

## **District 5 Meeting September 1, 2025 Minutes**

### **Opening**

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

Chris, DCM, read "What is a GSR" from the AA service manual.

Justine read the Secretary report.

### **Groups Present**

Taylor– Do or Die

Matt-Eye Opener Step Group

Justine-South Hadley Friday Night Meeting

Jason- Hitchcock Academy Group

Wayne- Sunrise Group

Karl- South Hadley 12 and 12

Taylor, GSR Alternate GSR Lilly – Do or Die

- Day/Time of Meeting: Wednesday 7:00pm
- Address: 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow
- Financial Contributions: None last month
- Service Positions Filled: Treasurer, GSR, Institutions, Intergroup, CPC, Supplies, Coffee, Shepard, Bookie
- Commitments Incoming/Outgoing: (Incoming)- 9/17 Belchertown Saturday Night (Outgoing)- 9/20
- Institutions: Carlson 3rd Thursday monthly (9/18/2025)
- Group Share Discussion: Attendance at outgoing commitments-motion passed for chairperson to make sure at least two group members are attending.
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Matt: GSR- Eye Opener Group

- Day/ Time meeting: 7:00-8:15
- Address: 485 East Street, Ludlow, Ma
- Location: Faith Community Chapel
- Financial Contribution: Pied out
- Service positions: GSR, Bookie, Institutions, Intergroup, Archives
- Commitments: NA
- 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: None

- Service positions filled: GSR, Grapevine, Intergroup, P.I, Intergroup
- Commitments: (Outgoing) Miravista 9/17 (Incoming) 9/19
- Group Share Discussion: We are struggling to make rent. We also are having trouble having our members not being active in the committees they sign up to be a part of.

Jason GSR and ALT GSR Amy G.- 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 and a Grapevine subscription
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- East Longmeadow Group (Outgoing)- 9/28 (Incoming) 9/10
- Service positions filled- GSR, Intergroup, CPC, Archives
- Institutions- N/A
- Group share discussion- We are having our group conscience on 10/04/2025 with past Delegate John F. We had our 41<sup>st</sup> group anniversary last month and it was excellent

Jim K. : GSR- Belchertown Saturday Night

- Day/ Time meeting: Saturday Beginner's meeting at 6pm- 6:45 Speaker meeting 7pm-8pm
- Address:18 Park Street Belchertown
- Financial Contribution: None
- Service positions: GSR, Institutions, Intergroup, P.I
- Commitments Incoming/Outgoing: Do or Die (Incoming) 9/27 (Outgoing) 9/17
- Institution: None
- Group Shared Discussion: No meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Belchertown Fair.

Wayne GSR & ALT GSR Chris- Sunrise Group

- Date and time of meeting- Daily 7am-8am
- Location of meeting- Palmer Historical and Cultural Center
- Financial donations: We donate 4 times a year automatically and bring books to prisons.
- Outgoing/Incoming Commitments- NA
- Service positions filled- All major positions are filled
- Institutions- Ludlow Jail on Tuesday and Mill Street on Monday
- Group share discussion- Had our group anniversary and we had a great turnout

Karl, GSR- South Hadley 12 and 12

- Day/Time of meeting: Tuesday at 6 pm
- Location: All Saints church South Hadley
- Financial Contributions: We contribute to the pie
- Service positions filled: GSR
- Commitments: NA

- Group Share Discussion: Attendance is steady, weekly step meeting with tradition of the month read last Tuesday of the month. We have been talking about increasing our rent payment.

#### **Old Business-**

- Hitchcock Academy anniversary on 8/22 food ad fellowship starts at 6:30 and two speakers at 7:30.
- Monson anniversary 6:00pm there with be food and 7pm speaker meeting
- Traditions play went well and we made \$74.00 with donations and the overall cost was \$458.59. We voted to give \$20.00 to the church where the play was held.
- Sally our registrar reported that there are 304 groups in the area and is trying to get the start dates for all the groups.
- Intergroup still needs help with the picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup> set-up around 8am
- Fall Assembly on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at United Congregational Church 300 Appleton St. Holyoke. 9-3 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday
- Website is still looking for pictures
- Ray our Alternate Delegate will be out Visitor next month

#### **New Business-**

- Fall Assembly October 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a voting year and elections will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> as well as the business meeting.
- NERF registration opens in October.
- MA State Convention is November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and there will be a comedian, ice cream social, presentation on Carl Young, and a writer's retreat.
- Concept meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.
- The Area will come to your home group, do an inventory, and use a tradition and concept checklist.

#### **Visitors- Ray Alternate Delegate**

- Nobody is showing up to committee meetings and they all need support.
- The area committees can come to your group and put on a meeting explaining what they do. Or your group can get a group inventory done where a past Delegate goes through a checklist to see if your group is carrying the message.
- Fall Assembly on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at United Congregational Church 300 Appleton St. Holyoke. 9-3 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday. 2pm the committee chairs will present and District 2 is having a plain language Big Book workshop. All are welcome and it is an election year.
- The Meeting Guide app has a new section that tells you about what's happening at GSO in New York City and also has job postings to work at GSO.

**Last month's readings-**

- Justine- Tradition 9
- Tylar- Chapter 5 out of the Service Manual

**This month's readings-**

- Matt- Tradition 10
- Karl- Concept 10

Next month's meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 8:15**