

July 21, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes**
7PM (Zoom Only)

Attendees

- Greg, DCM
- Bonnie, Secretary
- Pat
- Lynn
- Judy
- Katrina
- Dan
- Brian
- Jeanette
- Paula
- Steve – Area Alternate Delegate (Guest)
- Justin – Area Treasure (Guest)

Greg - DCM opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the “I am Responsible Pledge,” then the read GSR Preamble.

GSR Reports:

- Dan B - Path to Recovery, Wednesday night, Western MA Hospital, Westfield. Big Book open discussion meeting. Approximately 15-30+ people. Happy group people. The good part of attendance is from the inpatient TSS facility, patients come down from time to time. They have open service positions and is having a hard time getting group members to commit, needs some support. Steve mentioned reaching out to their Intergroup Rep. or the Intergroup. They should be able to help. Intergroup used to put together flyers for help. Contact Joy Intergroup office or Yolando Chair and see if they can put together flyer that they would post on their website . **Greg to bring up at the next Area meeting.**
- Katrina - Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Hazardville United Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Speaker meeting. Anniversaries last Friday of each month. Attendance is roughly 30-35 consistently, going well. No issues.
- Pat - East Mountain Group, 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. Meetings going well/healthy, 25-30 people during the summer. Girls from upstairs can bump the meeting up by 10, giving out lots of coins, the message is getting out there. Anniversary August 8th. Looking to having the Archive Committee bring down the boards, food and fellowship, 6-7 p.m. followed by a Speaker meeting. All are welcome (pass it on).
- 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. Healthy, a lot of members – old and new, very active in service. No issues on the horizon.
- Paula – Acting GSR for Tuesday night Women’s meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Congregational Church, Enfield. Closed meeting. Going well, good participation, 25-

30 women every week. Speaker/Step/Speaker/Tradition rotation, new people attending, contribute to the pie chart. Annual Anniversary coming up in October. Women are staying for the tradition meeting.

- Jeanette – East of the River open meeting at noon on Wednesday's (BB) and Friday's (Living Sober) at noon time at the Hazardville United Methodist Church. Going well 20-25 people – new and younger newcomers have been attending.
- Lynn – Hand of Hope, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Average 25-30 people – recently had several newcomers and were able to give out some coins. No issues. Speaker/discussion meeting.

Greg did not attend the July 9th Area General Service Area meeting:

Greg touched on:

- Fall Assembly – October 18/19, in District 2 area – United Congregational Church, 300 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA.
 - Time to vote on the slated area officers. GSR attendance is strongly suggested.
 - Saturday, October 18th – 9-3 p.m. – Plain Language Big Book, workshop presented by District 2.
 - Sunday, October 19th – 1-5 p.m. – Business Meeting - Elections – GSR's speak on behalf of the group, strongly advise to attend.
 - Will also be on Zoom.
- Area 31 website workshop – Jeanette and Paula have confirmed September 27th – either 1 or 2 pm (TBD) p.m. at Hazardville United Methodist Church. Maybe do some food. Jeanette to reach out for cost of rent. Greg will need to reach out to Tom to confirm his availability. Budget allowed to be under \$100.
- Mass State Convention
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

Justin shared:

Facing some Challenges – prices/costs

- Contributions have stayed flat or gone down
- 40% increase on rent over the last year or so
- Anything we can do to contribute – area31.org/contribute – checks sent to Western Mass General Service, P.O. Box 6884, Holyoke, MA 01040
- Possibility of going into the prudent reserve (highly unlikely)
 - Sent Delegates to the Int'l Conference
- We need to do our financial part of Area 31

Jeanette – group monthly contribution - question on whether group can pick how much is contributed to the area – it's up to group's conscious guidelines – groups are allowed to do what they want.

Question if groups should be asking (or announce) to give more than the standard \$1 – Was

advised to use your own judgement.

Steve touched on:

- Collection of contributions/funds. Be aware of what groups are doing with the funds they are collecting. Are they just collecting money to pay for rent and coffee and/or are they also contributing to the pie charge.
- AA is looking for a Class A trustee for Board of Trustees (Amateur or Non-Alcoholic). August 31 deadline to submit application. See What's New on the Meeting Guide App for more information.
- MA State Convention – November 14-16, 2025 – Best Western Royal Plaza, 181 Boston Post Road, West Marlborough, MA . Rooms available now, can call directly or book online through area31aa.org. Registration will be coming soon. Will also be available via Zoom. Planning meetings on Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. 7/29, 9/30 & 10/28 (stuffing party). Contact Ray M. or Bruce V. for Rideshare.
- 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. Must register, registration will be on the aa.org about October 3rd. Hotel rate \$199/night – Book by November 14, 2025. See what the GSO does, many trustees, staff members, editors from the Grapevine, Bob W. general service office manager will be there, along with presentations, open mic sessions.
- Archive Committee is having a recording party on
- Area Concept Meeting – 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley – Concept 7. Also available Hybrid.
- Workshops – Area put out basket to contribute towards food and the Area is paying for the food, don't be hesitant to put out a basket/can/hat for contributions that will go back to the Area.
- CT Groups/Area 11 – Area 11 has been unresponsive with updating CT group meetings/time on the Meeting Guide App (updated by Area 11's list). GSR's from Area 31 CT groups in District 6 are specifically asked to request Area 11 to be removed from their list. GSR's will be contacted by Steve directly to make this happen. Confirm with Treasure's to make sure donations are going to Area 31 and not Area 11. GSR's are suggested to relay this to other CT meetings. Area 11 keeps putting in wrong information.
- Justin can help with where contributions are going. Reach out to him if you need more information.

Old Business workshop on navigating the area31.aa website. Greg to reach out and confirm with Tom. September 27th.

New Business – No new business.

Motion to Close the meeting.

Katrina volunteered to summarize Concept 8 at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 18th **VIA ZOOM**.

Any questions? No questions.

Meeting closed with the “I am Responsible Pledge”

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Online platform: Zoom

Meeting ID: 850 5066 1264

Passcode: 862389

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Please see [Area 31 – Western Massachusetts – of Alcoholics Anonymous](#) for more information on meetings.