Ray M.- Area 31 Alternate Delegate

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

Lara read district 5 area report.

Louise read the November 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: next month
- Service Positions Filled except for PI, CPC, Accessabilities
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Suffield Monday Night; 11PM alcothon
 - Institutions: Carlson 3rd Thursday monthly

Group Share Discussion: Concerns with the church about being only group that pays rent, and about keeping the church clean - other groups are there also

Steve, GSR – Wilbraham Men's Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: Thursday 7pm-8pm
- Financial Contributions:
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Mill Street
 - Institutions: Ludlow, section 35, Stonebrook
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Group share Discussion: 10AM alcothon slot

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: yes
 - Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday
- Group Share Discussion:

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: 33rd Anniversary on 12/14, 6:30 -8:00 speakers

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

Sean C. Alt. GSR

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: 200.00 to pye
- Service Positions Filled: all except Archives, CPC, PI, Grapevine
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing:
 - Institutions:

Group Share Discussion: Elections on November 21st

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, Intergroup, Institutions, and group level
- Commitments
 - Incoming/Outgoing: Yes
 - Institutions: no

Group Share Discussion

- Elections in November

Courtney, GSR-Morning Light

- Daily, 7am-8am, in person and on line
- Address: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee
- Financial contributions: Pye
- Service Positions Filled: all filled except for Accessabilities and Grapevine
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: yes
- Institutions: Saturday evenings at Carlson, except first Saturday of the month
- Group Share Discussion: Elections last Saturday of December

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: 7:00-8:15
- 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: Agawam Wildcats

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

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: GSR, Grapevine, Intergroup
- Commitments
- Incoming/Outgoing: After Work Group
- Group Share Discussion: 3AM alcohon

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: January 23rd Anniversary

John C., GSR, Here and Now Group

Tom S. Alt GSR

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

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:except Accessabilities
- Commitments:
- Incoming/Outgoing: Scrambled eggs
- 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:

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.

WELCOME!!! New Chairs for 2025!

DCM-Chris K.

Co-DCM-Darcy

SECRETARY- Justine

Old Business: Mass. State Convention had good feedback. Total of 816 participants for the convention. The hotel was a great accomodation, food was very good, not disapointing for the price. Bill W. meeting was with Q&A and multiple diverse meetings were very interesting and full of info. Alcothon was closed during keynote speaker and the one glitch was the misprint of concessions available. Otherwise a complete success!!!

- **New Business:**
- **DCM reports for District 5 read by Lara, all information found on the website**
- Christmas Alcothon will be held December 24, starting at 6PM til December 25, at 6pm. All time slots were filled.
- Round Up next year 2 day event, looking at May or June of 2025.
- Meetings for the Round Up held every 2ND Wednesday of the month
- NERAASA 2025 will be hosted by AREA 45, South Jersey, and will be virtual.

- New Years Eve Alcothon hosted by Serenity Club in Springfield, at the Monkey Wrench Club Building

Visitor

Yolanda..-Western Mass Intergroup Chairperson

Provides information of whats happening in our area. Intergroup reps bring info back to the groups, but also bring group concerns to their meeting.

- Intergroup meets every second Thursday of the month, hybrid.
- Let Intergroup know of anniversaries, workshops, etc. and they will post for you on their website. This is our information connection!
- Intergroup store is now open 5 days a week, stop in and check out the availability of new literature - Plain Language Big Book is available for purchase
- Moose Picnic will be held August 17, 2025. Looking for volunteers
- all info can be found on website, www.area31aa.org
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Ray M.. Area 31 Alternate Delegate

- Spoke to us of the importance to remind our group committee member to participate and show up for meetings and support their choice of service work. "Be committed to your Committee!"
- Preparations for 2025 Mass State Convention will begin again in the New Year! Looking for volunteers contact Ray at, altdelegatearea.org

This Month Readings Chris B.- Tradition 11

- Chris B.- Tradition 12
- Jim-Concept XII
- Chris K. Service Manual Chapter 2: The District and its District Committee Member

Readings

Nexmonth's readings and discussion

Darcy.- Tradition 1

Steve- A.A.'s Legacy of Service, The Twelve Traditions

Next month's meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2025 @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at area31aa.org.

Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned. 8:06

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE It is with sadness in my heart that I would like to let all of you know , that over the holiday season our friend "Sharla" passed away from complications of an infection while in Boston. Our prayers go out to the family and so many friends that were touched by such a beautiful woman of dignity and grace. Many of us hold memories of Sharla..."May your light shine on for all to see my friend"..

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