

Area 31 District 5 GSR Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

Present 9 GSRs, Co-DCM and Area visit: Steve Chair for CPC

Jerry called meeting to order at 730 and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer.

Dan T. Read the role of the GSR.

- * Group Anniversary: Green Street Group in Monson will be celebrating their 35th anniversary on Thursday, August 18th. Food and fellowship starts at 6pm and 2 speaker meeting starts at 730pm.
- * Free for Today Group in Hampden, GSR Tim discussed how their group will conducting a group inventory soon.

Discussion was had about what the 7th Tradition met to the present GSRs and their home groups: highlights for the discussion,

- * At beginning of meeting, the importance of the talking about this tradition and explaining where the money goes. Read the blue or green card.
- * Cost of living in our society has gone up, AA expenses has also gone up and so should the contributions.
- * Too many meetings are being held and established in the Valley. This goes against the 4th tradition and ultimately effects the 7th Tradition. How can AA as a whole in this area help this reoccurring issues?
- * Separate basket passed a second time during the meeting, for the purpose of coffee, snacks and literature (books and pamphlets).

Discussion was had about how a group in the area is looking to combine with another meeting in the area to help with following traditions 4 and 7.

Visitor Steve Chair of CPC:

- * CPC is the cooperation of professional community.
- * CPC provides commitments to professional that may encounter and need to refer clients for AA services. CPC provides information to the professional community of what AA offers and what we do not offer people who need and looking for help.
- * Also looking for more representations from home group to help in this committee. If a person is available during the day, interested in working with the professional community and is looking to get active in AA, they should attend a CPC Committee Meeting, 2nd Tuesday's of the month at 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke. CPC will provide to individuals in AA a doctor's packet, to provide knowledge of the program to the medical field, your own doctor. Steve can be contacted through email at cpc@area31aa.org. FYI: All of last years CPC meeting minutes are located in the CPC website.
- * Mass State Convention Planning Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month on odd months. A car pool meets at the Plantation Inn parking lot on Burnett Road at the entrance of the Mass Pike (291) leaves at 5:45pm. The planning meeting will be held every month, last Tuesday of the month starting in September. The convention is held in Framingham, Ma on November 11, 12, and 13th.

Upcoming District Workshops

- * District 3 Saturday, 9th from 9am to 3pm
Lenox Community Center in Lenox

TOPICS: Sponsorship and the importance of a home group

* District 2 Saturday, September 17th from 1pm to 4pm

Grace United Church

474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke

TOPICS: Fellowship vs. membership

Leadership "I am responsible"

Is your voice heard?

* District 4 August 13th 1pm to 4pm

93 Chapman Street Greenfield

TOPICS: 4th & 7th Traditions

Improving communication

Question was asked how does a group get more members to participate in service work? Request a service commitment from the area chair, Sue, and representations from the area committees will come out and put on a meeting to discuss their experience, strength and hope and how service has strengthened their recovery. Anyone can email Sue at areachair@area31aa.org make your request at least one month in advance, to give them time to schedule a incoming commitment.

Discussion questions from last month that were brought back to the home groups; are home groups aware of the district meetings. It was discussed that the majority of the group members are aware of the meetings and that they can attend these meetings.

NEXT MONTH'S DISCUSSION QUESTION

* GSRs are asked to bring this question to their home group for discussion and bring the feedback from group to the next GSR meeting.

**** Do we try to illustrate a good cross section of AA in our message carrying?

READINGS FOR NEXT MONTH Tradition 8 : Bill & Ch. 12 AA Grapevine: Renee.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 1st at 7:30pm....