

## Area 31 District 5 August GSR Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Jerry, Co-DCM opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Renee, GSR and District 5 Secretary read the role of the GSR.

- \* East Longmeadow, Sunday Night Group will be having their Group Anniversary on September 18th. Food and fellowship before the meeting. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm.
- \* Green Street Monson Group will be having their group anniversary on Thursday, August 18th. Food and fellowship at 6 pm and a 2 speaker meeting will be held at 7:30 pm.
- \* Cold Springs Group in Belchertown will be having a group inventory soon. It was shared that this group likes to have a yearly inventory.
- \* Free for Today will be having a group inventory in September.

A GSR shared on information from a previous month's 'question of the month'. Do AAs know what each committee does for AA? The group member shared that her group has printed out what each committee is and what is their function in AA. She shared that they established a 'cheat sheet' describing all the committee and what they do. She shared it helps new members and other members who want to get active in AA know what they are signing up for.

August question of the month was, is there a good cross section in AA. Many GSRs spoke about how there is a good representation of the population as whole, diversified with outgoing commitments.

- \* Tradition 8 was reviewed and discussion led by Bill. Bill also reviewed and suggested the use of the Traditions checklist.
- \* Chapter 12 Grapevine was reviewed and discussion led by Renee.

\* Jerry discussed a new project being initiated by the Grapevine Committee, an audio project. It was shared that they are looking for 'old timers' to call and record a message of their experience, strength and hope. The message can only be 7 minutes long. If people aren't erected in recording a message they can call #559-726-1216. On the message a person will include their name, address and phone number. The committee will then review the recording, edit then re-record the message. A member will then contact the individual if their story gets chosen. More information to come.... Grapevine boards are available to any group interested in having them for group anniversaries, just contact the grapevine committee, [grapevine@area31aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area31aa.org). You can also obtain your subscription to Grapevine on this website. It was also shared that the web based Grapevine subscription are increasing but the magazine subscription have not. With a subscription to the Grapevine (digital subscription) you can have access to Grapevine archives, which includes many editorial by Bill W.

\* Mark, Area Delegate, WA she visitor to the group this month. He shared with the group that according to GSO in NY, Western Ma' financial contributions for this year were 34.88% and last year was 33.95%. It has increase but could still be extremely better. He also suggested to check out the Area Website for upcoming District Workshops, [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org). He also shared that the MSCYPAA was being held this weekend at the Sheraton in Springfield.

### NEW BUSINESS

\* Angie the district's current DCM resigned. Jerry will be stepping in as the DCM. Scott the LCM, was willing to step up as the Co-DCM until elections occur in November. It was voted by the bodies present, to have Scott stand in as the Co-DCM. The LCM position will remain vacant until elections in November.

\* Due to financial constraints and time limitations, it was discussed to not have a district 5 workshop this year but all GSRs should attend the Fall Assembly which is scheduled for October 15 & 16th at the Grace United Congregational Church in Holyoke. More information and topics for discussion are to come.

Next month's readings: Tradition 9, Andy and Chapter 4 Area assembly and activities, Jerry.

#### NEXT MONTH'S QUESTION

Please bring to your home groups for discussion and present to District 5 the results of the discussions.  
HOW OFTEN TO INDIVIDUAL GROUPS CONTRIBUTE TO THE PIE?????

NEXT MEETING MONDAY! SEPTEMBER 5th at 7:30 pm.