

District 5 – Service Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 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 role as the group’s voice in AA as a whole and the importance of active participation at District and Area levels.

No new GSRs present.

2. Secretary’s Report (Alicia)

- All committees continue to need support; manpower remains low.
- GSO finances remain tight; groups encouraged to increase contributions to the pie.
- Discussion continued regarding the District Play and potential skit options.
- Archivist continues to seek group histories.
- Upcoming workshops and events are posted on the District 31 website.
- Roundup pamphlets available; schedule pending.
- Mention of an upcoming Alcahthon meeting.

Printed copies of the Secretary’s Report were made available.

3. Announcements & Event Updates

- Intergroup Picnic: August 16 – Moose Lodge, Chicopee.
 - Intergroup Golf Tournament: June 20 – Agawam Municipal. \$100 includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, and dinner.
 - Spring Assembly / Roundup: May 29–30 in Hadley. Flyers available.
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4. GSR Reports

12 & 12 (South Hadley) – Karl

- Tuesdays 6–7 PM at All Saints Church.
- Contributes to pie when above prudent reserve.
- New members joining; monthly chips and anniversary coins.

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- Open step meeting; varied attendance.

Lost & Found (Chicopee) – Alicia

- Thursdays 6:30 PM at 284 Montgomery St.
- All positions filled.
- Pots and pans previously thought missing were found.
- Contributes to pie.

Wilbraham Friday Night – Dory

- Living Sober 6:30–7:15; Speaker meeting 7:30–8:30.
- All service positions filled.
- Active commitments; celebrated 71st anniversary.
- Free literature and coins provided.

Sunrise Group (Three Rivers) – Wayne

- Daily 7–8 AM.
- Strong finances; contributes \$150/month to PI.
- All positions filled; multiple commitments including jail and detox.
- Attendance increasing; adjusting share length to accommodate newcomers.

Clear Cut Direction (East Longmeadow – Women’s) – Jessica

- Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 PM.
- All positions filled.
- Contributed \$200 to pie.
- 3rd Anniversary: June 9 – food & fellowship 6–7 PM; speakers 7–8 PM.

Belchertown Group – Lynn

- Thursdays 7:30–8:30 PM.
- Rent and supplies limit contributions; using Venmo to increase donations.
- Several service positions unfilled (Accessibility, CPC, PI).
- Anniversary: June 4.

Eye Opener (Ludlow) – Peter

- Fridays 7–8:15 PM.
- Strong attendance; doubling in recent months.

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- New Holyoke Hospital commitment.
 - Anniversary: June 19 – food at 6 PM; meeting at 7 PM.
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5. Old Business

District Play / Skit – July 18

- Venue: All Saints Church, 7 Woodbridge St., South Hadley.
- Budget increased to \$160 to include kitchen access.
- Preferred time block: 8:00 AM–1:30 PM, pending confirmation due to Weight Watchers’ Saturday morning use.
- Backup block: 11:00 AM–3:00 PM.
- Potluck lunch planned within \$300 budget.

Play Selection & Casting

- Group voted to repeat last year’s Traditions Play due to strong reception.
 - Seven speaking roles filled: Narrator, Founder, Moneybags, Eager Beaver, Politician, Newcomer, Delegate.
 - Scripts distributed; no memorization required.
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6. New Business

Secretary’s Report Clarifications

- Karl noted typos in last month’s report; confirmed as transcription errors.

Topic Survey

- JC asked how to present survey to groups.
 - Need strong attendance at Assembly for voting.
 - Background materials 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 (Holy Trinity, Enfield, CT).
- Roundup May 29–30 in Hadley.
- Ray to report back from Conference.
- Area finances improving; reserves expected to build over summer.

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- Groups encouraged to continue pie contributions.

Public Information (PI) – Bruce & Chris

- Ending 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 & Concept Reading

- Chris read Tradition Four and Concept Seven.
 - Karl volunteered to read Concept Eight next month.
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8. Decisions & Action Items

- District Play Date: July 18 (pending venue confirmation).
 - Venue: All Saints Church; Alicia to confirm availability and WIFI.
 - Budget: \$300 allocated; potluck planned.
 - Topic Survey: Alicia will distribute background materials to all GSRs.
 - Next Month: Delegate Ray and Registrar Sally will attend.
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Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.