

**District 5 Meeting  
February 3, 2025 Minutes**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of District 5 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chris K., our DCM who read what is a GSR.

Justine read the January Secretary report.

**Groups Present**

Steve– Thursday Night Men’s Group  
Linda B– Hampden Tuesday Step Meeting  
David - East Longmeadow Sunday Night  
Jim– Belchertown Saturday Night  
Sean– Cold Springs Group  
Taylar/ Lily– Do or Die  
Sarah-South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group  
Matt-Eye Opener Step Group  
Justine-South Hadley Friday Night Meeting  
Dori-Friday Wilbraham Group  
Tom S. Here and Now  
Alan C.-Wilbraham Monday Night Step Group  
Chris B.- A Way Out Group  
Linda O.- Sunrise Group  
Pam- Clear Cut Directions- Women's Big Book Step Study

**Visitors**

Steve- Area 31 Delegate  
Sally- Area Registrar

**Group Shares-**

David, 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: \$150.00 donated to the pie.
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments- Incoming/Outgoing: Holyoke Step Group
- Institutions: N/A

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: Treasurer, GSR, Institutions, Archives, Grapevine, Intergroup, Supplies, Coffee, Shepard, Bookie
- Commitment
  - Incoming/Outgoing: (Incoming)2/5-Sunderland Security Group (Outgoing) on 2/4
  - Institutions: Carlson 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly (2/20/2025)

Group Share Discussion: We only have one key for the church (we are not allowed to make a copy.) Our coffee maker has the key and arrives at 5:30, starts the coffee and then leaves. Last week there was a cleaner in the church who ended up locking the door before the chair person arrived. We discussed how to prevent this from happening again and voted to have group members volunteer on a weekly basis to arrive at 5:30 so there is a group member at

Linda B., 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: They donate to the pie
- Service Positions Filled: Treasurer, GSR
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: N/A
  - Institutions: Stoney Brook at the Hampden County House of Corrections (section 35) every other Wednesday

Group Share Discussion: There is a second meeting at 7pm and most group members leave after the first meeting and some group members are upset.

Jim- GSR – Belchertown Saturday Night

- 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, PI
- Commitments
  - Incoming/Outgoing: (Outgoing) Hitchcock Academy Group 1/10 (Incoming) 1/11
  - Institutions: No

Group Share Discussion: No Issues

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

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: \$100.00 to pie in January
- Service Positions all but - Alternate GSR, CPC, and PI
- Commitments

- Incoming/Outgoing: (Incoming) 2/20 Sunday Night Life Group (Outgoing) on 2/23
- Institutions: N/A However, the group is discussing putting a meeting on at an assisted living home.

Group Share Discussion: We are working through our group inventory from last fall.

Courtney, GSR-Morning Light (Did not attend)

- Daily, 7am-8am, in person and online
- Address: 284 Montgomery Street, Chicopee
- Financial contributions: Contributes to the pie and is the biggest contributor to the pie.
- Service Positions Filled: All filled except for Accessibilities and Grapevine
- Commitments: (Incoming) N/A
- Institutions: Saturday evenings at Carlson, except first Saturday of the month
- Group Share Discussion: No issues.

Sarah: GSR South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group

- Sunday 6-7PM
- Address: All Saints Church
- Financial Contributions: Yes, we donate to the pie.
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer
- Commitments: N/A
- Incoming/Outgoing: Institutions: N/A

Group Share Discussion: No issues

Matt: GSR- Eye Opener Group

- Day/ Time meeting: 7:00-8:15
- Address: 485 East Street, Ludlow, Ma
- Location: Faith Community Chapel
- Financial Contribution: Yes, we donate to the pie.
- Service positions: GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Intergroup, Archives, PI, CPC (Group level) Treasurer, Secretary, Chair, P.I
- Commitments; Incoming/Outgoing: (Outgoing) South Street Group 2/1. (Incoming) 2/7

Group Shared Discussion: Haven't received minutes.

