

District 5 Meeting May 5, 2025 Minutes

Opening

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

Corrina, our Co-DCM, read “What is a GSR” from the AA service manual.

Justine read the Secretary report.

Groups Present

Steven– Thursday Night Men’s Group
Dave - 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
Dory-Friday Wilbraham Group
Chris B.- A Way Out Group
Sonya- Clear Cut Directions- Women's Big Book Step Study
Corrina- Tuesday Night 12 and 12 group
Jim R- Green Street Group (Beginners)
Jason- Hitchcock Academy Group
John-Here and Now Group
Alicia- Lost and Found Group

Group Shares-

David, GSR Dave, Alt GSR – East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group

- Day/Time of Meeting: 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Address: 1 Porter Road East Longmeadow, MA
- Financial Contributions: NA
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Intergroup, Institutions
- Commitments- Incoming/Outgoing: After Dinner Group 5/25
- Institutions: N/A
- Group Share Discussion: No concerns

Taylor, GSR Alternate GSR Lilly – Do or Die

- Day/Time of Meeting: Wednesday 7:00pm
- Address: 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow
- Financial Contributions: NA

- Service Positions Filled: Treasurer, GSR, Institutions, Intergroup, Supplies, Coffee, Shepard, Bookie
- Commitments- Incoming/Outgoing: Mulberry Street (Incoming)5/14 Group(Outgoing) 5/13
- Institutions: Carlson 3rd Thursday monthly (3/20/2025)
- Group Share Discussion: No issues

Linda B., GSR Alternate GSR Stephanie– Hampden Step Group (Did not attend)

- 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 , Bookie
- Commitments- Incoming/Outgoing: N/A
- Group Share Discussion: NA

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 -: Thursday Night Step Group(Outgoing) 5/22 (Incoming) 5/24
- Institutions: No
- Group Share Discussion: Starting June 7th the meeting times are changing. The beginner's meeting will start at 6-6:45 and the speaker meeting will be from 7-8

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

- Address: 18 Park St, Belchertown
- Financial Contributions: None this month
- Service Positions all but CPC and PI
- Commitments Incoming/Outgoing: (Incoming) 5/22 (Outgoing) 5/19 to Monday Night Beginner's Meeting Amherst
- Institutions: informally bringing the message to a group member in assisted living.
- Group Share Discussion: 50th anniversary on June 12th. 6:30 food and fellowship and the speaker meeting will be 7:30-8:30. Group inventory on how we are bringing the traditions to our meeting. 40 people on average are attending the meeting. However, there aren't very many people at the business meeting.

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) (Outgoing)
- 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: Quarterly contributions to the pie.
- Service Positions Filled: GSR, Treasurer
- Commitments: N/A
- Incoming/Outgoing: Institutions: N/A
- Group Share Discussion: No concerns

Matt: GSR- Eye Opener Group

- Day/ Time meeting: 7:00-8:15
- Address: 485 East Street, Ludlow, Ma
- Location: Faith Community Chapel
- Financial Contribution: \$200.00
- Service positions: GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Intergroup, Archives
- Commitments; Incoming/Outgoing: School Street Park Group Agawam 5/9 5:00 (Outgoing) 7:00 (Incoming)
- Group Shared Discussion: NA

Justine, GSR- South Hadley Beginners Meeting

- Day/Time of meeting: Friday 6:00
- Location:11 North Street, South Hadley
- Financial Contributions: We donate to the pie
- Service positions filled: GSR, Grapevine, Intergroup, P.I, Intergroup, Institutions
- Group Share Discussion: Celebrating our 58th anniversary on May 9th.

Alan C., GSR- Wilbraham Monday Night Step Meeting (Did not attend)

- 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: N/A

Chris B.-GSR, A Way Out (Did not attend)

- 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: Looking for someone to step up as our bookie.

Dori, GSR Alternate GSR Joanne- Friday Night Wilbraham Group (Did not submit Group Share)

- 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: All
- Commitments: Incoming/Outgoing: (Incoming) 03/04 (Outgoing) 03/08
- Institutions: NA
- Group Share Discussion:N/A

Steve and Alternate GSR Trevor- Wilbraham Men's Group

- Date and time of meeting Thursday 7pm
- Location of meeting- Grace Union Church Wilbraham
- Financial contribution- No donations this month
- Service Positions filled- All except
- Incoming/ Outgoing commitments- N/A
- Institutions- Mill Street and Stoneybrook
- Group Share Discussion- Celebrated Anniversary

Sonya- 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- 2 times yearly
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments-
- Service positions filled- GSR and Intergroup
- Institutions- Gandara TSS 4th Wednesday of the month.
- Group share discussion-2nd anniversary food and fellowship Tuesday June 10th at 6pm two speaker meeting at 7.

