

August 18, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes**
7PM (Zoom Only)

Attendees

- Greg, DCM
- Bonnie, Secretary
- Pat
- Lynn
- Judy
- Katrina
- Dan
- Brian
- Paula
- Brendan
- Ray – (Guest)

Paula opened the meeting at 7 p.m. – Explained what a GSR is responsible for.

GSR Reports:

- Dan B - Path to Recovery, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night, Western MA Hospital, Westfield. Big Book open discussion meeting. Going very well. Approximately 15-30+ people. Kendara women also come down. Been making announcements for new group members and slowly and surely have been coming in, which is great. Since being GSR, I have observed the Intergroup and I have basically the same report. So, there is some overlap there, but that is natural. Something I made note of at our last business meeting.
- Katrina - Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Hazardville United Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Speaker/discussion meeting. 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. Meeting going very well. Had Anniversary August 8th. We were able to get in touch with the Archive Committee to have the Archive boards there, very well attended, many from the area also attended. We have 40-50 people including the Kendara women that come down and also others that come down from upstairs. Have been giving out lots of early sobriety coins, very positive. Things are going well.
- Paula –Tuesday night Women’s meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Congregational Church, Enfield. Going well, good participation, 20 women every week. Speaker/Step/Speaker/Tradition monthly rotation, new people attending, contribute to the pie chart. In the planning stage of Annual Anniversary coming up in October.
- Brendan - Southwick Sunday Big Book Step Group, 7:00 p.m. Sunday night at the Daily Grind. It is going well. Attendance is good, steady flow, about 25-40 a week, newcomers coming in. Healthy group. Most group members all have service positions. 10-year members as well as new members. Healthy amount of people joining. No issues.

- Lynn – Hand of Hope, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Average 25-30 people. No issues. Topic/discussion meeting. Going very well.

Greg reported on the August 13th Area General Service meeting:

- Registrant Sally – The town in Orange groups are having some similarities with the CT groups not knowing which districts they were in.
- Anniversaries or events, you can reach out to Carl or an Archivist to get the archivist boards (history boards) for your events.
- Fall Assembly – October 18/19, in Area District 2 – 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, workshops 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 and vote for area representatives.
 - Get others from your groups to come out.
 - Will also be on Zoom.
- Area 31 website workshop at Hazardville United Methodist Church. Tom (Webmaster) has confirmed he is available for presentation on September 27th at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. will be food and fellowship. Tom will attend the next District meeting to go over the format with us. He will be bringing in TVs. Will be hybrid.
 - Webmaster advised that the Area 31 website was at 98% but is looking for 100%.
 - CPC will be having some meetings dates that they will be meeting with Westfield State with some issues going on.
 - Grapevine seems to be pretty active right now. They have a workshop, September 1st or August 25th - 12-1 p.m. aagrapevine.org for more information.
 - Western Mass Intergroup had their picnic this weekend. Went well.
 - 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 is open. Please register. Planning meetings on Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. 9/30 & 10/28. Join the planning meetings via Zoom at ID: 8784199-4146 Password: hkJvj8. Ray carpools.
 - 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 open on the aa.org about October 3rd. Hotel rate \$199/night – Book by November 14, 2025. 1-800-the-omni. Just reference NERF to receive the group rate.
 - At the area meeting Greg did express there were some group concerns having issues with group members not willing to commit to service.
 - GSO will be closed for 8-12 weeks on the 8th floor. Will be open for business as usual on the 11th floor.
 - 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.
 - Grapevine Trustee – Non-Trustee for the Director Board is also available. You can find more information under the meeting guide app under News section.

- Quarterly report reviewed.
- Shed that belongs to the Area that stored supplies at 30 Carew Street, will no longer be using the shed for storage due to previous damages.
- Ask your groups to be more generous in donating more to the pie chart.
- CPC urges people to see if anyone is interested in joining them. CPC is looking for support.
- Anyone can attend the Area meetings.

Ray touched on:

- Area 31 Archive listening party. September 20th Speakers who got sober on zoom during COVID. Hybrid.
- District 6 is having a workshop on September 27th. How to navigate the area 31 website. Will be Hybrid.
- District 1 is having a workshop on September 27th at 1 p.m. :(District Bob Wilcox general office manager of AA to give presentation he gave years ago - AA around the world. See area31.org for more information.
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 - After workshop each Committee will speak on where they are at and ask for more help. Service work.
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- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). AA Roadshow. Bill Wilcox and all the trustees will be there and will be able to answer any questions that you have. 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.
- Ray touched on the overlapping of GSR and Inter Group Reports. Ray will be doing a GSR presentation at the beginning of the year. Maybe fit it into the Fall Assembly if there is enough interest. Email Ray if you would like a copy of the presentation ahead of time.

- Area Concept Meeting – 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley, September 4th – Concept 9. Also available Hybrid.
- Group Inventories are available. Like doing a 4th step with a past delegate. If you haven't had one in 5 years, you should try to have one. Contact Bob – Area chair.
- Speaking commitments are also available. Contact Bob – Area chair.

Paula reminded all that you can go to the area31aa.org website and print out calendars and flyers.

Old Business: Workshop on navigating the area31aa.org website. Greg to reach out and confirm with Tom. September 27th. 1:00 p.m. for Tom was better. Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT. Budget under \$400. Katrina volunteered to create flyer.

Paula wanted to talk about the old business. \$50 check from Justin for rent. Can you please get her a check for the rent? Paula will make arrangements to get the check for the rent. Jeanette has confirmed that we have the room for 1:00 p.m., September 27th. Meeting will be hybrid.
New Business –

Motion to have the Workshop from 1-2 p.m. and food and fellowship from 2-3 p.m. – Motion Approved.

Next month's meeting will be back at the Daily Grind and Zoom. Should District 6 meeting move elsewhere? Change the location of meeting. Get more members to come to District 6 meeting to agree to change the location. Discussion on moving to Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. Pat will check on this.

Motion to Close the meeting.

Lynn volunteered to summarize Concept 9 at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: September 15th at the Daily Grind and via zoom.

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.