

**DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM 4/12/2021**

**Attendance:** 17; 2 CO DCMS, 8 GSR'S, 3 ALTERNATE GSR's  
Anne M. 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Co DCM  
Chris K. 1<sup>st</sup> year, Co DCM  
Mike B. Guest from Area Committee, Alternate Delegate  
Mike R. Guest from Western MA Intergroup, Chair

**Secretary report:** emailed to all GSR's. Accepted unanimously.

**Monthly Summary:** Concept 4 summarized by Peg C. We all have a voice in AA. There's no hierarchy. Trusted servant's area elected to attend events such as Assemblies and General Service Conference, etc. where they may hear information that had not been available to a smaller group. The information may sway their opinion and vote ... which is OK because they were entrusted to do just that.

Kerri volunteered to summarize Concept 5 in May.

**Home group news:** The Step Group, which meets on Mondays at Jericho in Holyoke, has started a hybrid format. They are projecting the Zoom attendees on a big screen. When an AA member shares, this person steps up to the microphone so the AA members on Zoom can see them. A lively discussion about the considerations and process involved in preparing to launch the hybrid format followed this announcement. If you need help with this call Mike B. said he is willing to have any groups contact him if help is needed with a similar transition.

Hand in Hand Group has been holding two consecutive meetings (not hybrid). However, the zoom participation has dropped off since they started the in-person meeting at the Alano Club on Sunday's. After the end of April, they will be going to full in-person only. So far, they haven't had any issues with reaching capacity in the room. But, they post information on the outside of the door about another in-person meeting held – also in Agawam at the same time – just in case.

Kerri explained that the Alano Club follows Public Health rules for 501-C organizations and reminded groups to be aware that each facility may have to follow slightly different rules, depending on their category. It is important to find out from the landlord which category/rules a group must abide by. Kerri said she is willing to have any groups contact her if help is needed for transitioning to in-person.

Everyone was reminded that if their group changes anything about their meeting place or format, time, anything ... to let Intergroup know so that the posted directories can be changed. It is important to fill out a Group Change Form with the exact correct information.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Thank you everyone who attended the Assembly and Mini-Conference. District 2 was very well represented.

Paul H, our Area Delegate will be attending the General Service Conference April 18-24, 2021.

The Round-Up will be a zoom event on Saturday, May 15, 2021. This will be a full day of events. The agenda and zoom ID information will be posted on the area website soon. We do already know that Paul's report from the conference will be at 1:00pm. GSR's were asked to please make their group members aware of and encourage attendance at the Round-Up.

From the Area Assembly: A motion was made, to dissolve the Area Website Committee, this motion was passed. Also, a follow up motion to take down the page about that committee on the website was passed. A motion was made to donate \$3,600. to the Berkshire Intergroup and was passed. Intergroup reported that there have been three different motions made at their meetings related to paying back the PPP Loan and all were defeated. So, at their meeting in March they voted to stop all further discussion about the PPE Loan. Also, from Intergroup was an announcement that the Church on Pleasant Street in Holyoke is closed. So, the Intergroup Store will be moving – probably in May – to the Congregational Church on the corner of Appleton & Maple Streets in Holyoke. The exact date will be announced soon.

Mass State Convention will be a Virtual Event held in October, 2021. The State Convention is a joint project of Area 31 (ours) and Area 30 (the Eastern part of MA). This year is the Eastern part of the state's turn

to host this event. The various planning committees have a co-host from each part of the state. Those planning committees will need volunteers to help plan and facilitate this year's conference. GSR's were asked to let their group members know of this opportunity for service. Anyone interested to serve is encouraged to attend the planning meeting held on zoom the last Tuesday of each month (in April on the 27<sup>th</sup>). Zoom ID information will be posted on the area website as soon as the Area 31 host makes it available.

### **DCM Report:**

The March Area Committee Meeting had been cancelled due to the Assembly later in the month. Takeaways included:

Always mention the area website as a resource of so much AA information available to members. The webmaster encourages also letting people know that it's best to bookmark the entire address as <https://area31aa.org> rather than using search engines, which most often will send someone to the non-secure address that doesn't include the "s"

Our Area Archivist, Bobbi P. requests that GSR's let their homegroups know that they ought to begin to document their historical record related to the pandemic – things like when was their last in-person meeting held? Why did it stop? Was it a group or a facility decision? What happened in the meantime? Acknowledge that the story is not finished at this point, but it's important to start writing the facts down before they are forgotten.

### **New Business: None**

### **Guests:**

Mike R., Western MA Intergroup Chair announced that the Intergroup Office and Store will be moving to Congregational Church on the corner of Maple and Appleton Street in Holyoke. The space is smaller and the entrance will be facing Maple Street.

Mike B., Area 31 Alternate Delegate reminded that everyone is welcome to the Concept Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month the Zoom address is on the website. Also, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month is

the Service Manual meeting, which is also a zoom event and the address is also listed on the area website. The Service Manual meeting is a great place to learn about what all of the various committees do in AA.

The next District 2 meeting will be on Monday 10, 2021 starting at 7:00pm. The zoom information is a link on the area website calendar.

Closed with the **“I am responsible” pledge**

Respectfully submitted  
Paula D., Secretary