April 21, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes** 7PM (in person and Zoom)

4 in person attendees

- Greg, DCM
- Pat
- Keith
- Justin Area Treasurer

4 zoom attendees

- Brendan
- Jarod
- Bonnie Secretary
- Steve Area Delegate

Greg - DCM opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Greg read what the GSR is responsible for.

Bonnie summarized March's minutes.

GSR Reports:

- Keith Southwick Nooner, Keith has been out of state for about 4 months meeting seems well attended, some internal issues going on and being dealt with by the group members. Difficulties with the location, there has been some talk about looking for a new location. The group wants to make sure the new location is handicapped accessible. Exploratory at this point, no decisions made. Meetings well attended and going well.
- Brendan-Southwick Sunday Big Book Step Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Daily Grind. It is going well. Attendance is good, steady flow, about 25-40 a week, newcomers. Healthy group. No issues. Group members all have service positions.
- Jarod-Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Attendance is roughly 30-35, going well. No issues. Jarod will be moving out of state at the end of June and is actively looking for a replacement rep.
- Pat-Eastern Mountain Group, Friday night at West Mass Hospital Speaker meeting, good attendance 40-60 people, group is getting stronger, going to be getting snowbirds back soon. New group members are stepping up and jumping into service work.

Greg indicated that he missed the last Area meeting, however, Caroline attended. More information includes:

District 6 assignments for Area 31 Round-up (June 6-8, 2025, Pittsfield, MA – Holiday Inn/Suites – 413-499-2000, Area 31 Round-up block):

- June 7th 11:00-11:55 a.m.- Topic: "Amends Beyond I'm Sorry"
 - DCM/Co-DCM speaks on the topic then opens for discussion or selects a speaker to speak on the topic.
- June 7th 8:00 p.m. District 6 Alkathon Topic: "HALT"
 - DCM to get a GSR to volunteer their group to host the meeting. Both meetings will be in one of the breakout rooms. General format to follow.

Round-up registration is \$30, and banquet is \$35. <u>Area 31 Round Up – 2025 – Area 31 – Western Massachusetts</u>

MA State Convention – November 14-16, 2025 – Best Western Royal Plaza7/29/, 181 Boston Post Road, West Marlborough, MA . Planning meetings on Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. 7/29, 9/30 & 10/28. Contact Alt. Delegate Ray for Rideshare. Mass State Convention 2025

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). December 5-7, 2025; Friday: 6:30 p.m. – Sunday: 12:00 p.m. Omni Providence Hotel, 1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI. Free Registration – will be available online. Hotel rate \$199/night – Book by November 14, 2025. <u>EN 2025 NERF-Flyer.pdf</u>

AA 2025 International Conference – Vancouver Convention Center. July 3-6, 2025. Be aware of potential cost changes due to tariffs – not clear if related to travel, hotel, registration, etc. International Convention | Alcoholics Anonymous

Next month – presentation on Accessibility.

District 4 will be holding a workshop Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Grapevine Clubhouse, 93 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA. Topic: "Working Together, Increasing Trust," Speakers, Q&A, Area 31 events, Grapevine archives. Beverages, Snacks and Lunch. District 4 Workshop – Area 31 – Western Massachusetts

Old business – Caroline to work with Tom Webmaster for date in September if not then try for date in November – Motion to table workshop conversation, seconded – tabled to May meeting.

New business: Bonnie made a motion to have District 6 monthly meetings recorded for transcription purposes only, seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Steve – Area 31 Delegate General Service Conference reported on:

MA State Convention – There is a second carpool leaving from Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield, MA at 5:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month organized by Bruce V. of the group.

AA Intergroup picnic – scheduled August 17th @ Noon, Moose Family Center, Fuller Road, Chicopee.

Youngs peoples hosting a dance, April 26th, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Stephens Church, 67 East Street, Pittsfield, MA. They are also having a Camping trip June 13-16th. All information can be

found at Welcome | MSCYPAA

The Area offers services such as incoming commitments. Members of the area committee come out and speak. Reach out to area chair.

Area offers to have past delegate moderate an Inventory for your groups – reach out to area chair.

Area Concept Meeting – "Concept Vibe" – May 1, 2025. 7:00 p.m., 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley - also hybrid – link via calendar. "Concept Vibe" from service manual, concept pamphlets, and questions on the concept worksheet, will be read.

Next Area Meeting - May 14th, 7:30 p.m. 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley, MA – hybrid link can be found on Area 31 website.

Brendan summarized Concept 7 – Conference Committees from the Service Manual.

Pat volunteered to summarize Chapters 9/10 – general service board/trustees – AA service manual – can download at docs aa.org.

Next meeting date: May 19, 2025 (Greg to check on car show for this date/meeting will be hybrid if such). Reach out to Greg with any questions 413-210-3024.

Any questions? No questions.

Meeting closed with the "I am Responsible Pledge"

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Online platform: Zoom Meeting ID: 850 5066 1264

Passcode: 862389 Zoom Meeting Link

Please see <u>Area 31 – Western Massachusetts – of Alcoholics Anonymous</u> for more information on meetings.