Corrina- Tuesday Night 12 and 12 Group (No group share form)

- Date and time of meeting- Tuesdays at 6-7pm
- Location of meeting- All Saints Episcopal Church 7 Woodbridge Street South Hadley
- Financial donations- Not Sure
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- NA
- Service positions filled- GSR, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Institutions- N/A

Jim- Green Street Group

- Date and time of meeting- Thursdays 6:15-7:30
- Location of meeting- Columbia Hall Green Street Monson
- Financial donations- Give to the pie when able
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- Clinton Shamrock
- Service positions filled- GSR, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. Intergroup
- Institutions- N/A
- Group share discussion- Picking up in attendance with many beginners.

John GSR- Here and Now Group

- Date and time of meeting- 7:30 Wednesday Night

- Location of meeting- Saint Marks 1 Porter Road East Longmeadow
- Financial donations- Give to the pie when able
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- (Outgoing) Chapter 2 Group Ludlow 3/11
- Service positions filled- GSR, Accessibilities, Intergroup, Institutions
- Institutions- 1st Thursday Section 35 Ludlow
- Group share discussion- No problems at this time

Alicia GSR- Lost and Found

- Date and time of meeting- Thursday 6:30
- Location of meeting- 284 Montgomery Street Chicopee
- Financial donations: N/A
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments-
- Service positions filled- GSR
- Institutions- N/A
- Group share discussion- N/A

Jason GSR- Hitchcock Academy Group

- Date and time of meeting- Friday 7:30
- Location of meeting- 2 Brookfield road Brimfield, MA
- Financial donations: We donate to the pie
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- Charlton Saturday Night
- Service positions filled- GSR, Intergroup, CPC, Archives
- Institutions- N/A
- Group share discussion- Looking to have a group inventory. Anniversary in August. We want to sign up for phone coverage.

Old Business-

- Chris asked what the area wanted to do for a workshop.
- Still thinking about workshop ideas, some ideas are to have a Service Committee workshop, 12 Traditions Play, combine districts/comedy skit, or Jeopardy.
- Contributions are up and we are one of the top districts.
- Grapevine is still looking for back issues
- Institutions would like groups to reach out, they have a lot of open commitments.
- Fall Assembly is held by District 2
- Round-up: Workshop 11-11:55 "God of my Understanding" and Alcahthon "Let Go and Let God" June 6th at 9pm
- Ray (Alternate Delegate)- District 4 Workshop on May 17th 10 am-2pm located at 93 Chapman Street Greenfield, MA. Concept meeting changed time to 7pm. 7/3-7/6 International Convention. 11/14-11/16 Mass State Convention lots of opportunities to get involved.

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New Business-

- We voted to do the 12 traditions play for the Area's workshop.
- May 31st Young People's are putting on a Prom.
- Cold Spring is having their 50th anniversary June 12th
- Clear Cut Directions is having their 2nd anniversary on June 10th
- Donations have increased for the pie
- Webmaster is looking for seasonal landscape photos for the AA website
- Accessibilities is looking for a secretary
- Grapevine is looking for old issues
- Intergroup is looking for a treasurer, a location for the Thanksgiving Alcahthon, and raffle prizes for the Intergroup picnic.
- Fall Assembly is October 18th and 19th and it is an election year

Visitors-

Steve-Delegate

- District 4 is having a workshop at 93 Chapman St Greenfield, MA 01301 on May 17th from 10-12
- International convention is looking for volunteers for the Northeast region Hospitality Tent

Caren-CPC Chair

- Caren explained what CPC is and isn't. CPC educates and does presentations for the professional community about what AA is. CPC also bring literature for professionals. CPC really needs support, please tell your home group members who represent CPC to show up to the monthly meetings. There has been some grant losses which has created a lot of cancellations with the professional community.

Last month's readings-

- Dori read tradition 5
- Chris read chapter 10 from the AA service manual

This month's readings-

- Sarah has tradition 6
- Matt has Concept 6

Next month's meeting will be Monday June 2nd 2025 @ 7:00 pm in person at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, and on Zoom. Login info at area31aa.org.

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting adjourned. 8:15