

District 5 – Service Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2026

Opened with: Serenity Prayer

Chair: Jim

Secretary: Alicia

1. Opening & Welcome

Jim opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Sean read “*What is the GSR?*” from the AA Service Manual, emphasizing the GSR’s responsibility to carry the group conscience to the Area and the importance of active participation.

New GSR welcomed: **Jessica**, Clearcut Directions (Tuesday Women’s Meeting).

2. Secretary’s Report (Alicia)

- Usual opening and welcome to new GSRs.
 - All committees continue to need support; GSO finances remain tight. Groups encouraged to contribute more to the pie.
 - Discussion about repeating last year’s district play; new skit ideas suggested.
 - Archivist continues to seek group histories.
 - Upcoming workshops and events posted on the District 31 website.
 - Roundup pamphlets available; schedule pending.
 - Mention of an upcoming Al-a-thon meeting.
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3. Announcements & Event Updates

- **Intergroup Picnic:** August 16, Moose Lodge.
 - **Intergroup Golf Tournament:** June 20, Agawam Municipal — \$100 includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, and dinner.
 - **Spring Assembly / Roundup:** End of May; flyers available.
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4. GSR Reports

Wilbraham Friday Night – Dory

- 6:30–7:15 Living Sober; 7:30–8:30 Two speakers. Ten Chapel St.

- All service positions filled; contributes financially.
- Active incoming/outgoing commitments.
- Celebrating 71st anniversary on May 1. They hand out Coins.

12 & 12 (South Hadley) – Karl

- Tuesdays 6:00–7:00 PM. All Saints Church.
- Contributes to pie when we have \$200 over prudent reserve.
- Two new members; monthly chips and anniversary coins, Do a Tradition Last Tuesday of the month.

Lost and Found (Chicopee) – Alicia

- Thursdays 6:30 PM. 284 Montgomery St, Beginner’s meeting. Hand out coins.
- No secretary currently.
- Collecting funds to replace pots and pans stolen from the minister.

Hitchcock Academy Group (Brimfield) - Jason

- Fridays at 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Two Brookfield Road
- Attendance increasing; membership still low.
- Only GSR position filled; no commitments due to low membership.

Hampden Step Meeting

- Tuesdays 6:00–7:00 PM (Step) and 7:00–8:00 PM (Discussion). 590 Main St.
- Contributions: \$100 each to Area, Institutions, and GSO. Full reserve of \$549.
- Active incoming/outgoing commitments.

Belchertown Saturday Night - Lynn

- 6:00–6:45 Beginners; 7:00 PM speaker Meeting. 18 Park St.
- Voted to send \$200 to the pie for the first time in years.
- Service positions filled; attendance fluctuates.

Sunrise Group (Three Rivers) - Wayne

- Daily 7:00–8:00 AM. Historical & Cultural Center
- Group growing; service positions filling.
- Multiple commitments including Ludlow Jail and Mill Street.

Do or Die (East Longmeadow) – Jean Claude

- Two-speaker meeting Wednesdays 7:00–8:00 PM. 181 Elm St.
- \$2,290.78 in bank; \$1,290.78 to be paid out; \$1,000 prudent reserve.
- All service positions filled.

- Needs group inventory and help with voting procedures.

Clearcut Directions (East Longmeadow – Women’s Big Book) - Jessica

- Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 PM. One Porter Rd.
- All positions filled for the first time in three years.
- Outgoing commitment monthly at Boca Recovery Center.
- 3-year anniversary on June 9 with two speakers; co-ed; food and fellowship.
- Quarterly pie contributions; uses Venmo for contributions.

Cold Spring (Belchertown) – Jen

- Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM. 18 Park St.
- All positions filled except Accessibilities, CPC & PI
- Encouraging more contributions as they currently cannot contribute to the pie. They can use Venmo.

Morning Light (Chicopee) – Nora

- Zoom & In-person meeting. Monday – Saturday, 7:00 AM; Sunday 7:00 AM. 284 Montgomery St. / 33 Center St.
- Contribute to Pie
- All positions filled.
- They do commitments once a month.

5. Old Business

District Play / Skit

- Options discussed: Could repeat Traditions Play, Ebenezer Scrooge-style play, or reenactment of first 12-step call.
- Printed scripts available.
- Discussion of June vs. July dates; June conflicts noted.
- Tentative date selected: July 18.

Venue

- All Saints Church is primary option.
 - June dates available; July availability pending.
 - Fee: \$100.
 - Need to confirm Wi-Fi for hybrid option.
 - Potluck planned to stay within \$300 budget.
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6. New Business

Secretary's Report Clarifications - Karl

- Questions raised about typos (“guest host for the chair,” “Al Capone style”).
- Confirmed as transcription errors.

Topic Survey

- JC asked how to present survey to groups. We need as many members as possible at the Assembly to vote this coming weekend.
 - Background information will be forwarded to Alicia and then to all GSRs.
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7. Area & Committee Reports

Area Report – Justin

- Hot-button agenda items expected at upcoming Assembly which will be at Holy Trinity in Enfield, CT.
- Roundup on May 29 and 30th in Hadley, MA
- Ray will report back from Conference.
- Area finances improving; reserves expected to build over summer.
- Groups encouraged to continue pie chart contributions.

Public Information (PI) – Bruce, PI Chair & Chris, Co-Chair

- The purpose of PI is to carry the message to Alcoholics who still suffer
- Ending old radio station project; shifting to practical outreach.
- New initiatives: posters with tear-offs and QR codes; reclaiming unused business cards; contacting schools and professionals; inviting administrators to Roundup workshops.
- Severe manpower shortage: 9 attendees out of 302 groups.
- Upcoming PI table: Belchertown Wellness Fair – May 16.

Tradition Four & Concept Seven Reading

- Chris read both short and long forms.
 - Carl volunteered to read **Concept Eight** next month.
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8. Decisions & Action Items

- **District Play Date:** Tentatively July 18 (pending venue confirmation).

- **Venue:** All Saints Church; Alicia will confirm availability and Wi-Fi.
- **Budget:** \$300 allocated; potluck planned.
- **Topic Survey:** Alicia will distribute background materials to all GSRs.
- **Next Month:** Delegate Ray and Registrar Sally will attend.