Justine, GSR- South Hadley Beginners Meeting

- Day/Time of meeting: Friday 6:00
- Location: 11 North Street, South Hadley
- Financial Contributions: \$150.00
- Service positions filled: GSR, Grapevine, Intergroup, P.I, Intergroup, Steering committee
- Group Share Discussion: We had elections and filled a few service positions. We are considering getting a slot for the AA hotline phone.

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: N/A
- Service positions filled: GSR
- Commitments: Incoming/Outgoing: N/A
- Group share discussion: Attendance at the 6:30 meeting is up but the second meeting seems to be down in numbers, and we are talking about changing start times.

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: GSR
- Commitments: (Incoming) Agawam (no dates given)
- Group Share Discussion: Just had our anniversary, attendance is good, and we have one new group member.

Dori, 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: N/A
- Commitments: Incoming/Outgoing: N/A
- Institutions:

Group Share Discussion: N/A

Steve and new alternate Trevor- Wilbraham Men's Group

- Date and time of meeting Thursday 7pm
- Location of meeting- Grace Union Church Wilbraham
- Financial contributions- \$650.00 donated to the pie
- Service Positions filled- All except Grapevine and Archives
- Incoming/ Outgoing commitments- (Outgoing) Mill Street
- Institutions- Ludlow Jail
- Group Share Discussion- We donated an extra month's rent to Grace Union Church for expenses, etc. We have excellent attendance with 50 plus people on a regular basis. We had two new group members join.

Pam- Clear Cut Directions Women's Big Book Step Study

- Date and time of meeting- Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30
- Location of meeting- St. Mark's Episcopal Church East Longmeadow
- Financial donations- Yes, we donate to the pie
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Service positions filled- All positions filled
- Institutions- N/A
- Group share discussion- We have 20 plus members and our attendance is 30-40 women on a regular basis.

**Old Business:**

DCM Chris K. attended the area budget meeting and reported that all groups should go back to the pie chart for distribution of funds collected by groups. The Covid money is gone. The Round up will be June 6-8. We tabled the area workshop idea until next meeting.

**New Business:**

- Steve our area Delegate came and gave us a report on what is going on in the area. Steve reported that there is a monthly concept meeting at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month at 30 Carew Street and the meeting is hybrid. The information can be found on the area website.
- Steve reported that the next Area meeting is on 2/12/25 and it is hybrid and everyone is welcome.
- Steve reported that NERASA is all virtual and will be on 2/21-2/23, you must register online. All GSRs should attend the GSR round table meeting
- Steve reported that NERF- North East Regional Forum will have GSO presentations and will be at the Omni Hotel in Rhode Island and it is free.
- The Round Up will be at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Pittsfield, MA June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
- The MA State Convention planning committee will be on 03/25/2025.
- The Area offers someone to come to your homegroup to do a presentation on what service is. The Area also offers to do a group inventory for your homegroup.
- There is an opening for a non-trustee director for the Grapevine and you can submit your resume on the Area website.
- Agenda items will be available 02/25/2025 and there will be a report at the Spring Assembly.

**Visitor- Sally our Area Registrar**

- Sally described what she does as the Area Registrar and some of her duties include; keeping all group information up to date and keeping track of who the GSR's and Alternate GSR's are for the groups.
- Sally reported that if there is a vote to change anything in the Big Book or Step Book  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the GSR's have to agree.
- Sally also reported that if there is any change to your group to fill out the GSO form and to make sure that at the least your GSR name, phone number, email address, and group address are on the form. The form can be found on the Area website. Area31aa.org
- Sally also reported that its important to register your group so you can be involved in voting on agenda items.

**Last month's readings-**

- Sean- Tradition 2
- Chris- Service Manual, Introduction

**This month's readings-**

- Sarah Tradition 3
- Dave Concept 2

Next month's meeting will be Monday March 3, 2025 @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned. 8:00**